

## TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday January 18, 2023

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

**PLACE:** Saratoga Town Office

**PRESENT:** Bill Leichtnam, Josh McDonald, Gail Kretschmer, Rhonda Carrell, Roger Wilcox

This meeting was officially noticed on January 12th 2023.

Chairman Carrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No public comment.

No Constable or Building Inspector reports given.

Ray Bossert provided the Zoning Administrator update. Initial results of the survey were shared.

No update provided by Wood County Solar Project.

No Road Crew update.

Supervisor Leichtnam provided an update on the PPF Committee. The Committee will be continuing to create an employee handbook. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Supervisor McDonald gave the Plan Commission update. They are continuing to work on Chapters 8 and 9 of the Comprehensive Plan. They will review the results of the survey to guide them in updating the Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Kretschmer shared the next SPARKS meeting will be Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter gave the Clerks update. Just a reminder that all items to be placed on the agenda for the Town Board meeting are needed 1 week in advance.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's update. Tax collection has been going very smooth.

Supervisor Wilcox provide updates on the PPF and SPARKS Committees. He also had the opportunity to meet with Tech Pros regarding security cameras.

Chairman Carrell shared information on a Local Road Forum the board may be interested in attending regarding road and bridge aid. Also the next Wood County Unit Meeting will be in Nekoosa on Friday night.

Supervisor McDonald will look into the possibility of having blue tooth capability in the town's trucks.

Supervisor Leichtnam shared information learned on the surveillance system.

**Motion (Leichtnam/McDonald) to approve the January 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Kretschmer/Wilcox) to approve the January 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 minutes with corrections. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion regarding creating a Lake District for the town of Saratoga. Ray Bossert will draft a resolution to be voted on at the next meeting.

A bid was received from Eagle Construction to build the steps, pavilion, and vault style restrooms. **Motion (Kretschmer/Leichtnam) for the bids to Turtle Bay Public Access be passed to the SPARKS Committee to review and discuss, then brought back to the board. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion on hiring a Commercial Building Inspector for a per job basis. **Motion (Kretschmer/Wilcox) to advertise for a Commercial Building Inspector to be hired on a per job basis.** After additional discussion, Supervisor Kretschmer withdrew her motion. Supervisor Kretschmer, Supervisor McDonald, and Ray Bossert will be doing further research to share with the board.

Ray Bossert provided the board with a map of the Town reflecting areas that the Town may need to consider placing an easement. This easement would be on the larger, landlocked parcels of land that would be tied to potential future development within the town. Lengthy discussion ensued. **Motion (Kretschmer/Leichtnam) to revisit this in the future. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion regarding the re-installment of a mobile home on parcel #1800127F, 824 Church Ave. **Motion (Kretschmer/Leichtnam) to deny the re-installment of a mobile home on parcel #1800127F. Motion passed unanimously.**

Quotes were reviewed from H&S Security Systems. **Motion (Wilcox/McDonald) to table this until the next agenda. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Carrell has been in discussions with Alliant Energy. They are wanting to have involvement with the local fire departments and EMS Staff for training in relation to battery storage. Additional community meetings will be held at a future date.

Supervisor Leichtnam has been in contact with the Alliant Energy Foundation on ways they could be invested in our community. **Motion (Wilcox/McDonald) that Chairman Carrell and Supervisor Leichtnam continue to work with Andy at the Alliant Energy Foundation to procure funding and conduct meetings to bring back to the board. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Wilcox/Carrell) if needed, to purchase additional software to convert pdf to word. Motion passed unanimously.**

No operator's licenses to approve.

**Motion (Leichtnam/McDonald) to pay bills. Motion passed unanimously.**

The next Town Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The town board will go into closed session pursuant to Wis§19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion (Leichtnam/McDonald) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk