

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, August 14, 2023
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:00 p.m. August 14 in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Chairman Mike Hall with Supervisors John Warberg, David Thompson, and Vern Jacobson in attendance, also Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle, and Clerk Glenore Gross. Supervisor Michael Sivertson was absent. Thirteen or more visitors attended.

Minutes: July 10 Board minutes were approved as written. **Treasurer Report** was presented with Cash/Fund balance of \$694,575.07 and a request to pay current bills of \$36,890.52 (corrected to \$36,684.52). Clerk has \$2,013.71 in permit fees and a paving specials payoff to be deposited. *MOTION by Vern to approve the Treasurers report and pay the bills, 2nd by John. CARRIED.*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim submitted several permits which were discussed and approved, including these:

- **Permit Fee for Move-In/Move-Out – Bonebrake/Lake Loop Rd:** Board agreed the fee would not be required for moving in on the county road.
- **Information re: Boathouse Replacement – Nehring:** Photos of the current boathouse will be used to monitor that the replacement is kept the same size and footprint.
- **Question on Fee for Putting in a Gravel Path:** Fees for the Shoreland Area permits are not established yet; the board agreed this request could move forward with no fee.
- **Collection of Rec Service Fee along with RV Permits Addressed at LMRSD Meeting:** Mike said the LMRSD board would consider not having the township collect their \$125 fee if we explained in a letter that their fee causes a lot of the push-back from RV users and makes the job of collecting permit fees more distasteful.

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Road Vacation-Petition, Posting, Public Hearing – Steve & Nancy Olson/Lk Met Park:** Olsons submitted signatures for the petition to vacate the portion of platted roadway adjacent to Lots 5,6 and 7, Lake Metigoshe Park. The Petition will be posted in three places prior to the Public Hearing which the board scheduled for 6:55 p.m., September 11.
2. **New Road in Green Acres – Drainage Issues:** After the new house is moved in, Mike will look into adding gravel or a small culvert to help in the low area.
3. **RVs Without Permits – On-Site Follow-ups:** Tim's brother Mark stepped in to assist in getting RVs on board with permits using a map to mark currently used RV sites. Mark is working on a program to cross-reference 911 addresses with Lot identification to help get correct locations. For his assistance, the board agreed to offer Mark \$30/hour, with the option open to fill in more as needed.
4. **Shoreland Issues - Topography & Fill/Grade Projects + Wetlands Mitigation:** John questioned how tough to be to get control of where erosion is occurring. Tim said contractors have started using erosion control wattles now available locally; he will go on a boat tour with John to check on possible areas needing attention. John pointed out that if excavated dirt is used to fill in a wetland/slough area, that should be addressed by the Soil Conservation District where the loss of wetland needs to be mitigated. John will see if they have an information sheet; it may be helpful to add a note to the ordinance regarding this.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Return to October 2022 Issue with Sewer Overflow and Hillside Erosion – B Hennessy/Sq Pt:** Hennessy resubmitted his letter describing damage that had occurred following contractor work on the adjacent property, asking why nothing had appeared in the minutes to indicate that the problem had been addressed. Board had discussed the situation but determined then it was not a township issue but was up to the contractor to complete repairs. After much discussion, board again agreed the contractor, who is Tim Kihle, is responsible for satisfactory settlement which Hennessy's said needs to be completed to their satisfaction by September 15. Mike said Rec Service will clean up around the grinder basin so it can be checked as normal once the dirt is removed and the area is back the way it was.

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GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:55 p.m.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Sale of Township Property on Aspen Ave Turnaround - D Henes/ Hidden Bay:** Not completed yet.
2. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Cabin Roads:** Mike and Ritch Gimbel looked over the Whiskey Bay drainage situation and came up with a plan for how culverts and gravel could fix it, at a cost of about \$3,500. *MOTION by Vern to go ahead with the plan to fix this drainage issue, 2nd by David. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.* There is still some work to do on the east side of the North Lake Park project; the county billing record will be checked to see what costs can be assigned to the owner responsible for this need to repair the ditches to keep them from flooding.
 - **Rural Roads:** For the ditch in Loon Lake area that needs clearing and slope work before winter, John offered 200 yards of fill as needed since the landowner didn't want to donate dirt. David said we're still on the list for gravel. John commented that roads are well-maintained even though it's been dry.
2. **Mower/Tractor Update:** Continued compliments are being received on the mowing and trimming.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Clerk presented two questions recently received for board input: 1-Is a special meeting being planned related to the Fritel road changes? (No, Wold Engineering is preparing a larger overlay map but it's too early in the process to have a meeting.) 2 - Might a new off-sale liquor license at the lake be considered for approval? (Probably not since there are several already and another would impact the current businesses.)
2. **ADDED: New Fence Installed over the Property Line - R Ekstrom/Solpers:** Ryan Ekstrom said the fence that was finally put up as agreed is 8 inches over the line into his property. He said he put up stakes to mark the line before the fence was built but Foster pulled them out. Since Ekstrom had been required to move a fence that was 3 inches over the line, he requested assistance to have this fence moved off his property. *MOTION by David to send a letter to Mike Foster that the fence is to be moved off Ekstrom's property, 2nd by John. VOTE- 4 YES = CARRIED.*

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Clarification of new road funding sources provided to Mike and David.
- NDIRF information shared with board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Next meeting is September 11.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer