

January 18, 2017

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.

Heeg made a motion to approve the minutes for December 21, 2016. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Passineau made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1-18-17; Manure Storage Ordinance. Frank seconded it. Motion passed 5 to 0.

The Board discussed the Lamar sign that is being removed from Nature's Way to a property by the furniture store on Hwy 13. The Board already gave their approval to move the sign at the current size. The land-owner, Mark Ferkey, would like the Board to allow them to have the sign be two-sided. The Board stated that it would look better to have it 2-sided, instead of one side blank. The plan commission agreed that it would look better if it was 2-sided. An email from the Towns' attorney state that they should have the sign removed from Nature's Way by the end of February. Forbes made a motion to approve Lamar's sign to be 2-sided on the Mark Ferkey property. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed 5 to 0.

The Board discussed the Concrete waiver that is required for a concrete driveway within the road right-of-way. The current fee is \$30 for the recording and \$2 for the legal description to draw up the document. The Board would like to know the total cost of the Town and the lawyer in order to charge the correct fee to cover the Towns' costs. This was moved to the next meeting's agenda.

Tony Berger's building at 6421 Hwy 13 S was inspected by Wisconsin ATF. They were guilty of serving beer out of a building that they are not licensed for. As long as they move everything back to the 830 Townline building and get no more complaints, the State will not move forward with any enforcement. The Town Board discussed the possibility of revoking the beverage license at the Townline address because of the violation of the State and Town law. The Board will continue to monitor the Hwy 13 address to make sure that he is not selling beer from the building. A letter will be sent to Tony from the Towns' lawyer.

Forbes discussed the NEPCO public access area. He is working with Wood County Planning and Zoning to get a Shoreland Zoning permit to clear the area. He may possibly have a person that is willing to clear the path in return to be able to keep the lumber. Passineau made a motion to move forward with a permit for NEPCO Lake public access. Frank seconded it. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Passineau made a motion to give \$200 to Wisconsin Rapids School Safety Program out of Forbe's donation fund. Frank seconded it. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Forbes made a motion to approve the Certified Survey map for Mike Oleson. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Heeg made a motion to allow rental of the Town hall to the Gun Buyers Club as long as they supply the Town with proof of insurance. Frank seconded it. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the Building Inspector's report.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report. Caleb Bloskowski was found guilty of no dog license in Municipal Court. He will need to pay a \$124 fine. The Town has heard nothing from Mel's Antiques regarding the business or sign permits. Dave will notify them that they need to obtain both things.

Bill Leichtnam, Wood County Supervisor and CEED Committee member spoke to the Board about the concern of the water quality of residents around the corner of Hwy 13 and Tower Road. The results from the last testing showed that the nitrates were 12.6 ppm. He has spoken to the Wood County Health Department and the Wood County Extension and they are willing to send letters out to residents that live within a mile of the intersection encouraging them to get their water tested to get a baseline level and make sure that they are within the safe level of under 10 ppm. Frank made a motion to recommend that the County proceed with sending letters out to Town residents. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Protect Wood County will be having on meeting on Monday, January 23rd, 2017 at 6:30 PM. They will be showing a video of a person that lives around the Town of Armenia CAFO and showing how the CAFO has affected their life.

Correspondence was read.

Frank made a motion to approve the bills paid. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Heeg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed 5 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk