

June 15, 2022

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 pm in the Town Board Room. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. All board members were present. The meeting was officially noticed on June 9th, 2022.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

Gordon Wipperfurth presented a map of Point Basse Blue Water Landing with a canoe/kayak route down the Wisconsin River. Gordon thanked Dan Forbes and Terry Rickaby for their work on the project. Gordon has contacted the Wisconsin Rapids Area Convention and Visitor Bureau regarding route. The Wausau and Marathon County Parks and Recreation Foundation have contacted Convention Bureau about Wood County becoming part of a Great Pinery Heritage Waterway, a regional paddling trail on the Wisconsin River from Oneida County to Adams County. Gordon requested a digital copy of the map that could be put on the Town's website.

Randal Leigh, parcel 1800227D off of 64th Street, requested a camper extension for two campers on their property. They will have a portable toilet that will be pumped professionally. Carrell made a motion to approve the camper extension for 90 days. They will need to notify the Town before the extension is up if they would like to request another extension. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Raymond Bossert gave the Zoning Administrator Report. He along with the Plan Commission have worked on design standards for the zoning ordinance. He will bring the written proposed changes to the next Plan Commission meeting.

Joe Palm gave the Roadman Report. The turbo on the 2005 truck has been replaced. They are working on getting the Woods mower fixed and plan to be out mowing on Monday.

Gail Kretschmer gave the SPARKS committee update. They next meeting will be on June 20th.

Josh McDonald gave the Plan Commission report. They have been working on design standards for buildings depending on their zoning classifications.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. The Town's logo can be put on the Town trucks for \$225 per vehicle. Once the wording on the trucks needs it replaced, the Town will look at replacing them with the logo.

Information Announcements by the Board members

Leichtnam discussed broadband. He would like to encourage residents to take the broadband speed test at www.ncwrpc.org/ncwrpc2021/broadband-speed-test.

Carrell wanted to know if residents would be notified that the Town will be installing address tiles on all properties. Information could be put on the Town's website. Rickaby stated that the Town will need to adopt an ordinance to ensure that when address tiles get taken down or damaged, they get replaced in a timely manner.

Carrell stated she has spoken with people at Historic Point Basse regarding working with the Town on projects.

Carrell made a motion to approve the June 15, 2022 minutes with corrections. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

McDonald made a motion to approve: Class B Beer and Liquor Licenses for Boone's Saloon and Eatery, LLC, Lake Aire Supper Club, LLC, The Branding Iron Supper Club, Critter's House, The Junkyard Bar and Grill, and Roux's Roadhouse 73. Class A Beer and Liquor Licenses for Saratoga Mini Mart and Schierl Sales Corporation. Class B Beer License for Heart of Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club. Short Term Rental License for Gambrel Guesthouse. Operator's Licenses for Christopher Hohmann, DeAnn Smith, Jenna Kleifgen, Darcie Konklin, Patti Kniprath, Jamey

Carney, Colleen Black, Sarah Kucharski, Jackie Rucker, Spring Ebert, Damion Ebert, and Logan Rupp. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Certified Survey Map for Dan, Inc. with owner Nick Segina. The CSM covers part of parcel 18000135. Raymond Bossert has reviewed the CSM and stated that the creation of outlot 1 on the CSM would correct the mobile home's septic system being on another property. He also stated that since the mobile home park owner does not have plans to expand the mobile home park to the north, splitting off 3 acres for a different use would be better land and tax use. Nick stated he has submitted a building permit that would include using storage containers on the property as part of a building. He stated that he has had builder issues which have prevented him from having the building done already. Raymond stated that the Building Inspector has viewed the building plans and said it would be building code acceptable. Kretschmer made a motion to approve the Certified Survey Map for Dan, Inc. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Certified Survey Map for Ledger Properties, LLC. The CSM covers part of parcel 1800928. Raymond Bossert has reviewed the CSM and stated that it met all zoning requirements for the segmenting of the parcel. Kretschmer made a motion to approve the Certified Survey Map for Ledger Properties, LLC. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the roadwork plan for 2022. Digging out of 15 dips throughout the Town; David Drive and Rosewood Ridge - cross-crack leveling and chip seal; Young Street - Chip seal, Church Avenue from 36th Street to 52nd Street - over band and chip seal; Lexus Lane - pulverize, adding 3" of gravel, and overlay; Hollywood Road culvert replacement and addressing Kester Road drainage issues – work being done by Wood County. McDonald made a motion to approve the 2022 Roadwork plan. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Chase Brockman requested the Town to look at using a smaller rock for the chip seal on David Drive and Rosewood Ridge since they are shorter roads with lots of housing.

