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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order by Board Chairman Vern Jacobson at 7:05 p.m. January 10, 2022, 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. Jeff Soland was the lone visitor.

Minutes: December 13 Board minutes were approved as written.

Treasurers Report was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$450,166.39 and request to pay bills of \$1,445.60; payment from Oak Creek Water Board for \$1,500 for Birchwood area cleanout has been received. Security First balance is \$33,692.86, next bond payment is due May 1. Board assisted clerk in making year-end adjustments to funds. *MOTION by David T to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve bill payments and fund adjustments, 2nd by John W. VOTE: 5 YES = CARRIED.*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim's report:

- Permit OK'd for 40x60 storage building for Kevin Allard on his Longview lot.
- Demo of old and Permit for a new cabin for Dan Bullinger in Burnetts 1st Addn was presented last month, but the permit drawing showed the covered deck needed a shoreline variance of 10'; Tim checked that it would align with other cabins in the vicinity. Both neighbors signed the variance. *MOTION by David T to approve the 10' shoreline variance, 2nd by John W. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.*
- Updated site plan received from Chris Halley to add a garage to the previously approved dwelling permit in Westergard Addn. If set at an angle the nearest corner would be at 22' to the road; if moved farther back it would begin to hang over the hill; owner plans to add parking space for guests off the road. Board discussed the problem of congestion already in that area and agreed they would prefer to look over the site in person before giving a road variance for the garage as presented.
- Discussion held on a potential proposal to site an RV campground on 12-13 lots in a currently unused area of Squaw Point. Mike H has been involved in discussions with the owner regarding Rec Service District and other guidelines in place that would need to be followed. Two directions in the board discussion were concern over how busy the lake is already without adding an RV park and concern that the ordinance in place should be followed and the owner given a chance to bring plans for consideration. Also noted was that a major development such as this points to the value that an updated comprehensive plan for lake development could provide.

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **(Seek Bids in Spring for Roadside Vegetation Removal Issue – N Lake Pk Rd)**

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **None offered.**

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:30 p.m.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Mowing Report – Tractor Tires:** Nothing new.
2. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Cabin Roads –**
 - **Snow Clearing:** Discussion held on problems related to clearing of roads after the recent snowfalls, including inadequate response related to manpower shortage, damaged equipment, and the lack of turn-around space at many dead-end roads. Solutions mentioned included getting bids from private parties for snow clearing with their own equipment and insurance; ensuring that the county has an On-Call schedule for employees to be available for emergency

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needs; suggest that the county go back to coming up for road clearing as needed rather than waiting for phone calls from board members. Board acknowledged good work from the county in widening of roads. A private party who offered assistance may be pursued for clearing out tight areas that do not allow turn-around space.

3. **Rural Roads** – Nothing new.
4. **(Publishing of Road Weight Limits – to continue every 2nd week until further notice.)**
5. **(Seek Bids in Spring – Chip Seal/Minot Beach)**

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Liquor License Request for Potential New Owner of Dockside:** Board did not receive the application from L Gladue but it was noted in the December 7 County Commission minutes that the liquor license was approved contingent on sale of said business. County Auditor had not noted that township approval was missing; clerk will pursue getting the potential owner's application for board consideration next month. Further discussion was held related to township responsibility versus the county, then finally state approval where background checks can be conducted.
2. **Added – Jeff Soland with Information from Metigoshe Fire Department on New Equipment:** Jeff described the need to add equipment for use in responses where current equipment doesn't fit. The department recently purchased a barge for water related rescue, but concern remained with the need for occasional access to rural sites reached by snowmobile or ATV. Plans are now in place to purchase a side-by-side utility vehicle with additional rescue and survival equipment setup. Jeff said funds are already being acquired toward purchase. *MOTION by Mike H to approve a township contribution of \$5,000 from the General Fund to assure purchase of the vehicle and related equipment, 2nd by David T. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.*
3. **Added – Change Date of February Meeting to Tuesday, Feb. 15:** With a few conflicts noted for the regularly scheduled meeting date of February 14, board agreed to move one day ahead and meet on February 15.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Fireman's Dance tickets sent to Roland Township are available if desired.
- Board Social was held January 3 at the Birchwood, no business was conducted.
- ND State Bonding Fund, Commercial Blanket Bond Updated to \$221,609 Limits of Liability Coverage.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer