

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, August 10, 2020
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:05 p.m., August 10, 2020, in the Quilt Inn Meeting Room by Chairman Vern Jacobson with Supervisors Mike Hall, John Warberg and Michael Sivertson in attendance, also Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross. David Thompson was absent due to continued family medical support. Four visitors attended.

Minutes: July 13 Board minutes were approved as written. **Treasurers Report** was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$579,998.59 and request to pay bills of \$57,457.36 plus \$161.01 received just before the meeting. *MOTION by John W to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve payments, with the exception of one Bottineau County Road Department bill due to a question of ownership of the Birchwood Road plus unsatisfactory repair that needs further attention and the 2nd Road Bill for work on Richard Olson's road that exceeded the estimate he had paid for; 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.* Clerk also presented a spreadsheet for the Cabin Road Paving Project with construction now complete. Expenses paid total \$2,634,812.99 and Bond withdrawals total \$2,443,784.81. Assessments paid in full total \$1,066,018.55 to date. The County second annual pledge of \$100,000 will be applied as a discount for property owners.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim had 14 permits to present; 8 were for storage sheds. An owner who started out planning a 12x12 shed for a permit fee of \$20 complained when the fee increased to \$200 with a change in size from 144 sq ft to 192 sq ft, that it seemed too large a jump. Tim suggested the board may want to consider adjusting the permit fees for sheds. The following were discussed:

- **Boathouse Replacement Request – D Bullinger/Burnetts:** Plans are to replace it as is on the same footprint but a question was whether the fenced patio on the roof was still acceptable. An ordinance amendment in 2017 states that if necessary repairs are made, “use of a flat roof as a deck to be allowed.”
- **2 Variances for Shed on Lot Line + Deck 46’ to Shoreline - Sivertson-Wetzel/Houmann Addn:** Small metal shed by the water had a tree fall on it, requesting to replace it at 2 ½’ to side lot line; also requesting to add 4’ to the deck currently at 50’ from the shoreline. There are trees between adjacent properties and one has a deck closer to shoreline; both neighbors have signed the variance. *MOTION by John W to approve both variance requests, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.*

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Proposal for Improvements – Ekstrom & Foster/Solpers Addn:** Ekstrom added items to the proposal from Foster that had appeared to provide everything Ekstrom had said he wanted; Foster would not agree to pay the additional cost requested so agreement is again foiled. Ekstrom asked Tim for a permit to rebuild the boathouse; he wants to raise it so it is not in the water. A boathouse can be repaired but with no change in dimension; Mike H suggested he can raise it to rebuild the foundation but keep the structure the same height. Tim K will let Ekstrom know.
2. **Drainage Issue – Wondrasek:** Mike H said Ritch Gimbel, County Rd Supt, would check the site tomorrow to consider a solution. He said the boathouse would have to be removed since it is in the natural drain.
3. **Drainage Issue between Romsos & Bonebrake – Roadside Ranch/McCloud Addn:** They are waiting for North Central Electric to move a power pole to the selected location.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **None offered:**

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:45 p.m.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Weed Patches Floating on Lake:** After numerous calls by Vern it was determined that Oak Creek Water Board was the contact for this issue. The person making the complaint had paid to have it hauled out at Hahn's Bay. Lake Metigoshe Improvement Assoc. may have funds to help, per Dwane Getzlaff.
2. **Install Removable Speed Signs on Rugby Pt Rd:** Ritch Gimbel will be on site tomorrow to place flags followed by having the sign crew up to place the signs. John W said better police patrol has been noticed.

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3. Lake Metigoshe Cabin Road Paving Project:

- a. Project Acceptance Prior to Final Payment:** With the project completed, the board is required to accept it prior to making Mayo Construction's final payment. Much discussion was held on a situation where Keller Paving was subcontracted by Mayo to complete a strip of paving in Minot Beach that Mayo equipment was too large for; this would be part of the paving project which is considered complete. Keller was also the company available to pave driveways per owners' requests. At this same time in this area they paved a driveway (parking pad) as requested, but the paver went beyond their property and paved over a manhole cover (now cleared) as well as paving over a strip of land belonging to a neighbor. This neighbor is adamant that Roland Township is responsible to remove the unrequested paving from their strip of land. The township has provided an attorney opinion that this is a matter between the two neighbors but they continue to provoke Mike H over the need for the township to have this pavement removed. Mike H suggested that holding up the final Mayo Construction payment to get them involved by having Keller Paving make this right is the only way he knows to get it settled. *MOTION by John W that prior to township approval of the project the Board will send a letter to Mayo Construction explaining that an ongoing driveway paving issue is unresolved between Keller Paving and two adjoining homeowners; 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.*
- b. Request to Update Amortization Table – Security First Bank:** Since payments have been made ahead of schedule to lower the amount owed on the Cabin Road Paving Bond, the bank needs a board request to prepare a new amortization table. *MOTION by John W to request Security First Bank provide the new amortization table; 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.*

4. Mowing Report: The mowing looks good; some areas are ready to be mowed again.

5. Road Issue Updates:

- **Cabin Roads** – Mike H said Highland Rd still needs a little work. Ownership of Birchwood Road needs to be clarified; it has been understood to be a county road but the township has been charged for recent repairs and there is still a bad hole that needs a better fix.
 - **Rural Roads** – John W was asked by John Nordgaard if the township would provide a load of gravel for a portion of the unimproved Section Line of 17th Ave NE north of 104th St NE which he would spread himself. *MOTION by Mike H to approve that one load of gravel be requested from Mikkelsen to be unloaded but not spread; 2nd by John W. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.*
- 6. Added: Concern for "Little White Daisies":** John W said he was advised to write a letter in the spring when the flowers make their appearance, giving the information that they are a noxious weed and should be mowed down rather than cultivated around. Proliferation of dandelions is also a concern.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1. Inquiry on Algae Bloom – Carels/E Shore Pk:** An emailed request for information was received. Blue-green algae appears to be in the lake now. Tim said he knew of a dog who died due to it. Testing takes 14 days for results; it generally goes away with wind and rain. A poster with information on recognizing and reporting blue-green algae was shared with the board.
- 2. Thank You Letter to County Commissioners for Lake Road Project:** Board approved and signed a letter complimenting the county for the Lake Road project which was completed primarily with grant funding.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Proposed Telecommunications Tower – BellMTS in Manitoba west and north of Metigoshe. Board expressed concern for possible roaming charges; clerk to send letter to express concern.
- Ironlink LLC offer to bid for process gravel and rocks at St John and other ND areas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer