

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
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The Roland Township **ZONING BOARD** was called to order at 7:00 p.m. October 10 in the Quilt Inn Meeting Room by Board Chairman Vern Jacobson with Supervisors Mike Hall, John Warberg, and Michael Sivertson; Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk-Treasurer Glenore Gross attending. Adam Norling was absent due to illness. Six visitors signed in.

Minutes: September 12 minutes were approved as printed. **Treasurers Report** was accepted as presented: CD Balance \$154,220.28, Savings \$151,013.09, Checking \$163,298.26; approval to pay bills of \$14,118.57; board discussed a request from Jim Dignan for payment of \$150-\$250 to Jim Page for time, materials and damage incurred while fixing the mower when it broke down near his property. *Motion by John W to approve payment of \$200, 2nd by Michael S, 4 YES votes=CARRIED.*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim presented two Building permits and a Fence permit, none needing a variance. He said he is getting a number of questions on zoning; Mike H confirmed that a lot split by a sewer line needs 10' setback on both sides and nothing can be constructed over the top.

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **FLOE Dock Sales on Residential Lot:** The letter to the seller Landon Bahl in Minot was returned as undeliverable but the copy sent to Mary Jo Bahl was apparently received, and the lot has been satisfactorily cleared. It will be monitored next season.
2. **Potential Ordinance Amendments for Boathouse Issues:** Postponed to next month.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Potential Drainage Issue from Excavation Dumping – N Weissman/Longview area:** Weissman is concerned that dirt being piled on the end of Larson's storage lot behind her may cause a drainage issue in addition to what she already deals with. Mike H said that he has been watching the site due to concern with a manhole; Leonard Larson told him that due to the slope he expects it will drain to the road, if so it should not cause a new drainage issue for Weissman.
2. **Inquiry About a Road into a Lot – S Lauckner/Rural:** Vern said Lauckner had inquired whether the township could build a gravel road into his lot that would need to cross another's private property. John said there had been a trail there years ago; he added the township can't deny ingress or egress but isn't obligated to build a road. Michael S said it is between Lauckner and the landowner to arrange an easement.

GENERAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:25 pm.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Lake Metigoshe Cabin Road Paving Assessment District – Update:** Vern will have the committee meet one more time to finalize the letter to be sent to property owners; a Special meeting will be needed for board approval of the letter prior to mailing. Vern needs a motion regarding the required bond. *MOTION by Mike H to authorize Vern to meet with the county regarding the bond, 2nd by Michael S, VOTE-4YES=CARRIED.* Board agreed to set the Special Board Meeting for Monday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m. to approve the letter and set the hearing date.
2. **Road Issue Updates/Mike H:**
 - **Asphalt patching** – Cold mix has been applied near Wains, Dockside and Bernsteins.
 - **Culvert by Marina** - installed.
4. **Speed Humps:** Have been removed.
5. **Water Sample Testing:** Samples taken today; results available later.

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6. **Mowing Update:** Mike learned there is a county mower that would cost \$1500 plus \$1500-\$2000 to get it running. Tim suggested checking with ND surplus property. (See below for further update.)
7. **Security Cameras Cost Share?** Mike said North Central is checking on power sources for installing cameras; John requested having the seller demonstrate that the camera resolution will be adequate to see car license and driver, and said Thompson Cove could also be interested. Cost not yet known, probably to be shared between just township and Lake Metigoshe Improvement District.
8. **Added: Replace Maid of Moonshine at Bridge?** The missing painting at the bridge was removed due to rotting posts and is now stored away. Tim said the LMIA is working on getting it back on the bridge. Mike H wondered if a replica of the original one, which was much larger, could be considered.
9. **Incorporation Study?** Nothing new. [It is only to look into ramifications, not a proposal to proceed.]

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Added: Request to Abandon Trailway – Olson/Lot 13-14 Minot Beach:** Atty Erin Conroy presented a request for the board to declare a portion of the trailway on Lots 13-14, Minot Beach, abandoned due to nonuse for 10 years as allowed per NDCC 24-07-31. It is a 50' wide easement granted in 1948; it still shows on maps rather than the road; Mike H said the sewer easement under the trailway applies even if it is vacated. Conroy said the request is being made for potential future upgrade of the present cabin. Clerk read the NDCC paragraph that applies to abandoning a road if unused for ten years; however, other procedures have been followed in previous closure requests. *MOTION by John to declare the trailway abandoned.* Died for lack of 2nd. *MOTION by Mike H to have Attorney Rick McGee look at the request and give his recommendation for the procedure to be followed, 2nd by Michael S.* He asked if the closure would affect any other property owners; this request does not, however future requests appear to be inevitable. *VOTE-4 YES=CARRIED.* Later in the meeting Mike H suggested adding the procedure for vacating roads to the Zoning Ordinance booklet. Clerk suggested also conferring with NDTOA attorney Tom Moe.
2. **Approve Equalization Date:** Board agreed with the County Tax Director request to set the Equalization Meeting date as April 26, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
3. **Homestead Website Builder Updates:** The website provider reported an update to their service at an additional cost of \$2/month (current cost is \$196 for 2 years), and recommends using their new platform to build a mobile-friendly website. *MOTION by Mike H to allow Clerk to upgrade the website to be mobile-friendly, and authorize extra pay if time expended is excessive; 2nd by John. VOTE-4 YES=CARRIED.*
4. **Added: Tractor/Mower Report – Jim Dignan:** Dignan gave a season-end report on needed repairs and parts, including tie rods at \$175 each and a spare tire for the mower; and outlined all the maintenance that he has done. He assured the board that this mower would be a much better mower than the other one under consideration, with the repairs that have been done and the parts available through Rob P; he also he feels it is a better fit for the tractor. Winter storage ideas for the tractor were discussed; the loader is to be put back on for winter. Board will advertise for a new mowing employee for next season, and let them have a say in which mower to use.

➤ **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Property Tax Mills Report from Auditor: General Fund Request for \$143,600 = final mill rate of 10.05. The 2015 rate was 10.31 mills.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer