

November 6, 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 October 16, 2013 meeting minutes. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Tim LaPorte, 2472 Tamarack Trail, requested a new business permit for his home business for LaPorte Builders. Frank made a motion to approve the permit. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Phyllis Allen wanted to know if she was able to drive golf carts on town roads. The ATV/UTV routes that are in Town are not for golf carts use. According to State Statute, Towns could adopt ordinances to approve golf cart use only if the road has a speed limit of 25 mph. The town only has a few roads in the Town that speed, so an ordinance wouldn't be appropriate.

The Board discussed the proposed contracts sent to the Town by South Wood County Humane Society. They would either like the Town to pay \$2,500 a year or pay per dog brought in. With either contract, anyone could bring dogs to the Humane Society from the Town. If the Board went the per dog contract, it could become very costly since there is no way to control who brings in dogs. Currently the Town pays around \$500 per year. Only the Constable is able to take dogs into the Humane Society. The Board would like to speak to someone from the Humane Society. The contract will be placed on the next regular agenda.

Leonard Zinda retired from the Transfer site.

Passineau stated that arrow signs will be placed around the corner on the new section of Hwy 73.

Rick Merdan from the Encourage Foundation is asking area municipalities for money to hire a professional economic expert. They would like \$4,611. The Board is concerned that the Town of Saratoga will not get any service from the group. They are also concerned that the economic development will be concentrated in the City of Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids. Forbes made a motion to deny the request for the financial support. Frank seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Lorelei Fuehrer is concerned with the garbage and condition of the dwelling at 1511 State Hwy 73 South. She is not sure who owns the property. Dave Ryun will check on the property and send a clean-up letter if needed.

Scott Whittset, from Jewell Associates gave an update of the progress of Townline Road. The weather has slowed them down a little bit. They are under budget and should be finished shortly.

The Town has now taken over maintenance of Branding Iron Court; which was created with the new construction of Hwy 73.

Passineau made a motion to approve a Resolution in Opposition to SB 349 Relating to Regulation of Nonmetallic Mining. SB 349 as written would prohibit local government from regulating nonmetallic mining through the use of "police Power type" ordinances enacted under village powers in an effort to protect the public health and safety of town residents and result in other limitations on local control. Frank seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carrell urged the Board to look at the implications of SB 302. The Board will review the bill and add it the next agenda

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report. Ken White has accumulated a lot of tires from the Jesse Scheid's property. A ticket will be sent for not cleaning-up. John Sweet was supposed to clean his property by the end of October. He has requested to have more time. The last clean-up plan he sent to the Board was December 12, 2011. Not much has happened since then. A ticket will be issued for non-compliance of the nuisance ordinance.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report.

Correspondence was read.

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

Passineau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk