

November 2, 2016

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

Heeg made a motion to approve the minutes for October 19th, 2016. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Don Harnisch, Nekoosa Ambulance Chief, stated that the City would only increase the ambulance amount from last year by 5%. The per capita rate would be \$16.07. The total for 2017 would be \$83,210. There would also be a \$25 charge per personnel for their retirement program. It would be for a 5 year contract with terms as we have had them in the past, with the increase negotiated each year, but the rate would be no more than 6.5%.

David Kerkman Jr, Fire Chief for the City of Wisconsin Rapids, discussed the bid the City would offer for Ambulance service. The per capita rate for 2017 would be \$9.00, with a total amount of \$46,602, and increase by \$.25 a year for a term of 3 years. They expect their response time to be between 6-8 minutes for 80% of the calls. They would provide 3 hours of training for the Saratoga EMS per month. They do have a person that could help with switching EMS paperwork.

The board will discuss the ambulance contracts at a closed meeting and make a decision within the next month.

Lamar Central Outdoor LLC., has had a sign along Hwy 13 for many years. In 2009 Nature's Way was put in and the sign was then within the Towns' right-of-way. Dirk Haessly, the owner of the land and the person contracting with Lamar, was notified that the sign would need to be removed. The Town has allowed them to keep the sign within the right-of-way until the contract expires; November 30, 2016. The Town has received no money for the sign. Lamar is now suing the Town regarding a sign. The Towns' Sign ordinance does not allow them to move a sign of that size to a new location within the Town; it would have to be a much smaller sign. Passineau made a motion for a disallowance of the claim. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

The brush site on Hollywood Road was recently closed due to items other than brush being dropped off at the site. The Board will discuss if they want to re-open it next spring.

Heeg made a motion to approve Lorelei Fuehrer as the Zoning Administrator for a 3 year term. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Passineau made a motion to approve the operator's licenses for Sabrina Saylor, Alex Menne, Alyssa Sanders, and Nichole Brown. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Bill Leichtnam, Wood County Supervisor, talked about a Wood County CEED Committee meeting he attended. David Gorski spoke to the committee about the possibility of having home wells tested and monitoring wells installed in areas where there is a danger of having water issues. Dan Mahone from the Village of Plover discussed the water issues they are having and what the costs are associated to correcting nitrate level issues with municipal water. They also discussed the possibility of having a round-table discussion with municipalities and agricultural growers in the area regarding water quality and quantity.

The DNR and DATCAP are looking at taking away local control regarding spray irrigating manure waste. The municipalities will need to contact Counties asking for help regarding this issue.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report. There are people living in the camper on the weekends at 1163 Hasa Lane. The previous owner says that they will be not doing that for much longer because of the colder weather. Dave will check in the spring regarding someone living in their camper for a long period of time. He suggested the board look at the ordinance regarding this issue to see if it could be less broad, and possibly allowing people to stay in their campers for the summer as long as they have the waste water taken care of properly.

The DNR is working on the discontinuance of the dam at Five Mile Creek, since the mill does not want to be responsible for the upkeep or costs associated with that.

Correspondence was read.

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

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

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk