

July 7, 2010

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

Forbes made a motion to approve the June 2, 11, 16 and 29th, 2010 minutes. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

Scott Bernette, the Grand Rapids Fire Chief, gave the second quarter report. They did six calls in the Town of Saratoga the second quarter.

Mike Zurfluh, owner of PIRCO Mobile Home Park, is currently putting in six new sites at the park. He would like to be able have double-wide mobile homes within the park. He would also like to have the option of a basement below these double-wide homes. The board does not have anything in the ordinance that would prohibit these things and there is nothing in the statute against this. Forbes made a motion to approve the placement of up to five double-wide mobile homes in the park which may include basements. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

Steve Kreuser from Wood County Emergency Government came to talk to the board about what requirements the Town would like for empty parcels before addressing them. Normally Emergency Government only addresses dwellings. Residents would need to contact the Town to get an address for their empty parcel, and then the Town would contact Emergency Government. If a parcel has been addressed, then moves the driveway, they would be responsible for the cost to have the number changed and moved.

Tim Hintz, 827 Hwy 73 South, requested a new business permit for Tim Hintz Automotive. Passineau made a motion to grant the permit. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed.

Amy Luebke from the DNR was present to discuss the Firewise program. Saratoga and Grand Rapids are in very high risk areas for fires, because of this, we may be able to get money to help with many different projects. A couple projects would be education efforts and cleaning roadways. Passineau made a motion to adopt resolution 7-7-10; Adoption of the Grand Rapids/Saratoga Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

The board reviewed a bid from A-1 Asphalt for re-doing the parking lot of the Town Hall. The board had question about the bid and would like to get bids from other companies. The project was tabled and will be decided on at the next meeting.

Cellcom would like to make an amendment to the Town's cell tower lease. If the Town was considering selling the lease, Cellcom would like right to first refusal of purchasing the lease. The board does not have a problem with the amendment. The board would like them to consider placing a light at the top of the tower since The Spirit uses our parking lot as a landing zone for emergencies. They would like Cellcom to be responsible for the maintenance of this light. Cellcom will be notified. The issue will be tabled until the next meeting.

The Plum Creek case was discussed. Our attorneys feel confident that an appeal would be advantageous to the Town. We have \$19,500 out of \$25,000 left for attorney fees for the appeal from our insurance company. Nelson made a motion to appeal the Plum Creek case. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed. Our lawyer advised against

charging the fire charge to anyone this year. The board is looking into borrowing the money to pay for the fire contracts for 2011 and putting the borrowed amount on the taxes.

The board discussed the Hinz case. Our lawyer advised that we would be best to accept the offer of \$2,500 payment from the Hinz's and \$2,500 from our insurance company to cover some of the expense of the Hinz fire from 2008. Forbes made a motion to accept the \$5,000 payment to drop the Hinz case. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

Forbes made a motion to grant the Class B beer renewal license for Deer Trail Campground. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

David Ryun gave the Constable's report. 23 five day tickets were issued for people that had not purchased their dog licenses this year after many letters and calls. He has received payment for 15 of those 23, but would like to know what to do with the remaining ones. If there has been contact, a ticket will be issued. For the ones that have sent in their payment, but have failed to provide proof of rabies, tickets will also be sent. Richard Hilebrant has cleaned all but one pile of wood. Don Schnieder thought he had until the end of June to clean up his property. He still does not have everything out, although he is getting closer. As soon as he gets it cleaned up, he will let the board know. He paid the ticket that he was issued. If Roger Small was considering replacing a fence along his property. Dave stated the board may want to view the Certified Survey Map before granting the permit to make sure it is on his property.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report.

Passineau stated the design on Rangeline Road is not quite done yet, so they will go ahead with the pulverizing an overlay of Evergreen Avenue this year.

Correspondence was read.

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

Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski
Town Clerk