

July 1, 2009

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.

A moment of silence was observed to remember Linda Foley who passed away on June 24, 2009. Linda was the Town Treasurer since April 11, 1989.

Nelson made a motion to approve the June 17th minutes. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

Shelly Breezee gave the First Responder's report. The next First Responder's meeting will be on July 22, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Joe Behlen from the DNR talked to the board about the dam on Rangeline Road. He said that according to records the Town gave the landowner permission in 1940 to use the road embankment as a dam but the Town was not to be held liable for any accidents. The Town will not be rebuilding the dam. The owner, Chris Marzofka, will either have to rebuild the dam outside the road right of way or abandon the dam. A letter will be sent to Chris informing him that the Town needs to know his intent with the dam. The Town will work on the plans for the new culvert this fall and our decision for the culvert will be based on what Chris decides.

Scott Smith, 7921 Pine Haven Ct, was told by the building inspector according to the Wisconsin state building code that he could not have a thermostat in his new garage that would heat over 50 degrees. The board agreed that he may have his garage heated above 50 degrees. The building inspector will be notified.

Bids for road base on Church Avenue were opened and compared. Passineau abstain from the discussion and voting because of a conflict of interests. Bohn Trucking's bid was rejected because it did not use fractured rock. Nelson made a motion to accept Ladick Road Materials, Inc. bid of \$9.08 a ton for $\frac{3}{4}$ inch fractured rock, which was the lowest bid. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed.

Ron Harris, 2802 50th St S, has been doing research on 34 Indian mounds within Deer Trail Park. He said that there are no human remains in the mounds. He is concerned that the mounds are being disturbed and would like them to be protected. He is continuing work and will let the Town know of any developments.

Bids for the Asphalt of Church Avenue were opened. Passineau abstain from the discussion and voting due to a conflict of interest. American Asphalt bid \$46.49 a ton and Wood County bid \$39.66 a ton. Forbes made a motion to accept Wood County's bid. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Nelson made a motion to approve the Resolution supporting the concept of development of the east arterial around Wisconsin Rapids by extending Highway 54 and constructing a new bridge across the Wisconsin River to Port Edwards. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Forbes made a motion to approve the agreement between the Town of Saratoga and the Town of Rome covering the maintenance of Adams Avenue. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

Forbes made a motion to approve the operator's license for Calvin Martin. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

The Board of Review compensation was discussed. The rate of pay will be changed and the Ordinance will be approved at the next meeting.

A resolution was passed by the board designating Ken Nelson be the third signature on the checks for the Town.

David Ryun gave the Constable's report.

Forbes made a motion to accept the Certified Survey Map for Ed Radlinger. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

Options were discussed regarding the Treasurer position. Billie-Jo Kester submitted her resume which was reviewed and she was interviewed. Passineau made a motion to appoint Billie-Jo Kester to fulfill the remainder of Treasurers term lasting until 2011. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Correspondence was read.

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

Forbes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski
Town Clerk