Joe Palm would like the Town to look at purchasing a tar pot - rubberized crack filler, so the roadmen could crack fill as needed, instead of contracting it out. He has gotten a quote of under \$20,000 for one from Krafc0 in Milwaukee; and found one on the internet for \$1,500. Doug Passineau is concerned that it would take more than two people to do the crack filling. The Board requested more information on how many people would be needed, their costs, insurance liability, and costs of materials.

Carrell and Leichtnam met with a representative from MJ Electric to discuss a road use plan map for the X43 transmission rebuild. Carrell stated the town roads on the map were essential travel routes for their work. Portions of town roads included would be Ten Mile Avenue, Blue Ridge Lane, Rangline Road, and Church Avenue. McDonald made a motion to approve the road routes on the road use plan map for the x43 transmission rebuild with the understanding that roads will be logged in their current condition and after the transmission rebuild was complete, MJ Electric would be responsible for any repairs to the roads to bring them to existing standards or better. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Carrell will contact MJ Electric to get a written agreement drafted.

Carrell drafted a "Tree and Brush Cutting to Make Intersection Safer" agreement. She would like the Town to work in conjunction with agreeable property owners to cut brush and trees beyond the road right-of-way for the purpose of creating visibility and making an intersection safer. Carrell stated she discussed the issue with the Wisconsin Towns Association. She has been working with property owners at the corner of Church Avenue and 52nd Street. She stated that she has contacted Alliant Energy, since there are trees close to power poles; they said they would be willing to work with the landowners. She stated that one landowner would like the Town to continue to maintaining the corner. Carrell looked into renting a grinder to take out stumps, which would cost \$35/hour or \$235/day. It was stated that the Town should check with the insurance company regarding working on private property. Kretschmer made a

motion to approve the “Tree and Brush Cutting to Make Intersection Safer” agreement upon a favorable report from the Town’s insurance company. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Scot Bredl, 6248 Townline Road, requested a camper extension. They have a porta potty that will be pumped professionally. Carrell made a motion to approve the 90 day camper extension. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Members of the SPARKS Committee stated that Historic Point Basse/Wakely will be invited to the July SPARKS Committee meeting to discuss how the Town could partner with them. Carrell stated although there has been no movement at the NEPCO Public Access, they are looking at less expensive engineering for the steps to the water. Gordon Wipperfurth suggested a builder may be less expensive for engineering. The building material used for the steps to the water was discussed. There was also discussion of who would be utilizing the park and what recurring costs and maintenance there would be for the Town. The SPARKS committee is working on a 2nd phase application to the CEED Committee for the NEPCO Public Access; the grant application requires the amount of money they are seeking from the grant and an amount the Town will commit to the project. There was discussion about the Town’s commitment on the grant application being the same as last years, which was \$40,000. Leichtnam made a motion to submit a CEED Grant request to Wood County for NEPCO Lake Project for \$30,000 in calendar year 2022 for 2023. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Raymond Bossert stated he is working on a CEED grant application that is close to being complete for an interjurisdictional project between the Town of Saratoga, Town of Grand Rapids, and the Village of Port Edwards to purchase the boat landing off of County Road Z, which is in the Village of Port Edwards. In the grant application, he stated the grant request would be \$75,000 for each of the three municipalities.

Kretschmer received a quote of \$6,000 from North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to create a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan. Kretschmer stated that the Town would need this plan in order to qualify for some grants, including the Knowles Nelson grant. Carrell made a motion to hire NCWRPC to create an Outdoor Recreational Plan for the Town at a cost of \$6,000. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Leichtnam stated he has several committees that he would recommend; personnel & finance, Economic development & IT & Grants, and Ad Hoc reorganizational committee. He would like to start with the Ad Hoc town hall committee the Board approved previously and go from there.

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

McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Heidi Kawleski, Clerk