

**ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC HEARING + ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, September 9, 2019**  
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**PUBLIC HEARING FOR the 2020 BUDGET** was opened at 6:55 p.m., September 9, 2019, in the Quilt Inn Meeting Room by Chairman Vern Jacobson with Supervisors Mike Hall, John Warberg, David Thompson and Michael Sivertson in attendance, also Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross. Eleven visitors signed the register plus two not signed in. Copies of the proposed 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 \$195,000 results in a mill levy of 13.06, still under the 18 mills allowed, per County auditor report. No public comments were offered. *MOTION by David T that the 2020 Budget remain as presented; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John W. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.* Hearing closed at 7:00 p.m.

**The Roland Township ZONING BOARD** was called to order immediately following close of the Public Hearing with the attendance as noted above.

**Minutes:** August 12 minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurers Report** was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$515,345.69 and request to pay bills of \$21,227.98 as submitted, two with questions; and revenue to deposit of \$50 RV CUP, \$125,216 in upfront specials assessment payments received. The Poitra concrete removal bill was discussed in Old Business; the Minot Beach concrete valley gutter was one of three Change Orders completed and is ready for payment. *MOTION by David T to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve all payments except Poitra Concrete; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John W. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.* The Cabin Road Paving Project Bond account to date was included in the report.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Tim presented several permits for board review. The following were addressed:

- **Permit #4169 Renewal – Beall/Westergard:** Contractors were not available after the permit was issued last year; Tim requested to waive the Renewal fee. After discussion, *MOTION by John W to approve the renewal with no fee charged, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.*
- **40x60 Storage Building – Boettcher/Squaw Pt:** Permit is ready but buried power lines in the vicinity were not considered; will need to be clarified with North Central Electric. Permit on hold.
- **Request for Lot Line Variance for Deck – D Sivertson/ Twin Oaks Area:** Deck to be added to building in Commercial zone will be approximately 22' from the property line, facing the parking lot. *MOTION by John W to approve the variance for the deck; 2<sup>nd</sup> by David T. VOTE – 4 YES = CARRIED. Michael S ABSTAINED.*
- **Shoreline Variance Request – Stevick:** Has been signed by neighbors. *MOTION by John W to approve the shoreline variance at 22' since neighbors signed the request; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.*
- **Demolish and Replace Gazebo without Permit – R Pettys/Olson Addn:** Tim observed work being done without a permit. *MOTION by David T to issue a permit for the gazebo plus impose a fine equal to the permit price; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John W. VOICE VOTE = CARRIED.*

**OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **Poitra Concrete Bill for Removing Concrete from Newly Built Driveway:** Mike H reported what he heard from Poitra, and Tim gave his recollection of the circumstances where concrete for a driveway was poured then cut. After board discussion, *MOTION by John W to pay the bill as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S.* Further discussion included a reminder that the township does not have building inspector responsibilities, just our zoning issues. *VOTE – David T-NO, Mike H-YES, John W-YES, Michael S-YES – 3 YES 1 NO = CARRIED.*
2. **Drainage Issue Between Lots – Ekstrom & Foster/Solpers Addn:** Vern observed the site and said Mike Foster indicated he would be willing to put in a drain on the property line. Mike Foster and Ryan Ekstrom shared what has been occurring over the past four years, indicating a number of issues have led up to the current controversy now before the board. A proposal that they work out their landscaping issues together like gentlemen was made as well as a suggestion that when two people can't agree, an alternate is to use an arbitrator and have a third party as referee. Ekstrom indicated he was willing to have a drainage solution on the property line.

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**NEW ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **Board Variance for Allowing Structure on Half Lot - Kramer/Squaw Pt:** Mike H proposed the board sign this variance since according to the ordinance a structure is not allowed on a half lot, as opposed to the possibility of requesting the structure be removed. *MOTION by Michael S to approve the board variance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David T. VOTE – David T-YES, Mike H-YES, John W-YES, Michael S-YES – 4 YES = CARRIED.*

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

**OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Castleman Lane – Request for Township Ownership/M Langehaug:** Township has not had ownership of the road; board suggested Langehaug pursue ownership on his own.
2. **Oakshore “Y” – Request for Snow Fence/per V Brandjord:** Response to letters sent for approval not received; clerk will resend.
3. **Control of Speeders on Rugby Pt Rd:** Herb Horner indicated some improvement although vehicles still sped past when a deputy was parked near his cabin.
4. **Lake Metigoshe Cabin Road Paving Project – Updates:**
  - **Change Order for Date to Begin Chip Seal:** Change Order was signed to allow chip seal to begin up to September 5, but due to weather change only two miles was completed; now delayed until spring.
  - **Change Order for 3 Concrete Valley Gutters:** Only Minot Beach was completed.
  - **Duplicate payment made with Change Order for Rock for Driveways:** Clerk will adjust payments to allow Change Orders to be paid from the Cabin Road Fund account as previously agreed.
  - **Assessment Letters mailed Aug 29:** Committee will consider and resolve queries received.
  - **Question re Bank of ND Lower Interest Availability for Paving Project Bond:** Addie Berg was asked by a property owner why a BND 1% interest loan was not utilized. Vern said funding was not available at the time pursued and time to reapply was too late for the project.
5. **SRT Fiber Optic Installation – Update:** Mike H reported possible mid-October completion.
6. **Highland Road Easements:** Ritchie Gimbel, County Road Supt, provided an easement to be signed with one owner noted; Mike H said eight owners are involved. *MOTION by Mike H to leave signing of easements up to the County followed by a letter to the township transferring ownership; 2<sup>nd</sup> by David T. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.*
7. **Road Issue Updates:**
  - **Mowing – Mower Purchase:** – Expected delivery September 12-14.
  - **Cabin Roads** – Gravel from chip seal is slopping over on some roads; needs added rock. Will have county touch up loose ends but wait until boring of SRT project is complete.
  - **Rural Roads** – John W reported receiving positive comments on condition of the road to Loon Lake.

**NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Query on Section Line Road Construction – Richard Olson/Section 30-31:** Olson plans to build and live beyond the improved section line road and is requesting permission to continue the road at the legal width of 24' which requires some tree removal. Other landowners along the road expressed differences of opinion. After discussion, *MOTION by David T to approve the request to improve the existing road for travel, with neighbors' cooperation and county input regarding tree removal, to be at petitioner expense; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John W. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.*
2. **Added – Township Approval for Liquor License – Donnet Sivertson/The Lake House:** Discussion held on the nature of the proposed business. *MOTION by David T to give township approval for the requested liquor license, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John W. VOTE – 4 YES = CARRIED. Michael abstained.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

Next Meeting: October 14, 2019, 7:00 pm.