

September 16, 2009

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

Forbes made a motion to approve the September 2nd, 2009 minutes. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

The building inspector, Dan Hansen, discussed changes to the fee schedule. A letter will be sent to Mike Osborne for Octane Bar and Grill to get him to comply with the building inspector requests. He needs to have the permits pulled for the canopy he built behind the bar and he needs to make sure both of his bathrooms are up to code. Forbes made a motion to proceed with the stop work order then the raze and remove order for the house at 9598 County Road Z. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed. Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report.

Nelson made a motion to grant a one day beverage license for the Saratoga EMS for their fundraiser on September 19th. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Frank made a motion to send a letter to Jay Potter, 8949 Pine Street requesting that he stop parking his large truck along the street. The board is concerned about breakage to the side of the road. If he continues to park along the road, he will be responsible for damage that has been done to the road or that will be done. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed.

Frank made a motion to grant the operator's license for Bryan Montag. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report. Jerry Matthews, 1710 Church Avenue, wanted to know what the Town was going to do about his neighbor's dog that he says barks constantly. The constable received letters from two other neighbors stating that the dogs do not bark excessively. He said that his neighbor has had a car that is unlicensed sitting in his yard for years. The constable will look into this further.

The board discussed the letter we received from the Town of Grand Rapids regarding the 2010 contract proposal. Saratoga offered to pay an equal percentage of the budget along the Town of Grant. Grand Rapids stated in their letter that they will not discuss a price difference. They will only take .625 % of the mill, which would be \$85,904.88 for 2010. The board would like to have an explanation of why the fire department's budget has gone up 47% in the last two years. They would like to have a fund set up for equipment purchases in the future so we won't have to pay more later on for an equipment purchase. The board discussed the possibility of building a satellite station. The board went over changes in the contract they would like to keep. The board will be negotiating with the Town of Grand Rapids September 17th at 6:30.

Frank made a motion to approve the Certified Survey Map for Dean Stoflet. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

Correspondences were read.

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

Forbes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski
Town Clerk