

April 1, 2009

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. in the town hall. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. Forbes was absent. The meeting was officially noticed.

Nelson made a motion to approve the March 18th, 2009 minutes. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Christina Oleson gave the First Responder's report. Members of the department helped at a Nekoosa Lions event and the Lions donated \$250 to the First Responder's. Their next meeting will be on April 22, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Steve Allen, 10041 Hollywood Rd, requested a variance for his side lot line. When he bought the property there was a three season porch that is closer than the nine foot from the side lot line. He would like to tear down the porch and replace it with a deck, which would be no closer to the lot line than the porch was. He has a written okay from his neighbor. Frank made a motion to grant the variance. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

William Payne, 709 Ranger Rd, requested a new business permit. He would be doing portable sawmilling under the name Payne Enterprise. Passineau made a motion to grant the permit. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Robert Gokey, 772 Church Ave, requested to build a garage closer to the front of his property. According to our building code ordinance, he would need to have the garage no closer than 63 foot from the center of the road. He would like to build a 24' x 24' garage that would be 46 foot from the center of the road. There are no intersecting roads close to his property, so the building would not interfere with vision. His property does go further back behind the proposed garage, but he has his well and very old trees there that he does not want to cut down. He could make the building a little smaller and could push it back a few more feet. Nelson made a motion to allow him to build the garage closer to the lot line than stated in the ordinance. He must stay at least 17 foot back from the road right of way, or 50 foot from the center of the road. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

Amy Luebke from the Wisconsin DNR spoke to the board about a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. It is a federal initiative for communities to work together to take measures to alleviate some the risk for fires. The creation of the plan would be covered by a federal grant and would take about a year to make. After the initial start up year the communities would need to choose which projects they would like to work on. There would possibly be federal funding available to work on the projects and any money that the Town would need to share would be minimal. Terry Rickaby would be willing to be a representative from Saratoga to serve on the committee. John Frank would also be interested to go to meetings. Nelson made a motion to participate in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Rick Riemer, 1077 Church Ave, requested that 16th Street be added to the ATV route within the Town. He would like to have a club of ATV certified students from Wisconsin Rapids be able to meet behind Osborne's Pro Street and access 16th Street and Church Avenue, so that they could ride down to trails in Adams County. He isn't sure how big of a group it would be, but there would be one chaperone for every ten students riding. The board was concerned about the safety of the students crossing Highway 13, and suggested an alternative location closer to the Adams trails that wouldn't involve crossing Highway 13. The students in the club would have had to

pass the DNR class to ride. The road crossing Highway 13 is open for them to do now. Nelson made a motion to include 16th Street in the ATV route in the Town. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Wally Scholl gave the board a list of ATV signs that need to be replaced or fixed. Passineau made a motion to approve the resolution to participate in the DNR ATV grant. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

Nelson made a motion to approve the Donna Mae Creek 1st Addition plat. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

The board reviewed the Notice of Claim from Plum Creek. After viewing the Wisconsin Statutes and the Towns Association Handbook, stating that a fee can be charged for fire protection no action was taken.

The board discussed the snowmobile trail along Adams Avenue. Any stumping over an acre requires a permit in Adams County, which is a \$140 permit. Wood County does not require any permits. Passineau stated that a written agreement needs to be drawn up stating which portions would be taken care of by Saratoga and which portions would be taken care of by the Town of Rome. A meeting will need to be set up by the two towns for this purpose.

Frank made a motion to grant the operator's permit for Danielle Zolnik. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

Frank made a motion to grant the fence permit for James Braxler at 12021 52nd St S. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report.

Linda Foley gave the Treasurer's report. The Heart of Wisconsin Sportsman's Club would like to have the garbage charge taken off their tax bill, since they are not a residence and need to contract personally with a hauler to get garbage picked up. The board okayed this to be taken off.

The board looked over projects that are going to be done on the roads in 2009. Church and Mill Avenue from 64th to 80th Street will be pulverized and blacktopped with fixing several dips on Mill. The intersection for County Z and Ranger road will be worked on. Patches for Pine Tree, Aqua and around the Town shop will be done. If there is still money in the budget, seal coating will be done on Rangeline, and dips on Spruce Avenue will possibly be wedged and blacktopped.

Correspondence was read.

Nelson made a motion to approve the bills paid. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Passineau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski
Town Clerk

