

## TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

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

**PLACE:** Saratoga Town Office

**PRESENT:** Lorelei Fuehrer, Josh McDonald, Chase Brockman, Bryan Peterson, Roger Wilcox

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Lorelei Fuehrer. The meeting was officially noticed on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bill Clendenning shared information on the next Wisconsin Towns Association unit meeting that will be held in Rudolph. He also appreciates the support of the boards attendance at the meetings.

Brandon Burroughs provided Constable's report. He is receiving many junk complaints.

Josh Volz provided the Building Inspectors report.

Ray Bossert provided a written Zoning report.

Josh McDonald provided the Plan Commission update. They are continuing to work on the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance updates. They are also wanting to work on a land subdivision ordinance, mobile home ordinance, and power point presentation for the Public Hearing on Zoning May 10.

Roger Wilcox and the CWPP group will be meeting Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Administrative Building.

Paulette Weinfurter provided the clerk's update. She has been working on Board of Review Training, and Alcohol refresher training. Also shared information on what ARPA money was spent and remaining.

Billie-Jo Kester provided the Treasurers report. She is working on getting the update for QuickBooks. Late dog license letters will be going out soon.

Robert Piatt from the Grand Rapids Fire Department provided his annual report.

Supervisor Wilcox has been working with Kasten for repairs on the hall. He also went out with the Road Oversight Manager to look at the roadwork that needs to be completed. He was in contact with Alliant Energy, they are willing to help financially with various projects. Also was present on a call regarding the Solar project. Supervisor Wilcox read a letter that was written by the previous administration.

The minutes from March 8<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup> were only voted on by Supervisor McDonald and Supervisor Wilcox as they were members of the board in office during those meetings.

**Motion (Wilcox/McDonald) to approve the March 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (McDonald/Wilcox) to approve the April 12<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to approve the April 19<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion regarding the 3-year road plan and the roads that will be needing to have chipseal. The bid notice will be sent to the paper with all sealed bids due by June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ray Bossert discussed his Zoning Administrator report further. Many questions on setbacks of buildings. He is hearing concern with property around the Branding Iron with the DOT restrictions. Chairman Fuehrer added how important the input of the community is for the Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing and encourages everyone to attend May 10<sup>th</sup>.

A business permit was received from Clint Smazal of Driveline Auto Services. Chairman Fuehrer reached out to verify the disposal method of the oils and confirm insurance was obtained for the mobile business. **Motion (Fuehrer/Wilcox) to approve the business permit for Driveline Auto Services, LLC 1111 Church Ave. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to approve the business permit for Suzanne Kuechle, Evergreen Market 5752 Evergreen Ave. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Wilcox/McDonald) to purchase 2 cabinets to house 2 AED units that are currently on order. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve the CSM for Dennis Gruetzmacher Jr, Parcel #1800397E, Bell Road. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Peterson/Fuehrer) to approve the CSM for Secluded Land Company LLC, Parcel #1800466 at 64<sup>th</sup> and Oak Street and Hwy 73 S. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Legal Counsel for the Town of Saratoga will be retiring. Resumes for 3 potential candidates were received. Discussion ensued regarding the options for legal counsel. **Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to go with Nick Flannagan for the town attorney. Peterson-aye, McDonald-aye, Brockman-aye, Wilcox-no. Chairman Fuehrer recused herself due to having recent conversations with the potential candidates. Motion carries.**

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding whether we want to pursue renting out the kitchen for the town hall. Additional terms would be included in any type of contract or negotiations, should the town decide to move forward to protect the town. **Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to pursue town hall kitchen rental. Peterson-aye, McDonald-aye, Brockman-aye, Fuehrer-aye, Wilcox-no. Motion carries.**

**Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to consult legal counsel to pursue ownership rights of media pages. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Fuehrer/McDonald) to higher Tech Pros to train, initiate media pages specifically website and broadcast meetings. Motion passed unanimously.**

No Operators Licenses to approve.

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

The next town board meeting will be on Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Lorelei Fuehrer provided updates on the following items that we are still working on. Amulance Contract, the Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing on May 10<sup>th</sup>, the Solar Project decommissioning plan, the road work, security cameras and Turtle Bay access.

**Motion (Wilcox/McDonald) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.**

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk