

## TOWN OF SARATOGA ANNUAL MEETING-unapproved minutes

**DATE:** Tuesday April 21st, 2026

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Saratoga Town Hall

**PRESENT:** Lorelei Fuehrer, Chase Brockman, Bryan Peterson, Josh McDonald and Karl Greenway

This meeting was officially noticed April 14, 2026.

Lorelei Fuehrer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Lorelei Fuehrer provided a review of the accomplishments made in 2025 as well as the future road plans for 2026.

Questions from residents were answered about where the solar money is listed on the Financial Summary, if any debt was remaining from the CAFO battle, and referral will be made to the County about traffic on County Z from Hwy 73 to the Town of Rome.

Lorelei Fuehrer read the meeting minutes from April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. **Motion (Doug Passineau/Bill Leichtnam) to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.**

Lorelei Fuehrer explained the State Statutes recognizes the Treasurer and Clerk position as a "full-time" position, regardless of the number of hours worked. To align with certain payroll benefits, we would like to recognize both positions as part time. **Motion (Bruce Dimick/Mary Wright) to recognize the Treasurer and Clerk as part-time. Motion passed unanimously.**

Elected Official wages for the term starting in 2027 are to be set. Elected wages need to be set by the Electors at an Elector's meeting (can be Annual Meeting or Budget Hearing). Discussion on the current wages. **The last increase was in 2023. Motion (Dan Forbes/Bill Leichtnam) to leave the elected salaries as is. Motion carries. 1 against.**

Lorelei Fuehrer read the 2025 Annual Financial Report. **Motion (Doug Passineau/Bill Leichtnam) to accept the Annual Financial Report. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Fuehrer read information on the background and history of the Town buildings, as well as the process that has taken place starting with the Plan Commission. Many questions regarding the state of the current buildings were answered. The intent is to use money from the Saratoga Solar to pay for the buildings. Due to the payments for the buildings coming from solar money, and not the town levy we are not able to put a referendum on the ballot. **Motion (Kathy Palm/Lisa Havel) to move forward with the project. Motion passed 24 in favor, 9 in opposition.**

The next Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

**Motion (Doug Passineau/Bill Leichtnam) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Town Clerk