

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday July 19th, 2023

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Saratoga Town Hall

PRESENT: Lorelei Fuehrer, Chase Brockman, Bryan Peterson, Josh McDonald

EXCUSED: Roger Wilcox

This meeting was officially noticed on July 13th, 2023.

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

A written Constable report was provided.

No Building Inspector report provided.

The Zoning Administrator was provided by Lorelei Fuehrer, in the interim. Zoning has been working with the Plan Commission on reviewing the Mobile Home Ordinance as well as defining the land subdivision ordinance with the county.

Kasten Kester and Doug Passineau provided the Road Crew report. 52nd Street is being prepped for the dips to be fixed. An overview was provided of the additional material that was added on Rangeline Road.

Supervisor McDonald provided the Plan Commission update. They have been working on the Mobile Home Ordinance and the Land subdivision ordinance.

No new updates from the Clerk.

The Treasurer has about 20 dogs in the town that are not licensed. She is in the process of getting ready for the Audit.

Supervisor Peterson inquired if the dog catchers and kennel were received yet. They have been delivered.

Chairman Fuehrer provided an update on the address tile reimbursement. The deadline to request a refund was July 15th. The Town needs to decide now on how the mobile home parks will be addresses. She also met with the ATV-UTV Club to see if anyone is interested in being on the recreation committee. A grant was submitted to purchase a sign for the Town Hall. Alliant Energy is also willing to donate money for the purchase of the sign, but the sign must contain a reader board. The parking lot was recently sealed, and the stripes were painted.

Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve previous minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

The Public Works Department can purchase a 1-ton roller and trailer to do larger road patches from the County. **Motion (McDonald/Peterson) to approve the request to purchase roller and trailer from the County for \$1700. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion regarding paving Ranger Road from County Trunk Z and Hwy 13. The Town is expecting to receive additional shared revenue funding as well as utilize ARPA funding. **Motion (Peterson/McDonald) to hire Wood County if the works meets the specs for Rangeline Road project, with the approval of Doug and Chase. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Policy and Procedure Manual will be tabled until the next meeting.

The Town of Saratoga was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the CEED Committee for the Nepco Lake Public Access in 2021. After reaching out to those living within 300 feet of the property-with a 90% feedback rate, not 1 of the responses were in favor of the property being developed. The Town wanted to use the money for other recreation in the Town, but the grant was specific to the Nepco Lake Public Access, therefore the money should be returned to the County. **Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to return funds to the CEED Committee and make necessary work to put the boulders in place and not pursue further action on site. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to discontinue the 2nd CEED Committee Grant for Turtle Bay Access. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on purchasing a video recording camera to record the meetings in the Town Hall was discussed. Currently, we are moving the set up from the Office to the Hall. This discussion will be tabled until the next meeting after further research can be completed.

One resume was received for the Zoning Administrator position. Interviews will be scheduled in August for this position.

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

The Zoning Ordinance was prepared and printed. This will be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting.

Bill Leichtnam wanted clarification on the CEED Grants that the Town of Saratoga will be returning. The \$20,000 the town received will be returned. The 2nd CEED Grant that was awarded, no money was taken and will not be utilized. The Town will send a letter making the County aware of this decision.

Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk