

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL BOARD MEETING, October 9, 2017
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:00 p.m. October 9, 2017, in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Board Chairman Vern Jacobson with Supervisors Mike Hall, John Warberg and Michael Sivertson in attendance; also Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk-Treasurer Glenore Gross. Adam Norling was absent. Four visitors attended: Ken Herslip, Todd Kihle, Wayne Olson, Mike Manston.

Minutes: September 11 minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurers Report was presented as: CD Balance \$154,996.82, Savings \$151,939.36, Checking \$189,325.23, and request to pay bills of \$13,420.43 as submitted, with special note made of a request for reimbursement for members of the Paving Project Committee. *MOTION by John to approve this request as presented and offered a Thank You to the committee for the work involved; 2nd by Michael S. VOTE - 4 YES = CARRIED. MOTION by Michael S to approve the Financial report as given; 2nd by Mike H. VOTE - 4 YES = CARRIED.*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim Kihle presented four building permits, all within the zoning guidelines. The following were discussed:

- Deck Replacement with Steps Closer to Shoreline – E Nilsen/Minot Beach: Is planning to replace the deck, which wouldn't need a permit since it is staying the same size, but owner is requesting to move the steps from the side to the front where they apparently had previously been; they will be 29' from shoreline, in line with others in the area. Board agreed to allow the steps to be put back to the front without a variance but a permit will be needed.
- Proposal for Storage Buildings– Ken Herslip/Twin Oaks Lots 41-42-43: Kihle requested Herslip appear before the board to present his preliminary request for condominium-style storage units in buildings to be centrally located in the Twin Oaks Commercial zoned area, prior to completing a sale agreement with the owner Josh Kringen. The storage buildings would replace two or three older buildings currently unused; the site would need dirt work and leveling to prepare for the new structures. Herslip shared drawings prepared by Wold Engineering to show the proposed layout, which he said due to land cost requires the buildings to have minimal setbacks, as little as 5' to one property line, to make the project feasible. The units would have 16' sidewalls to allow storage of RVs. Because Minot's code allows building closer to lot lines when double sheet rock is used, he proposed to do that here. The Board noted township zoning code requires setbacks of 20', 25' and 30' for front, side, and rear setbacks in Commercial zoned areas, but were open to having adjacent property owners given the option to sign a variance to allow the minimal setbacks shown in this plan. John W expressed the need to consider aesthetic value of having storage buildings in this area; it is surrounded by RE-1 lots along the shoreline as well as being adjacent to the A-Frame patio area. Board agreed to let the process start by having Herslip present a variance request to adjacent owners to see if they would be agreeable to the plan.

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. Trash Dumping Complaint – Mitch Heisler/Squaw Pt Backlot: Tim reported Heisler would remove the storage container that isn't allowed in residential zoning; cleanup is in progress.
2. County Request re: 10' Road Clearance – Romfo/Central Park: Letter was sent to Romfo based on the wood wall/fence recently constructed there, then it was discovered the county was referring to Farstad's brick fence/short wall/planter box across the road as being the problem. Vern J recalled that it was built with a variance some years ago. [*Clerk note – a Fence Permit is not in the files, but a motion was made and approved to let it remain as built.*]

NEW ZONING BUSINESS: None.

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GENERAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:45 pm.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Lake Metigoshe Cabin Road Paving Assessment District – Update:** Clerk reported final vote as of September 18 deadline: Total value of assessments sent out - \$3,403,875. Ballots with NO votes returned equaled \$1,058,000, YES votes equaled \$1,430,375, or 57.48% of votes returned; 60% was required to pass.
2. **Rugby Pt Roadway Forest Service Land Clearing Proposed:** Vern still needs to contact Tim Hoffman for an estimate from him regarding tree clearing.
3. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - Loon Lake Road: This was where the gravel invoiced by Mikkelsen was placed.
 - New Culvert for Homen/Roland township road: Cost will be split between townships.
4. **Mower Discussion:** Mike H said since township ditches hadn't been mowed the county offered to do it at their \$50/hour charge which he declined. Mike hadn't heard from Carl Lee since July, so he asked Jim Dignan to go ahead and finish up mowing and then put the tractor and mower away. Discussion of the summer's mowing indicated too few hours were put in to keep roadsides up to previous standards and included a lack of communication with board members as had been requested. Vern proposed advertising for a mowing employee in March. Research will continue on possible purchase of a disk mower with a report on bids to be brought to next month's meeting.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Complaint with Photos re: Snow Clearing and Stones – England & Jaworski/Rugby Pt:** Written complaint received stating strong dissatisfaction with snow blowers clearing snow off Rugby Pt road last winter which ended up throwing rocks onto their deck and tarped pontoon. Board has heard and responded to other complaints as well following the extreme amount of snowfall experienced last winter. After discussion board agreed that snow clearing on township roads should be by blade only, to lessen liability for what snow blowers throw off with the snow, and head off the possibility of being sued. Road clearing is often done by individuals on their own, not under township authority, and owners often leave mailboxes, trash cans, pea rock, etc. on road edges.
2. **Minot Beach Quiet Title Requests re: Trailway Outlot:** Board was informed by Atty McGee that the Trailway outlot was not dedicated to the township so it is not ours to vacate.
3. **Suggestion for Reimbursement for Cabin Road Committee Members to Compensate for Extra Time Outside of Regular Annual Township Supervisor Duties:** Board approved reimbursement levels with the financial report.

➤ **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Schedule for 2018 Equalization Meetings has Roland Twp listed for Thursday, April 26, 7:00 pm.
- Clerk will be absent for November 13 meeting, also John W.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer