

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, January 8, 2024
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:05 p.m. January 8, 2024, in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Chairman Mike Hall with Supervisors Vern Jacobson, David Thompson, John Warberg and Michael Sivertson, plus Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk-Treasurer Glenore Gross in attendance. Mark Kihle, temporary zoning assistant, and three others also attended.

Minutes: December 11 minutes were approved as written. **Treasurer Report** was presented with Cash/Fund balance of \$508,517.96 and a request to pay current bills of \$6,253.50 plus \$1,900 submitted late. *[Addition of \$1,250 to correct the RV fee payment due to LMRSD was noted post-meeting.]* Security First Checking balances remain the same. **MOTION** by John to approve the Treasurers report and pay the bills including the added bill, 2nd by David. **CARRIED.**

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim presented a permit for a 40x60 shop on acreage in Westergard Addn, also an Excavation notice for minor change to a hill for which Board agreed there currently is no fee. The following items were discussed:

- **Variance Request for Garage – Marlo Stromberg/767 Lk Met Park:** Owner is proposing to raise an existing 24x26 garage, turn it around and adjust its placement on concrete to have the entry at better access from the house. It has been at 20' to the road and the adjustment will leave a corner at 20' which would need a 10' road variance approved by the board. After discussion of various options that might work without a variance, board agreed to table the item to next month to allow them the opportunity to observe the site prior to voting.
- **Potential Building Permits for Farmland East of Lake Metigoshe:** Discussion was held on potential building plans on recently purchased farmland, whether it would be subject to Rec Service District regulations for sewer rather than a septic system. *[The zoning map shows the area is RE-1, including around Bennett Lake.]*

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **RVs Without Permits –Response/Followup:** Based on the responses received, Mark Kihle recommended applying the \$75 permit fee for any RV. He said allowing some to claim storage use only and not pay a fee when by appearance they are being used is unfair and penalizes those who pay the fee, not to mention the difficulty to monitor use. Much discussion was held which led the board to suggest it appeared to be the best solution. This will be addressed further before finalizing the plan for 2024 RV permits.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **None offered.**

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

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Aspen Ave Area Sale to D Henes – Signature Follow-up:** Chairman Mike has the paperwork at his office ready to be signed; Henes has been contacted.
2. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Cabin Roads:** Are kept as clear as possible; Jerry Sivertson has also cleared the roads of dead deer.
 - **Rural Roads:** Plan to hold off on snow clearing as long as possible to keep the gravel on the road. Regarding the ditch slope project delayed due to electrical cable being flagged, David proposed requesting the cables be lowered so the project could be completed as planned.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **None offered:**

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REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Reminder of social gathering tomorrow evening.
- Clerk provided copies of the report of NDDOT Township Funding Rewards. David noted that these funding opportunities generally require a township to levy 18 mills, Roland Township is below that.
- W-2s were given to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Next meeting is February 12.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer