

May 1, 2013

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.

Passineau made a motion to approve the April 17, 2013 meeting minutes. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Tom Grygo went over the proposed sign ordinance with the Board. All new signs as of April 1, 2013 will need to be in compliance with the ordinance as soon as the ordinance is adopted. All signs existing before April 1, 2013 will need to be in compliance by January 1, 2015. The Ordinance will be placed on the next agenda for adoption.

Part of the YMCA triathlon will be within the Town. They sent a letter to the Town inquiring if anyone from the Town would be interested in helping at intersections. A message was left at the YMCA asking how many volunteers they needed and we have not gotten a response back.

Chairman Rickaby appointed Dan Forbes and Tom Grygo to the Planning Commission for 3 year terms.

Chairman Rickaby appointed Terry Hoffman for 1 year, Patty Heeg for 2 years, and Lisa Klein for 3 years to the Board of Appeals.

Research was done by the State Archeologist for the Townline Road project. In 1985 when a power pole was being put in near 64th Street bones were found. An Archeologist firm will have to be hired to look into it further. The Board allowed Passineau to accept the cheapest quote for the archeological study since no road work can be done before the study is done.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the building inspector's report. 16 building permits have been issued so far this year including 2 new homes.

The Board reviewed the zoning permit application. It would be used by people that are interested in changing their land designation. Heeg made a motion to approve the zoning permit application. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. She went to small claims court on April 30, 2013 for delinquent personal property. Wisconsin Pridestone was not present. They were ordered to provide the Town with a financial disclosure within 3 weeks. If one is not received they can be found in contempt of court. Members Advantage Credit Union can no longer have any public accounts. For the Town's trouble they gave the Town a \$25 Chamber gift certificate. That will be used as part of the prize for the upcoming Logo design contest.

There are a few spots on South Shore Drive that Passineau would like to look at with the Pavloski's. He will meet them out at the road to discuss the issues.

Grand Rapids Fire department has been getting calls from Town of Saratoga homeowners who are just over the 5 mile from their fire house. Their insurance policies have gone up significantly. Passineau suggested people definitely look into different insurance companies. Lorelei will look into doing an ISO rating to see if that would help also.

There have been two accidents at the corner of 52nd and Mill in the last few weeks. A complaint was received that the stop sign cannot be seen because of the sun in the evening. Passineau stated that changes should happen slowly. The roadmen will place stop ahead signs going both ways on Mill at the 52nd Street intersection.

The farm that had lots of damage from the tornado a few years ago is still at huge mess. Lorelei will look into who owns the property now.

Correspondence was read.

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

Passineau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk