

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
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PUBLIC HEARING for PROPOSED RV CUP AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE was opened at 6:35 p.m. February 8, 2021, in the Quilt Inn Meeting Room by Board Chairman Vern Jacobson with Supervisors Mike Hall, John Warberg, David Thompson and Clerk Glenore Gross in attendance; Michael Sivertson and Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle were absent. Three visitors were in attendance for the hearing and remainder of the meeting, Bill Gilbraith and David and Luci Steeves.

Amendment changes proposed are to allow temporary use of an RV in the Lake Metigoshe Recreation Service District (LMRSD) for not more than five (5) days per year, reduced from fourteen (14) days. An RV Conditional Use Permit would be required for use beyond five days. The amendment adds that RV placement must meet the same setback requirements as for principal and accessory buildings, and also adds that violations may result in fines assessed to the property owner on which the RV is parked. Another addition to the text is that a permit may include an additional fee imposed by LMRSD. The full text of changes has been published on the Roland Township website, as stated in the Public Hearing Notice printed in the Courant.

Board Chairman Vern noted that the township is trying to be orderly about allowing RV parking at the lake. He receives many calls related to RV use and misuse, with several saying we should not allow RVs at all. He acknowledged that monitoring for 14 days of use per RV has proven difficult. In another issue, the LMRSD deals with property owners who question why they must pay an annual garbage fee while no fee is charged to RV owners who add to the problem.

Questions addressed to the board centered around limiting the number of RVs on a lot that has adequate room to meet setbacks, and could there be a variance to allow more than one per lot since the ordinance limits it to one RV. Discussion included the possibility of issuing one permit to a property owner who has various family using their available RV parking site through the year, rather than a permit for each use beyond five days. It was also stated that the five days should be noted as consecutive days of use. With appreciation expressed for the orderly discussion, the chairman closed the hearing at 7:10 p.m.

The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order immediately following.

Minutes: January 11 Board minutes were approved as written. **Treasurers Report** was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$414,742.29 and request to pay bills of \$7,222.23. Security First bank account balance remains at \$36,692.86, bond balance \$1,156,166.24, next payment due in May. *MOTION by David T to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve bill payments, 2nd by John W. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.* Clerk noted 8 checks are still outstanding from the \$150 county rebate payments made October 20 to cabin road owners; no letters were returned for bad address, one phone call query was received.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Nothing offered.

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **None**

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Consider/Vote on Proposed RV CUP Ordinance Amendments:** John W said the amendment should read 'five consecutive days'; Mike H suggested having a board variance could work to allow up to three RVs on an adequate sized lot, with John W saying to do it on a one by one basis and not include it in the ordinance. *MOTION by John W to approve the ordinance as amended to add 'consecutive' days, 2nd by David T.* Agreed the effective date would be April 1, 2021. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED. *MOTION by David T that the Board may consider issuing a variance in special cases related to RV parking in the Lake Metigoshe Recreation Service District, 2nd by John W. VOTE – 4 YES = CARRIED.* Amendments will be published as required.

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2. **“ON LOCATION” Filming at Lake Metigoshe Feb 17-18:** Emailed information was received today to inquire if the township had any permit requirement for a planned filming of ice fishing on Lake Metigoshe. “On Location” is an outdoor adventure TV series preparing to film season 2; Season 1 reached over 60 million households via the Discovery owned Destination America channel, and is available to stream on a number of VODs. Board agreed there was no permit that applied.

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:40 p.m.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **(Tabled until Spring: Improving Road to Skjervem-Downs Property/Section 4):**
2. **(Tabled until Spring: Replace Speed Signs on Rugby Pt):**
3. **Mowing – Interest:** David T said Wendell Lund will plan to do township mowing this season.
4. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Cabin Roads** – Mike H said Pecks suggested they could rent equipment for chip seal repairs; Vern will first contact the potential source for doing crack seal repairs provided by Danny Biberdorf. Complaints were noted regarding the salt water sprayed on roads before clearing the snow, resulting now in ice on the road; county said snow will be cleared before the next spraying.
 - **Rural Roads** – One complaint of ice on the road received.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Prepare Proposed 2022 Budget/Levy:** Clerk shared proposed budget amounts based on history and requested input for road amounts. Board agreed to keep the same figures for Road Repair/Culverts and add \$10,000 to Blading/Graveling due to expected future repairs. End result showed a General Levy amount to request as \$193,850. However an error discovered on the form used for calculating this amount has resulted in the need to adjust/reduce amounts to reach the same levy amount. Budget proposal will be finalized at the next meeting.
2. **Audit Committee for March Report:** Mike H and David T will look over the books at the clerk’s home on a date to be set later.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Propane tank in Solper Addn was moved.
- NDIRF Annual Report is available.
- Supervisor positions open for 3 year terms are John W and David T (both willing to run again).

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer