

April 7, 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.

Nelson made a motion to approve the March 17, 2010 minutes. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Kathy Palm gave the EMS report. They have two new members. The fundraiser later in the year is going to be a poker run instead of a long ride. Their next meeting will be held on April 20 at 6:30 p.m.

The board was notified by Heartland Farms that they were not interested in purchasing the land in Saratoga for potato fields anymore. Over one hundred town residents were in attendance at the meeting. Several residents spoke about their views on the large agricultural business in the Town. Some concerns people had were about the potato bugs, the water level going down, water contamination from fertilizers, and the dust created by having bare land. Residents had questions about the Comprehensive Plan that is in place. The land that they were interested in buying was in the Rural Preservation, which did not allow large tracts of agricultural or heavy use of irrigation. The Comprehensive Plan has to be updated every 10 years. The board is starting to work on zoning for the Town. Jeremie Pavelski from Heartland Farms stated they did not want to come in the Town if the residents did not want them here. Forbes made a motion to cease discussion, a public meeting will not be held about the issue since Heartland Farms is no longer interested in purchasing the land. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

Bonnie Cridelich from Arkdale was interested in using the town hall for a gun show. She said that only licensed gun dealers would be at the show. Each individual seller would carry their own insurance. Frank made a motion to approve the use of the hall for a gun show. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed.

Nelson made a motion to accept the building inspector's contract for 2010 with Dan Hansen. Changes from last year; all mobile homes have to be inspected, swimming pools were added as to the list of fees and the HVAC was increased to \$.033 per square foot. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

Joyce Pittier, 7910 Greeler Ln, has a road easement on her property. It was accepted as a possible Town road when the Whispering Pines subdivision was signed. The board will have to check to see what steps have to be taken to abandon the road. The Town never plans to use the 33 feet as a road, since it is not wide enough for a road.

James Mason, 511 Heeg Lane, requested a fence permit. Frank made a motion to grant the permit. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed.

Nelson made a motion to accept Certified Survey Maps for Robert Weigand. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

Roland Hawk from Jewell Engineers spoke to the board about the dam in Rangeline Road for the Seven Mile Creek. He stated that there is a grant opportunity, but it will be distributed on a first come basis. The board told him to go ahead with the project, to try to

get some of the funding.

The Town of Grand Rapids plans to replace the culvert on Townline Road on their own. They would like to do Townline Road entirely in 2012. Port Edwards has to be included also, since part of the road is theirs also.

Roadwork for 2010 was discussed. Plans for this year include: Adams Avenue – grading and graveling, 1.5-1.75 miles of Deer Ridge –wedge and overlay, .25 miles Bell Ave – pulverize and overlay, 1.5 miles Evergreen Avenue – pulverize and overlay, and to work on the dam removal at Seven Mile Creek under Rangeline Road, replacing it with a culvert.

Carport and Temporary structures were discussed. Information about requirements will be put in the building code ordinance.

Dave Ryan gave the Constable report. Citations will be sent to Barry Newlun and Roger Riddle for violation of the nuisance ordinance for the property at 544 State Hwy 73 South. Don Schneider, 8411 State Hwy 13 South, has continued to clean his property. He needs to continue progressing. Jesse Scheid, 8141 28<sup>th</sup> Street, still has at least 200 tires left at his property. He is only supposed to have 20-30 for advertising. A citation will be issued. Roger Riddle was present at the meeting. He stated that he has been out of Town and would like more time to clean his property. The board gave him two days to clean. If the property was not cleaned, he would receive a citation.

50/50 Road Aid was discussed. Passineau abstained from the discussion and voting due to conflict of interest. Bell Road, pulverize and overlay, Evergreen, pulverize and overlay and Deer Ridge, wedge and overlay were put on the Road Aid for this year.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report.

Correspondences were read.

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

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

Heidi Kawleski  
Town Clerk