

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
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The Roland Township **ZONING BOARD** was called to order at 7:08 p.m. December 12 in the Quilt Inn Meeting Room by Board Chairman Vern Jacobson with Supervisors Mike Hall, John Warberg, Adam Norling and Michael Sivertson in attendance, also Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk-Treasurer Glenore Gross. Seven visitors attended.

Minutes: November 14 and October 24 minutes were approved as printed. **Treasurers Report** was accepted as presented: CD Balance \$154,483.96, Savings \$151,159.59, Checking \$112,399.16; approval to pay bills of \$4,350.25 as submitted and accept suggested fund transfers for end of the year.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim had no new permits to submit, but requested direction on a request to replat a portion of back lots in Westergard Addn. Board agreed that lots need to be a minimum of 15,000 sq ft. The requirement for minimum "front lot width" of 75 ft is not as clear but consensus was not to require that for a back lot.

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Trailer Parked on Sunset Bay Road – B Kallias:** Letter was sent; Vern reported trailer was moved.
2. **Potential Ordinance Amendments for Boathouse Issues:** Adam presented potential wording changes to the Boathouse definition that could expand allowable maintenance, repair and rebuilding options. After discussion, board agreed to have Adam provide his suggestions to them in writing for their consideration next month.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Consider: When Permits Needed, e.g. Covered Wood Storage:** Mike H shared photos of a couple of recently noted wood storage structures; board agreed that with three sides and a metal roof they come very close to being a building. Board will continue to assess at what point permits should be considered.
2. **Consider: Amendment to RV Conditional Use Permits:** Monitoring of RV use has continued to present difficulty when trying to follow the ordinance which currently allows their use 14 days a year without a permit. There has also been the question of whether a permit is required if their use is reported to be just for storage, which again requires monitoring. Tim said he plans to prepare a map noting the RVs on site over winter to compare with RVs parked in the summer. Potential amendment change will continue under consideration.

GENERAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 pm.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Lake Metigoshe Cabin Road Paving Assessment District – Update:** Letters were mailed just before Thanksgiving; a number of ballots have been received already although the letter suggested waiting until after the January 14 meeting. Numerous comments question the formula in use, thinking by the foot is preferable and fairer. Vern noted that using a flat fee was considered fairest since use of the road is the same regardless of size of lot. In addition, no one could be located who had knowledge of the formula used in the previous paving project, which appeared to be complicated and unworkable now. He added that the estimate used could very well be lowered due to a number of factors. Comments from attendees were heard and responded to.
2. **Request to Abandon Trailway – Olson/Lot 13-14 Minot Beach & ADDED – Kornkven/Lots 10-13:** Petition with two signatures has been returned and was forwarded to Dave Bernstein to sign and pass along, then return to Clerk prior to setting a date for a public hearing. In the meantime a request was received from Robert and Colleen Kornkven to be given Quiet Title to the same abandoned trailway in their possession. Board agreed to prepare a petition similar to the Olson petition and have the two requests appear in the same public hearing to be set after signed petitions are received.

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3. Road Issue Updates/Mike H:

- **Request for improved snow removal by Arrans** – Emailed a request stating they still had issues with inadequate snow removal and inability to use their mailbox due to piled snow; Mike said he thought it looked fine, and moving the mailbox to the other side would help. With all the snow to be moved it was suggested they may have to hire someone to clear it to their satisfaction, like others do.
- **Snow Removal Discussion** – County equipment and personnel had a hard time reaching all the roads that needed snow removal. Brian Johnson was noted to have worked many hours clearing up tight spots, also using his giant snow-blower effectively, however at a cost of \$340/hour. Adam said he also helped clear roads along with several others volunteering their time. After discussion of the need to be able to respond in snow emergencies, *MOTION by Mike H for Board authorization to hire someone if there is an emergency need to clear snow before the county is able to get there; 2nd by John. Board agreed Mike as Road Supervisor would be the one to contact; he could check with other board members to seek agreement with there being a snow disaster, then be authorized to hire outside help for snow clearing. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mike H-YES, Adam-YES, Mike S-YES, John-YES, Vern-YES – MOTION CARRIED.*
- **Loon Lake Rd Reconstruction/Thompson** – David Thompson contacted Mike H to see about settling up for the land he said he lost when the road was straightened, suggesting he thought it would be in the neighborhood of \$10,000, and added there was still cleanup to be done. John thought it had been cleaned good before it snowed so that will need to be checked in the spring. *MOTION by Mike H to initiate a survey with Wold Engineering to show where the road was straightened so exact figures can be determined for making a settlement with Thompson, 2nd by Mike S. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mike H-YES, Adam-YES, Mike S-YES, John-YES, Vern-YES – MOTION CARRIED.*
- **Road Mileage Maps** – Mike will continue checking to update for correct mileage.

4. **Water Sample Testing:** Bill for \$394 to be sent shortly.

5. **Mower Update:** Nothing new.

6. **Security Cameras/Update:** Still being looked into. Dwane Getzlaff suggested also looking into having them at Loon Lake/Thompson Cove. Questions still to be answered.

7. **Incorporation Study?** Nothing new.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Holiday Social Gathering – Schedule:** Agreed to meet at Birchwood Thursday evening, January 19.

➤ **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- NDTOA Attendance Report; Clerk provided notes for the board.
- Mike said the Rec Service District Meeting also meets January 14, at 10 am, but they will try to keep the meeting short and make it to the Paving District meeting by 11 or soon after.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer