

December 20, 2017

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 on December 14&19, 2017.

Heeg made a motion to approve the minutes for December 6th, 2017 meetings. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Gayle Hamus, 799 Hwy 73 S, requested a new business permit for Chessus Saves. The current owner is planning to close her store at the end of the year and remove all her items and Gayle will be taking over. She would like to purchase the building and not rent the back. She will have the parking area to the west of the building clearly marked so people are not parking on the side or front of the building. Passineau made a motion to grant the permit. Frank seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Damon Ballad and Tony McCauley, 8540 Hwy 13 S, Suite 1, request a business permit for S&S Complete Auto Repair. They are in a Highway Commercial area. The board discussed changing the suite number to an actual street address in order to help emergency services. Frank made a motion to approve the business permit, letting them know that the Board will be looking to have the address changed to get rid of the suite number. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Building Inspector will talk to Emergency Government and the Post Office to discuss the address change for buildings with Suite numbers.

Forbes made a motion to adopt a smoking policy for town property, buildings, and vehicles. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

A grievance procedure was adopted in 2011. Jerome Nash was appointed the Hearing Officer. The Board appointed Bill Leichtnam as a new Hearing Officer.

The Board discussed requiring the sales and use number received from the State of Wisconsin. The Town would like this information so it can be forwarded to the Town Assessor for Personal Property. Forbes made a motion to add a line for the Sales and Use tax number to the Business Permit application. Frank seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Building Inspector was called out to 763 Hwy 73 South to turn the electricity on at the house. When she viewed the condition of the house, she would not turn the power back on. The house is full of black mold which has spread to the heating and ventilation systems. The water damage to the house is extensive and has made the floors sag. The owner has passed away and a management company now owns the house. Lorelei would recommend having the house razed by the Town since it is unlivable. The cost of the razing would be put on the property taxes the following year as a lien. The cost of razing would need to be paid when the property sold. The Board told Lorelei to research what would need to be done in order to get the process started.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the building inspector's report. She will check on the property at 611 Ranger Road to make sure they are removing buildings that are bad condition.

Joe Zurfluh, Village of Port Edwards President, is re-forming the committee regarding the East side fire station just off of Townline Road. John Frank and Patty Heeg will be part of the committee. The first meeting will be on January 22, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Village hall.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable report. Leo Piatz on Hwy 13 has a website where he is selling vehicle parts, trucks, and tractors. The amount of vehicles and things against the Towns' nuisance ordinance has continued to grow for many years. The Business Permit that he was

approved for with the Town was for antique tractors. There are many more trucks lining the property. He built a very large building a few years ago and just received another building permit for another very large building. He has told the Building Inspector that neither of the buildings are for business use, and has not built them to commercial standards. The Board is concerned that his business as it is being run now is not zoned and has not been licensed to run a junk yard. He is also in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance; even with a Dealer's License, he is not allowed to have unlicensed, un-runnable vehicle in one spot for more than 30 days and is not allowed to have a parts vehicle. The Board will have to discuss how to proceed to get the property cleaned up.

Municipal trial dates have been set for Ken Jaecks in February and Tony Berger in January. 8530 County Road Z was checked and does not need to be sent a clean-up letter. Rick Stratton will be going to Circuit Court to begin the process to starting the abatement.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer report. Tax Season has started and seems to be going well. People are going to Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank paying during their office hours.

January 11th in Madison is the Supreme Court case regarding the vested rights of the land in Saratoga.

One of the wells outside of the Central Sands Dairy on the other side of Nekoosa in the Town of Armenia has tested with a nitrate level of 88ppm. Anything over 10ppm is considered unsafe.

Correspondences were read.

A snowplow complaint was receive and discussed.

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

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk