

**ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, September 13, 2021**  
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The required **2022 BUDGET HEARING** for Roland Township was called to order by Board Chairman Vern Jacobson at 7:00 p.m. September 13, 2021, in the Quilt Inn Meeting Room, with Supervisors Mike Hall, John Warberg, Michael Sivertson and David Thompson, along with Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross. Twelve visitors in attendance signed the register. Clerk presented the budget as approved at the annual meeting, requesting \$193,850 which relates to 13.30 mills. Chairman Vern explained that the budget could be reduced but not increased. After a couple questions were answered, hearing was declared closed with no change to be made.

**The Roland Township ZONING BOARD** was called to order at 7:10 p.m. with the attendance as above.

**Minutes:** August 9 Board minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurers Report** was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$569,159.79 and request to pay bills of \$2,361.91 plus an expected diesel bill for mowing. Security First and bond information remains the same. *MOTION by David T to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve bill payments, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John W. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Tim presented four building permits and a fence permit, and noted several others that are in process. The following were discussed:

- **Request for permit approval prior to closing of sale – Chris Hanley/Westergard:** Sale set to close Sept. 19, owner would like to start removing old cabin and boathouse earlier than waiting for approval at Oct. meeting. Proposed project will meet setbacks. Board agreed to approve the permit contingent on when Hanley takes possession of the property.
- **Request consideration for permit to replace small cabin on small lot – Jeff Hooker/Rugby Pt:** Hooker offered a proposal to improve their old cabin that is too close to the road, shoreline and adjacent property line. The ordinance can allow replacement if kept on the same footprint. Hooker proposes to keep the same footprint size but would move the cabin farther off the road for safety and reduce the deck size to keep the same shoreline setback; he also would move it to be off the property line. He requested being able to add a loft to provide a safer sleeping area. Hooker noted that to invest in an upgrade would be a better value than just fixing up the old cabin. John W and Mike S said they had looked at the site and feel that the proposed improvement would be a good idea for that area. Hooker was asked to have a shoreline variance signed by several adjacent owners; the board would need to approve a road variance prior to authorizing a permit.
  - **Discussion re Potential for Rural Water:** Board referred to information given in the past that a rural water project at the lake is unlikely for several reasons, wells continue to be the source for water.

**OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **Follow-up re Potential Use on Narrow Depth Lots on E Lake Loop Rd - Scott Sjol:** Tim measured the site and reported a 10' depth remains between the 30' road setback and 50' shoreline setback, which could allow an RV to be placed sideways on the lot; however there is not a sewer hookup on the lot. Owner would need to check with the county regarding a new approach for access.
2. **Property Line Dispute Update – George Zeitler/Rugby Pt:** Mike H checked on the reported new construction but found only a roll-up bamboo shade for use as a fence had been added since his previous visits to the site. Zeitlers questioned what options were available to them for cleaning up and for adding gravel to the parking area, since they understand there is still a Cease and Desist order in place until property lines are settled. Mike H will speak with the neighbor about the possibility of adding gravel to the parking lot if nothing is done in the disputed area.
3. **Consider Rec Service District Regulations as Addendum D to Township Ordinance:** The Rec Service District committee in charge of ordinance revisions is beginning a project to clean up the ordinance; clerk will work with the committee on a rewrite which may lead to revisions related to the requested Addendum.

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**NEW ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **Complaint Received re Vegetation Removed Causing Road Erosion – N Lake Park:** Board received a written complaint regarding a property owner who continues to destroy roadside vegetation causing gravel and sand to flow downhill into other driveways as well as causing erosion under the new pavement. Different board members reviewed the site and confirmed that vegetation removed from both sides of the road has led to gullies when it rains and is undermining the edges of the road. River rock needs to be added; board suggested hiring Danny Biberdorf to do the repair rather than wait for county availability, and felt the property owner should be charged for the cost. *MOTION by John W that repairs be hired out and the cost be put on the tax bill of the offending property owner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.* Clerk to write letter informing owner of the need to cease spraying the vegetation.

**GENERAL MEETING called to order at 8:00 p.m.**

**OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Paving Repairs Request from Paul & Lisa Olson/Minot Beach:** No word received from Atty Hankla; chairman will contact him again.
2. **Proposed Plat – Shirley Larson/Loon Lake:** Joe Bender brought copies of the completed plat map showing roads to be used, along with documents confirming easements were in place to authorize such use. *MOTION by David T to approve the plat as presented for Larson Addition to Loon Lake, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.* Chairman will sign the final plat when completed.
3. **Improving Road to Skjervem-Downs Property/Section 4:** Township has no further input to offer.
4. **Speed Signs on Rugby Pt/Speed Bump Replacement Request:** Nothing new.
5. **Mowing Report:** None given.
6. **Road Issue Updates:**
  - **Cabin Roads** – Longview Road will receive a covering of crushed asphalt with cold mix after other projects in that area are completed. Areas that need rocks to fix drainage issues will be addressed.
  - **Rural Roads** - the Lake Road has a few areas needing touch-up; the road to Loon Lake needs Josh Lorenz to check on needed repair, also waiting to get signs to slow traffic due to children.
7. **Publishing of Road Weight Limits:** Agreed to continue every 2nd week. Discussion held related to recent heavy loads seen and the procedure used in the past to monitor road damage. No current road damage was reported with the move-in of a manufactured home.
8. **Follow-ups:**
  - **Road Signs – 18<sup>th</sup> Ave NE:** John W received a call today from Hildebrand; he will look at the area.
  - **Birchwood Vicinity Ditch Cleanout:** Danny Biberdorf is working on the project.

**NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Liquor License Request + Conditional Use Permit for 2022 Landolive Music Festival:** Clerk will confirm with Bahl regarding his intention for liquor sales, whether transferred from another or sold by him onsite.
2. **Paving Specials Rebates Project for County Pledge Payment #3:** Clerk reported on the upcoming plan to return rebates to owners who have paid the paving specials in full.

**REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Two publications were offered for board perusal, “Pipeline Awareness” and NDIRF “The Participant”.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.  
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer