

August 18, 2010

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

Passineau made a motion to approve the August 4, 2010 minutes. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Jason Hall applied for a variance for Wayne Lewis, 661 Ranger Road. Currently the garage and house on the property are about thirty foot from the edge of the road, and he would like to install solar panels in between the house and the garage. Forbes made a motion to grant the variance as long as they were no closer to the road than the house or garage is currently. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Several town residents were in attendance to discuss their concern about loud outside music at bars. The Town currently can not control the noise. Wood County is our police force and the sheriffs department does not have the equipment to measure the noise. Different options were discussed. The Town will contact the Towns' attorney to see what can be done if a bar would not follow quiet times set by the Town.

Greg Jewell, Jewell Associates, spoke to the board about a feasibility study that would look at building a satellite fire station in the Town. The board is looking at possibly placing 2-3 trucks in the station. They would like to see the difference between building a new building to remodeling the town hall for the station. The board has been looking at the option for many years and would like to know if it would save the Town money. The study would take approximately six months to complete. Forbes made a motion to allow Jewell Associates to offer a proposal at the next meeting for the study. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Mike Hartje, Nekoosa Fire Chief, showed the board the new fire truck that they just purchased. They plan to have it delivered the beginning of 2011. Their First Responder team has been running for about a year. They would do mutual aid if our Town needed them.

Nelson made a motion to authorize borrowing money from Nekoosa-Port Edwards State Bank this year to cover part of the public safety expenses in the 2011 budget. The bank has offered to loan the Town money for less then 3% interest. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed.

**Rescinded October 6, 2010- Motioned by Nelson, seconded by Forbes.**

Passineau made a motion to grant a one day beverage license for the Saratoga EMS Department for September 11, 2010. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

The Towns' recycling numbers dropped drastically in 2009. The numbers are not much better for the first part of 2010. The Town receives a recycling grant each year and they monitor how well Town residents are recycling. In order to raise our recycling numbers again and to get information out about the new E-Cycle law going into effect September 1, 2010, a recycling mailer will go out to all residents. Mailing options were reviewed. Quality Plus will do the printing of the mailer and ODC will label and tab the letter.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report.

Correspondence was read.

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

The board audited the remaining town books

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski  
Town Clerk