

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday January 4, 2023

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Saratoga Town Hall

PRESENT: Bill Leichtnam, Josh McDonald, Gail Kretschmer, Rhonda Carrell, Roger Wilcox
This meeting was officially noticed on December 29th 2022.

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

The Public Hearing on the re-zoning request of Robin Roth from RS-1, per Zoning Ordinance 4-20-16, of parcel 1800747B/1800747E the NE corner of the NW quarter N/W ¼ near Beppler Road located in section 13,T21,R5E, that part of Lot 73 and Lot 1. The public was given the opportunity to oppose and support the re-zoning request. Discussion regarding the current ordinance as it reads. The re-zoning request was approved as written. (See also December 7, 2022 minutes).

Public Comment:

Bruce Dimick voiced his compliments to the Road Crew for the great job they have been doing keeping the roads clean.

Brandon Burroughs provided the Constable's report.

Josh Volz provided an update on the current building permits and well as the building code issues that are currently being resolved.

Ray Bossert provided the Zoning Administrator update. The results of the survey are still being tabulated.

Rick Nowicki provided an email update for Wood County Solar. On December 21, 2022 substantial completion was being taken care of. He will be providing the Town with a new contact for Alliant Energy soon.

Kasten Kester provide the Road Crew Update. They have been very busy with roads and equipment repairs.

Gail Kretschmer gave the SPARKS update. The next meeting will Monday, January 23st at 6:00 p.m.

Bill Leichtnam stated the next PPF Committee will be meeting on Monday January 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter gave the Clerk's update. The furnace in the Administration Building was leaking gas. Repairs have been completed.

Billie Jo-Kester gave the Treasurer update. Tax collection is going well. She is working on the January settlement with the County. She has also been in contact with the Mobile Home Parks regarding the address tiles. She was also in contact with the Acessor, he will be picking up the building permits and will be working to figure out the Mobile Home Parking fees soon.

Chairman Carrell has been continuing to meet with the Town Attorney and Alliant Energy regarding battery storage.

Supervisor Wilcox has been in contact with the EMS group regarding the installation of shelving and labeling so the storage of the EMS supplies are more accessible. The Fire Contract for the Town of Grand Rapids was signed. The Rome and Nekoosa Fire Contracts will be updated in the near future.

Supervisor McDonald has received many compliments on the job that the Road Crew has been doing with the roads and lighting around the Town Hall and Office Building.

Motion (Leichtnam/McDonald) to approve the December 21, 2022 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (McDonald/Wilcox) to approve the December 28, 2022 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Leichtnam and Chairman Carrell met with Duane Gua and Chris Schwartz regarding the possibility of hiring a Town Manager or Town Administrator. They offer services that would provide a recommendation on the needs of the town by doing an Organizational Audit.

A quote was received from Dennis McNamara with H&S Protection Systems, which generated discussion. **Motion (Kretschmer/Leichtnam) to put out bids for the Administration Building, the Town Hall and possibly the Shop for security. McDonald-nay, Wilcox-abstain, Leichtnam-nay, Kretschmer-aye, Carrell-aye. Motion denied. Motion (McDonald/Leichtnam) to request an updated quote from H&S Protection Systems for security protection system with license plate reading capabilities and supply business references. Motion passed unanimously.**

Lyman Tschanz approached the Town of Saratoga to establish a Lake District on Nepco Lake. By creating a Lake District, this establishes a governmental body for the lake. Fees would be collected on the tax bill of the parcels on the lake. This would help to maintain and approve the quality of the lake. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Motion (Kretschmer/Leichtnam) to get a Request for Proposal to get audit for the town books as well as helping with the financial documents as well as the Form C. Motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carrell has stepped down as the Chair for the Zoning Board of Appeals. **Motion (Leichtnam/Wilcox) to appoint Bruce Dimick as the Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion (McDonald/Kretschmer) to appoint Brian Hamm as a member of the Plan Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the rental contract for Lori and Friends. A special meeting will take place to discuss the direction of the town further. **Motion (Kretschmer/McDonald) to notify Lori and Friends Catering that in 60 days the current contract will expire. The Town will be drafting a new contract to be approved with legal counsel to ensure proper process. Motion passed unanimously.**

No Operator's licenses to approve.

Motion (McDonald/Carrell) to pay bills. Motion passed unanimously.

The next town board meeting will be on Wednesday January 18th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion (Carrell/McDonald) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk