

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING + ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, September 14, 2020
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PUBLIC HEARING FOR the 2021 BUDGET was opened at 7:00 p.m., September 14, 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. Fifteen visitors were in attendance. Copies of the 2021 budget as presented and approved at the March annual meeting were available. Budget items could be reduced at this time but not raised. The budgeted amount of \$189,500 results in a mill levy of 13.06, the same as 2020, and still under the 18 mills allowed. No public comments were offered. *MOTION by Mike H that the 2021 Budget remain as presented; 2nd by John W. VOTE – 4 YES = CARRIED.* Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Vern Jacobson with attendance as noted above.

Minutes: August 10 Board minutes were approved as written. **Treasurers Report** was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$541,049.96 and request to pay bills of \$18,761.52. *MOTION by John W to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve payments, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.* The Security First account for the paving project has a current balance of \$64,146.39 with the final Mayo Construction bill of \$24,253.53 due when the completed project is accepted by the board. The Construction Bond balance is \$1,231,166.24; the next payment is interest only in November.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim presented several permits; the following were discussed:

- **Shoreline Variance Request – L Stevick/Oakshore:** One building to be moved back and an addition put on in front of the cabin; distance to shoreline will be 40', in line with adjacent property. That owner signed a variance, the other side is a bay. *MOTION by John W to approve the variance, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.*
- **Request for Garage on Lot Below 15,000 sf – C Deschamp/Rugby Pt:** Owner has adjacent lots, one is pie-shaped and less than 15,000 sf which normally does not allow a building. One option is to replat the two lots; however, if it was platted prior to 2000 it could allow a grandfathered building. *MOTION by Mike H to approve building the garage as requested if Tim confirms that the land was platted prior to 2000, 2nd by John W. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.*
- **Request for Garage using Grandfathered Cabin Site on Shallow Depth Lot – E & D Roder/Lot 39 Rugby Pt:** Proposing a 24'x32' garage to be 15' off the road, using the footprint of the cabin that burned, which puts it at the edge of the lake; they propose adding an 8' retaining wall at the bluff on water's edge. They said the lot currently is used as a dumping site. A trailer and boathouse on an adjoining lot will eventually be removed and replaced by a cabin. Board agreed that on-site inspection was needed before discussion can proceed.

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Drainage Issue – Wondrasek:** Still working with the county on a solution.
2. **Drainage Issue between Romsos & Bonebrake – Roadside Ranch/McCloud Addn:** North Central Electric has moved the power pole; plan is to complete the project this fall.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Drainage Issue on Driveway – Whitesell/Eastshore Park Rd:** Paving helped but there is still a problem; Mike H will work with finding a solution.
2. **Plan to Clear Back Lot for Parking, Lot Line to be Clarified – S Fritel/Burnetts:** Fritel owns multiple waterfront lots where the road is not where it was platted. It divides his lots into narrow waterfront lots and larger back lots which adjoin Forest Service land. Fritel plans to clear trees to make a parking area but wants to first determine the boundary line. He and Mitch Thompson from the Forest Service have discussed using his plat measurement of 170' for the lot depth but questioned whether or how to include the width of the road in determining the boundary. After discussion, where Fritel indicated he is considering a future plan to make the road as platted, the board suggested having the survey mark his 170', add 33' for the road, then mark the boundary for the Forest Service. Board may look the site over to confirm feasibility.

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3. **Proposed Plat for Bullinger Subdivision – C Bullinger/No. Loon Lake:** Chad Bullinger presented a preliminary plat of four acre+ lots currently on Ag-zoned land which will need to be rezoned to RE-1. An animated discussion took place regarding the roadway easement into Cobb Addition which would also be access for this subdivision. Board suggested Cobb Addition owners and Bullinger need to settle the road question before the board schedules the required rezone hearing. [*Clerk note: Inquiry has just been made regarding a potential addition south of the Cobb Addition which may also impact the road easement.*]
4. **Board Consideration for Permit Fee Change on Sheds:** A suggestion was made last month to look at Permit Fees for sheds which jump from \$20 to \$200 when they go above 144 sf. Vern J said the intent was to promote keeping sheds that size or less.

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 8:10 p.m.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Install Removable Speed Signs on Rugby Pt Rd:** Five 20 mph signs have been installed.
2. **Lake Metigoshe Cabin Road Paving Project:**
 - a. **Project Acceptance Prior to Final Payment:** Having completed inspection of the roads with Brad Robertson, Wold Engineering, *MOTION by Mike H that the Lake Metigoshe Cabin Road Paving Project be approved; 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.* Final payments will be made to Wold Engineering and Mayo Construction.
 - b. **Minot Beach Issue Addressed Last Month:** This was resolved prior to sending the suggested letter.
3. **Mowing Report:**
 - a. **Factory Warranty on mower expires 10/30/20:** Mike H said Rob Peck will check the mower to see if any repairs might be needed. Vern will call to see if the warranty can be renewed.
 - b. **Branch Clearing on Hiking/Biking Trail:** Wendell Lund reported branches should be cut to keep from further damaging the tractor and offered to do it. Mike H said Ritch Gimbel told him it was a county responsibility; however a crew of locals did clearing before the county could get to it.
4. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Cabin Roads** – Mike H reported a need for river rock on cabin road edges, as promoted by Brad Robertson in a Memorandum to the board, to provide roadway drainage and erosion control. Board agreed to see if a letter from the township, along with the memorandum from Robertson, could be added to the Lake Metigoshe Improvement Association letter to property owners in early spring, to inform them that property owners are responsible to repair roads they damage.
 - **Rural Roads** – The gravel requested by John Nordgaard still needs to be delivered.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Request to Consider Improving Section Line Road to Downs Property/Section 4:** Michael S and John W looked over the road, suggest it needs edging or a crown in the middle to help with drainage. Mike H will check maintenance history with the county; it doesn't appear on plat maps as a road but it has received some gravel.
2. **Response from BellMTS re Concern for Potential Roaming Charges:** A telecommunications facility is proposed to be constructed in Canada near Lake Metigoshe. Their response was that the antenna will be directed away from the border to help minimize spillover. However, it would be up to users to check with their carriers for options and their cell phone settings to perhaps turn off roaming.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Wold Engineering Memorandum for Erosion Control.
- Pipeline Association for Public Awareness Newsletter (no pipelines go through Roland Twp).

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