

April 21, 2010

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

Passineau made a motion to approve the April 7, 2010 minutes. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Scott Bernette, chief of the Grand Rapids Fire Department, gave the first quarter report.

Jeff Zimmerman, 6330 Pine Ridge Trail, got a building permit for a garage in 2003, he got the concrete poured and was not able to finish it until just recently. He stated that the overhang on the side of the garage is about fifty feet from the center of the road. According to the ordinance he should be 63 foot from the road. The board didn't think that there should be a problem with vision at that location. Nelson granted the variance to build closer to the road. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed.

Mike Zurfluh, owner of PIRCO Mobile Home Park, wanted to know if the property just south of the park had a time limit to clean up the junk. He notified the Town of the problem in the fall of 2009. The board did not make the owner, Don Schneider, clean over the winter because it would be difficult to get items out of the snow. He has been working with the board and has made progress in the clean up. Several letters were received from park residents complaining of the junk. The board suggested Mike talk to the owner and let him know what exactly he would like cleaned up. Frank made a motion to give Don Schneider until June 1st to get the property cleaned. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

Mike Zurfluh owned Country Comfort until it was sold to Rick DuBois and renamed to St. James Park. He said that he just found out he was paying for garbage pickup to the Town each month and he said that he was paying for a dumpster from a different garbage company. The Town was paying garbage pickup to Towns' garbage hauler each month for each of the homes at the park, so we would not be able to give him any money back.

Bids were opened for gravel to be used on Adams Avenue. Four bids were received. Bohn Trucking bid \$8.94/ton, Haessly's Trucking bid \$8.28/ton, Ladick Trucking bid \$7.87/ton, and Hoffman Trucking bid \$7.90/ton. Nelson made a motion to grant the job to Ladick Trucking. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Allen Belke, 5220 Manhattan Drive, requested to get a variance to build an addition closer to the road than the ordinance states. He would not build the addition any closer to the road than the existing garage, which is about fifty foot from the center of the road. The board did not see a problem with vision. Frank made a motion to grant the variance. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

Chairman Rickaby and the Clerk met with a representative from Veolia about Recycling in the Town. The Town was down over 120 tons in their recycling for 2009. The Town did not meet the recycling numbers the DNR has set. Veolia said that the residents are not recycling as much as they used to. A notice will have to be sent out informing the residents that the recycling is mandatory. If the Towns recycling numbers don't go up, the Town may have to start issuing citations for not recycling and/or go to clear garbage bags.

The transfer site was discussed. The Towns' contract with the company that picks up the metal and appliances has expired. They have told the Town that they will not re-sign a

contract unless signs are put up stating there will be no removal of any items from the transfer site. Signs will be posted stating that no items may be removed. If a person is caught they will be prosecuted for theft.

Dave Ryan gave the Constable's report.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. Dan Forbes donated 3 months wage back to the Town. It will be placed in account to be used for organizations requesting donations from the Town.

Passineau is working on getting funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the removal of the dam from Seven Mile Creek on Rangeline Road. The bridge that is supposed to be replaced on Bell Road, is going to cost about \$350,000. Passineau is looking into requesting additional funds from the State to help pay for the large difference in estimates.

Correspondences were read.

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

Town books were audited.

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski
Town Clerk