

August 5, 2009

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

Frank made a motion to approve the July 15th minutes. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed.

Mike Hartje and Dave Rheinschmidt from the Nekoosa Fire Department spoke to the board about the 2010 budget amount for their contract. Their contract amount is based on the assessed value of the property in their coverage area. Even though the assessed value has gone up, they have not raised their rate in four years. They would like to raise their rate to the 2006 assessed value. It would be around \$7,000 more. The board understands that the rate will need to go up to cover all their expenses. The board would like to see a breakdown of the fire departments budget each year. Nekoosa First Responders will be starting to respond to calls starting January 2010. They have started a fire department auxiliary that will help the emergency personnel with food during long calls.

The board discussed what they are going to do with the culvert on Rangeline Road. A registered letter was sent to the owner stating that he needed to contact a board member by August 5th to let us know whether he wanted to abandon the dam or rebuild another dam outside the road right of way. The Town received no response. Passineau is looking into a grant that may help with culvert replacement. He will also check with the DNR to see what our next step is, since we have not heard anything from the owner. The Town will look into plans to replace the culvert with an abandoned dam.

Passineau made a motion to approve a three year contract with Solarus for internet for \$99 a month with no installation fee. It will save the Town \$15 a month. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

The board discussed new accounting software for the Clerk. The current software works fine, but the technical support is getting worse. It is very vital that technical support is available when working with the Towns' account. The Town of Grand Rapids is looking to switch to a new program also. If the two Towns go together on purchasing the program, they will save over \$4,000. The program will still cost each Town \$11,000. The yearly fee is over \$1,600. The board would like to know what other Towns are using the program to make sure they like it and the technical support is good. The clerk will check with the Town of Grand Rapids clerk to get more information.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report. Mark Kocher paid a third citation for having a second mobile home on his property. He has not been authorized by the Town to have the second mobile home there. Eugene Dahlman is scheduled for court on August 19th. Hope Zagorianakos did not show up to court for not licensing her dogs. She defaulted and will need to pay the fine.

Paving on Church Avenue and Mill Avenue should be done next week. Three inches of blacktop will be put on Church Avenue and two inches will be put on Mill Avenue.

Correspondence was read.

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

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