

**ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, November 8, 2021**  
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**The Roland Township ZONING BOARD** was called to order by Board Chairman Vern Jacobson at 7:00 p.m. November 8, 2021, in the Quilt Inn Meeting Room, with Supervisors Mike Hall, John Warberg, Michael Sivertson and David Thompson, along with Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross. Fourteen visitors were in attendance.

**Minutes:** October 11 Board minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurers Report** was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$466,054.04 and request to pay bills of \$30,248.57; Oak Creek Water Board will be billed for \$1,500 of the Borderline Bobcat Service bill for Birchwood area cleanout. Security First balance remains the same; the bond payment made Oct 26 included \$20,616 interest plus \$58,500 additional principal. *MOTION by David T to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve bill payments, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John W. VOTE: 5 YES = CARRIED.*

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Tim presented two permits and a preliminary inquiry on replacing a boathouse. One permit was for Demolition of the small cabin in Rugby Pt that received a Road Variance last month; permit for replacement will be requested later.

**OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **Query Regarding Raising Cabin and Attached Boathouse w/Deck on Top – Westergard 2nd:** Board looked at the site that has a boathouse attached to the cabin but is rotting on the bottom. New owner of the property would like to raise the boathouse 4', still attached to the living space but closed off, to be used for storage. After discussion *MOTION by John W to approve the proposal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*
2. **Vegetation Removed Causing Road Erosion – N Lake Pk Rd:** Mike H said a drainage system will be worked on.
3. **ADDED: Request to Reconsider Garage Addition at 21' to road – Pat Butz/Westergard:** The request was denied last month but reconsideration was requested due to the number of other buildings at similar setbacks. Mike H suggested this case was not in as tight an area as some and the owner has the adjacent property as across the road as well. Mr. Butz noted that earlier removal of his two boathouses beautified the lakeside but meant losing the storage space of both, and the proposed garage would be used more for storage than for driving vehicles in and out. Kevin Allard explained the actual setbacks would be more like 22' and 25' with the angle of the structure and suggested many others along the street were similar distances; he added that the board may have been misled by the placement of posts and rope that were not actually marking the proposed placement. Mike H said the suggestion to move it closer to the water could infringe on views. John W said since they may have been misled by looking at the wrong measures, and the project not expected to start this fall, made the *MOTION to table the request to allow time to look over the site again, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David T. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.* Tabled to next month.
4. **ADDED: Query regarding the possibility of adding a building on the new back lots in the old laundromat vicinity:** Kevin Allard sought advice on a potential plan to place a pole barn on newly divided lots; board responded, clarified that sewer is not onsite now but could be tied in later if requested.

**NEW ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **Query Regarding Possibility to Use Grain Bins as Water Oriented Storage Shed:** Tim said two different parties asked about the possibility of using a grain bin for shoreline storage. Board agreed they would not be acceptable, and suggested they are currently just a fad.
2. **Query regarding Guidelines for RV/Camper Use for Covenants at New Larson Loon Lake Lots – Joe Bender:** Bender requested more clarification regarding what to include in covenants for township regulations on camper and RV use on lots without septic service. Mike H said First District Health Unit monitors this. Our ordinance can be used as a guideline for other regulations.

**GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:40 p.m.**

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**OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Paving Repairs/ Chip Seal - Paul & Lisa Olson/Minot Beach:** Board will procure chip seal bids in the spring.
2. **Mowing Report:** Wendell Lund questioned what the plan for winter storage is and added that the tractor's front tires need to be replaced. Mike H said Peck's could store the tractor and mower another year on the mower trade agreement, and they provide service for it as well. Discussed tire replacement options, preferably to be done this fall. David T and Wendell will pursue getting new tires.
3. **Road Issue Updates:**
  - **Cabin Roads** - Will arrange to have the same firm as used this year come in spring to look for cracks to be sealed.
  - **Rural Roads** - Will have the blade pull gravel to the middle to prepare for snow. The road to Loon Lake was repaired where needed.
4. **(Publishing of Road Weight Limits – to continue every 2<sup>nd</sup> week until further notice.)**

**NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Liquor License Request for Thunder Mountain Speedway – Wes Baier:** Baier responded to board questions related to the site and said the license would be only for the six to eight races per season. *MOTION by Michael S to approve the requested liquor license, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John W. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*
2. **2021 Township Road Needs Study Survey – Cabin/Rural Road Answers:** Board supplied answers for the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute survey; clerk will return the form.
3. **NDTOA Annual Convention Dec 6-7 Bismarck, Pre-registration due Nov 26:** Vern and David indicated they would plan to attend. Clerk will send in registrations.
4. **ADDED: Birchwood Availability for Board Social Outing:** John W suggested checking with Birchwood for open dates for annual Christmas social gathering.

**REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Census Bureau now requesting monthly survey report on new housing units rather than annual.
- Equalization Meeting scheduled for April 27, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
- Clerk question – would board rather have 'cloud access' to agenda/minutes instead of email. [No.]

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.  
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer