

November 4, 2020

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 pm in the town hall. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. All members were present. The meeting was officially noticed on October 30, 2020.

Carrell made a motion to approve the minutes for October 21, 2020-work on 2021 budget minutes. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Carrell made a motion to approve the minutes for October 21, 2020 regular Town Board meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Passineau made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-2; A Resolution to Borrow Money from Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank. McDonald seconded it. Heeg abstained due to conflict. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Heeg made a motion to approve the contract for 2021 with Collier Consulting for semi-annual sampling and an annual report of the 10 monitoring wells within the Town at a cost of \$13,500. Heeg made a motion to approve. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the snowbanks in the right of way at the State Highway and Town road intersections. Passineau referenced state statute 231.02 (6). The statute talks about the intersections, but not the things outside of the intersections. The Town cleans the State Highway and Town Road intersections, but the Town does not have a permit to work within in the right of way of State Highways in order to move snow banks from outside the intersection. The County has moved the banks in the past when they have become so large or high that they have created a vision hazard. Passineau will continue looking into this further and will bring it to the next meeting.

Lorelei Fuehrer prepared a qualification list and ad for the building inspector position at the Towns' request. She will be retiring June 2021. Carrell made the motion to post the position. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The proposed survey map was viewed for the Dennis Rogers property located at Church Avenue and 24th Street. It was suggested to move the survey line so each septic system is on the same property as the house it serves. They will need to have to correct the survey map with the split changes. The new map will go to the Plan Commission and back to the next Town Board meeting.

The Board reviewed the Certified Survey Map for the Quinn Properties off of 52nd Street. Heeg made a motion to approve. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the stumps that will be left once trees are cleared on the solar project site. The stumps cannot be burned. Wood County Solar would like to know if the Town would be interested in the wood chips. The Board discussed the possibility of allowing residents to pick some up. It was suggested that perhaps Dorhorst or Klafka Trucking would be interested in the chips to sell.

Brandon gave the Constable report.

Passineau is checking on the engine braking sign at corner of Hwy 73 and County Trunk U. Passineau will get specifications required for the purchase of a new town plow truck.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the treasurer's report. She checked with the Towns Association lawyer, and they said that the Routes to Recovery grant may deny reimbursement for a new one-ton truck. There could be more cost effective ways to separate the roadmen instead of purchasing an additional truck.

A quote was received by Dirty Ducks for removal of asbestos tiles from the EMS room at the town hall. It will be placed on the next agenda.

Tech Pros submitted quote for additional equipment needed for virtual/broadcast meetings. It will be paid for and submitted for Routes to Recovery Grant for reimbursement.

Billie-Jo will purchase and set up a Zoom account for the virtual meetings.

The Routes to Recovery Grant money gets reimbursed for items the Town had to purchase due to COVID needs and changes that are required. \$85,401 is the maximum the Town is able to seek reimbursement for. All expenses need to be submitted by November 6th. Any money the Town does not use either has to go back to the State or can be transferred to another municipality to help with their COVID related expenses. The Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department would be able to use that money for a lift assist for their ambulance. The Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department services the Town and would benefit residents. There is going to be approximately \$50,000 that the Town will not use of the grant so that can be transferred to the City of Wisconsin Rapids to be used for the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department. [Amended-12/16/2020](#)

Carrell also received a call from a resident that is concerned for EMS workers to locate houses in a timely fashion when there is an emergency. Would be nice if everyone had the blue address tile from the emergency government. Currently they are \$50. Billie-Jo is going to talk to EMS because at one time, they had thoughts about a fundraiser for them. It was also suggested to put on the website. Also discussed to have a sample in the hall so people can see them when they come in to pay taxes.

McDonald made a motion to pay bills. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Passineau made a motion to adjourn. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Typed from minutes taken by Paulette Weinfurter, Deputy Clerk
Heidi Kawleski, Clerk