

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday March 1, 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 February 23rd, 2023.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dan Forbes had questions on the radio, body camera, payments sent to Botham Ink, the number of surveys and pictures of the board members posted online.

No Constable report given.

Ray Bossert provided the Zoning Administrator update. A separate public comment session will be held in the future on the potential zoning changes.

No update provided by Wood County Solar Project.

Joe Palm gave the Road Crew update. They have been working hard to keep the roads clear.

Supervisor Kretschmer shared the next SPARKS meeting will be Monday March 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Supervisor McDonald and the Plan Commission continues to work on updating ordinances.

Supervisor Leichtnam shared information on PFA's and forever chemicals in drinking water. He urges residents to annually test drinking water. The next Personnel, Policies and Finance Committee will be meeting on March 6.

Paulette Weinfurter gave the Clerks update. Things went well with the February election.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's update. Tax collection is complete. Dog licenses are due March 31.

Supervisor Wilcox provided an update on a residents concern over a information they received about a fiber optic line being installed. He is also working with Kathy Palm from EMS on quotes for AED units to be purchased for the Hall and the Shop.

Chairman Carrell shared information on a virtual meeting from the Wisconsin Town's Association on extraterritorial rights. The Town Board is planning on a joint meeting with the Plan Commission on Wednesday March 8th.

Motion (Leichtnam/Kretschmer) to have a joint meeting with the Town Board and the Plan Commission on Wednesday, March 8. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Kretschmer shared that the Outdoor Recreation Plan is posted on the website. A printed copy will be in the Town Office.

Supervisor McDonald received calls about mailboxes that were destroyed.

Supervisor Leichtnam and the PPF Committee are continuing to work on the Employee handbook.

Motion (Kretschmer/Carrell) to approve the February 15,2023 5:00 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (McDonald/Wilcox) to approve the February 15,2023 6:00 minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Carrell/McDonald) to approve the February 20,2023 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Ray Bossert discussed his current contract with the Town as the Zoning Administrator that will expire on March 31. He will update the contract reflecting the Certified Survey Maps, business and sign permits. This will be brought back for additional discussion.

Motion (Leichtnam/Kretschmer) to approve the Class B Beer License for Archers Paradise, 10631 South Hollywood Road, Nekoosa. Motion passed unanimously.

Wood County Rescue informed Brandon Burroughs that they would be willing to donate a radio for him to be in contact with dispatch while performing his constable duties, per note provided by clerk.

Discussion ensued regarding signage to show the future plans at Turtle Bay as well as signage along the County Highways to designate the Turtle Bay Public Access. **Motion (Kretschmer/Leichtnam) to give permission to purchase and erect a sign to provide information on Turtle Bay Public Access. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion (Kretschmer/Carrell) to have Chairman Carrell to seek quotes and bring back the cost to the board to have signs installed on the County Highway indicating Turtle Bay Public Access. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding a nitrate study. It is still very important to test and continue to monitor ground water. Radon is also present in some areas and should be monitored.

Discussion regarding the Commercial Building Inspector. Ray Bossert reached out to Inspectors in neighboring communities. Supervisor McDonald was also able to sort a list of Inspectors by zip code so we can reach out via email if they are interested.

The next meeting for the Community Wildfire Protection Program will be held Wednesday, March 20, 2023 from 9:00a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding items to include in the next newsletter. The goal will be to have this mailed out in March.

Motion (Carrell/McDonald) to approve the operators license for William Saylor and Andrew White for the Saratoga Mini Mart. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Town Board Meeting will be Wednesday, March 15,2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion (Carrell/McDonald) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk