

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, June 14, 2021
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:00 p.m. June 14, 2021, by Vice Chairman Mike Hall with supervisors John Warberg, Michael Sivertson and David Thompson, along with Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross. Vern Jacobson was absent. Twelve visitors attended.

Minutes: May 10 Public Hearing and Board minutes were approved as written.

Treasurers Report was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$514,032.02 and request to pay bills of \$8,163.33; Clerk has \$875 in RV CUP payments to deposit. Security First account balance is \$36,692.86, bond balance estimate \$1,028,743, interest payment due November 1 estimate is \$22,545. Clerk questioned if crack seal payment for cabin roads should be out of the bond account, board agreed it was cabin road funds. *MOTION by John W to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve bill payments, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.* Two county rebate payments for cabin road paving projects not cashed will be addressed in the next round of discounts to owners.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim presented three new RV permits and eight building permits. The following were discussed:

- **Adding Roof to Deck – Mooney/Hidden Est:** Board agreed this fits best as a shed permit.
- **Commercial 80x160 Storage – Hoium/W Lake Loop Rd:** Confirmed to be on lot zoned Commercial; storage building previously approved is being erected on Agriculture zoned land.
- **Two Deck Permits or One for Single Owner – Abernathey/Twin Oaks:** Requesting permit for decks on two upper level condos with single LLC ownership; Board agreed each deck needs a permit.
- **Variance Request for Revised Shed Permit – Wetzel-Sivertson/Houmann Addn:** Shed permit requested last year had the variance approved to be at 45' to shoreline but permit was not paid for and shed was not moved in. Owner changed plan to instead add 5' to deck and enclose it below for storage; same 45' variance applies. *MOTION by Michael S to re-approve the 45' shoreline variance for the deck/shed; 2nd by David T. VOTE – 4 YES = CARRIED.*
- **Variance Request for Replacement Garage at 20' to Road – Dignan/Oakshore:** Plans are to dismantle and rebuild the current garage as a shed elsewhere on the property and replace it with a new 26'x38' garage with loft, at 20' to the road using the same parallel entry drive. *MOTION by David T to approve the road variance of 10' for the garage to be 20' from the road with parallel entry; 2nd by John W. VOTE - 4 YES = CARRIED.*

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **County Road Setback Meeting re: Bondly Permit Request:** The county Planning & Zoning Commission approved the variance requested by Bondly to build a garage closer than the 66' right of way to Lake Loop Road; it would also need to be approved by the commissioners. Bondly has not yet contacted Tim.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Complaint of Fish House/Camper too Close to Road – Lk Met Park near Mike H:** Notification left onsite since owner was not located. Board knows of other areas which also have items parked too close or on the road.
2. **Deck with Property Line Question – Laughridge+Blomster/Minot Bch:** Much discussion was held related to a replacement deck being built by Laughridge next to Blomsters. If one is replaced at the same size it doesn't need a permit but it was built larger than the old deck. This resulted in two problems: one is a disagreement over property lines that Blomster thought was settled 30 years ago; and two, the larger deck needs a permit and a fine of double the permit cost since it was increased in size without a permit. However, since a permit isn't issued when there are property line disputes, Laughridge was informed he needs to reduce the size of the deck to what it had been. The township does not settle property line disputes.
3. **ADDED: Request for Road Variance for Camper – Demke/Rugby Pt:** Board heard an impassioned plea for consideration of 4+ generations' use of a small Rugby Point lot with a request to allow a pop-up camper to be parked at 12' from the road with bushes between and extra safety measures added when being used. The board acknowledged other RV variances have been approved. *MOTION by John W to approve a variance for the pop-up camper to be 12' from the road, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE – 4 YES = CARRIED.*

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GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:55 p.m.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Improving Road to Skjervem-Downs Property/Section 4:** The trail to the property is not currently a platted road. Mike H said the county would have to build it to standards, following the section line, before the township could take it over. Board suggested a letter be sent to Downs with this information.
2. **Speed Signs on Rugby Pt:** Broken post was set back up; another sign was said to be hidden in the trees.
3. **Mowing Report:** Mowing and trimming has started.
4. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Cabin Roads/Mike H:** Recent rain caused washouts showing where gravel needs to be added.
 - **Request for Speed Bumps** to be back on Westergard Rd near Bremners; since they cause damage to the roadbed other options will be looked at to see how to make them work.
 - **Birchwood Rd Repairs:** Mikkelsen repaired the hole; Mayo will pave it for \$10k.
 - **Old Metigoshe Plat Plans** found in the Auditors office were given to the township.
 - **Rural Roads/David T:** Damaged culvert in the road going past Fish Lake Cemetery needs to be replaced, will ask for cost share with Homen Twp.
5. **Road Vacation in Process – Ekstrom/Solper Addn:** Clerk presented the Order Vacating and Discontinuing Portion of Roadway as used in a previous road vacation, with a drawing to show the portion being vacated. *MOTION by David T to approve the order for discontinuing this portion of road as per the petition previously approved; 2nd by John W. VOTE – 4 YES = CARRIED.* Clerk will record the Order.
6. **Road Vacation in Process – Thompson Cove/Loon Lk – 4 Small Portions:** Clerk presented the Order Vacating and Discontinuing Portion of Roadway listing the four portions as approved per the petition last month. *MOTION by David T to approve the order for discontinuing the four portions of roadway as described, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE – David T, Mike H, Michael S – 3 YES, John W - ABSTAINED = CARRIED.*
7. **Publishing of Road Weight Limits:** Will continue every 2nd week to keep the limits out front; board agreed adding a note about the requirement to tarp loads would also be helpful. A question of enforcement was raised; it basically is self-policed but Highway Patrol can enforce the limits.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Request to Pay Share of Mayo Construction Plan to Complete Bike Trail North of Mud Lake Bridge:** Ritch Gimbel, County Road Supt, said Mayo has quoted \$13,400 to pave this portion that just has crushed asphalt; he is asking to divide the cost four ways which would be \$3,350 each. *MOTION by John W to agree to payment of \$3,350 share for Mayo Construction paving to complete the bike path, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.*
2. **Request from Oakshore Inc to Accept Ownership of Outlot 6 Oakshore 1st Addn:** Per Atty McIntee, Oakshore Inc is dissolving and wishes to divest the remaining small portions of land it owns including the treed circle identified as Outlot 6 in Oakshore 1st Addition, designated as a non-taxable roadway by the county. After discussion, *MOTION by Michael S to accept the offer of ownership of Outlot 6 Oakshore 1st Addition from Oakshore Inc., 2nd by John W. VOTE – 4 YES = CARRIED.*
3. **NDDOT Accepting Applications for Township Disaster Assistance Program:** Since this offer applies to townships which do not have sufficient funds to complete needed repairs, we would not likely qualify.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Replacement Zoning Ordinance Page 23 for note referencing County Road Setback distributed to board.
- Legacy Earning Fund is expected to transfer additional Highway Tax Distribution fund to townships in 2023, per legislative action.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer