

February 17, 2010

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

Passineau made a motion to approve the February 3, 2010 minutes. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

An insurance bid was viewed from Rural Mutual. No other bids were received. There was an increase from last year. Nelson made a motion to accept the bid with Rural Mutual in the amount of \$16,271 for Towns' insurance and Workers Compensation insurance. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

Jeremie Pavleski and Dave Knights gave a presentation for Heartland Farms. They would like to look into purchasing over 6000 acres from Plum Creek and convert it into potato fields. Initially it would bring over one million dollars to the Town by withdrawing land from the Managed Forest program. It would also bring more money into the Town yearly from taxes on the land and buildings they would build. They stated it should create around 70 jobs in the area. The board was concerned about the extra strain on the roads with the large trucks. Jeremie stated they would try to stay the Highways as much as possible, although they would have to use the Town roads also. The board will discuss this more at the next regular meeting, and then would have to have a public hearing before making any decisions.

The board discussed the property on Ten Mile Avenue owned by Tom Thorison. He would like to separate the property and have a driveway put in to the back lot of the property. Nelson made a motion to approve the 33 foot driveway to the back lot. The board would recommend that he make a turn around at the end of the driveway so that fire trucks would be able to get in to the back property. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Richard and Nikki DuBois wanted to know if they would have the option to contract for garbage collection on their own for their mobile home parks. Veolia stated that the Town would not be billed for the garbage collection if DuBois contracted on their own. The board stated they would be able to contract on their own, instead of getting thru the Town.

The Census Bureau inquired about using the Town Hall for a month from March 19 - April 19 to help anyone with the Census questionnaires. The board okayed the Census Bureau for the use of the hall.

Roland Hawk from Jewell Associates Engineers worked on the DNR Storm Water Permit for the Town for Adams Avenue. He will leave the permit open thru 2010, so the Town may do more work on the area. The DNR will be doing checks, so the Town will need to make sure the erosion is under control.

Leo Piatz, 6540 State Hwy 13 South, requested to get a seller's permit. He would like to sell farm trucks. The board stated that he has kept the property clean. Passineau stated that he should keep the vehicles back from the Highway. Frank made a motion to approve the seller's permit. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

Dave Ryan gave the Constable report. Jesse Scheid wanted to know if he could have until the spring to get rid of the tires that were on the bottom of the pile. They are all frozen in the ice and very hard to get out. The board said that he could get them out in the spring

when the ice thawed.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report.

Correspondences were read.

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

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski
Town Clerk