

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, January 13, 2020
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:05 p.m. January 13, 2020, in the Quilt Inn Meeting Room by Chairman Vern Jacobson with Supervisors Mike Hall, John Warberg, David Thompson and Michael Sivertson in attendance, also Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross. Three visitors attended, Jeff Soland, Mike Foster, Ryan Ekstrom.

Minutes: December 9 minutes were approved as written.

Treasurers Report was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$324,533.89 and request to pay bills of \$1,458.50. A deposit of special assessment payments of \$12,719.79 was made earlier in January. Clerk noted that with the Zoning Fund at negative \$1,350.33 a transfer should be made to start the new year; \$2,407.27 in remaining State Aid was agreed to be moved to Zoning. *MOTION by David T to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve all payments; 2nd by John W. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.* The Cabin Road Paving Project Bond loan presumed to be at \$1,524,563.92 with the payment last month and Security First checking funds of \$39,892.86 were included in the report.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim had one new permit to present, for an addition to a garage which meets all setbacks. One Pre-Permit Application was received for a future project. Sale of land for the Lake House project may take place next week.

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Ownership & Potential Road Vacation – Ekstrom /Lot 23 Solpers Addn:** Ekstrom said he and Connole's will get together on the process for vacating the road adjacent to their properties.
2. **Boathouse Replacement Committee:** No meeting yet, but an email was received addressing concerns over deteriorating boathouses and what means the township can take to remedy problems. Tim and Mike H will look at the boathouses on Squaw Point that were mentioned.
3. **Consideration of RV Permit Fee Adjustment:** After discussion on whether to change the current fee of \$50 for RV Conditional Use Permits, *MOTION by Mike H to raise the RV CUP fee from \$50 to \$75 to better cover the costs involved; 2nd by David T.* Discussion: Some RVs take several visits to confirm the need for a permit, check setbacks, etc.; monitoring of RV use is needed, with consideration for short-term over-use on holiday weekends. Owners with temporary use of RVs pay property tax on land, not a structure, but get the same use of lake facilities. RV parking on other lakes in the township may be looked at. *VOTE: 5-YES = CARRIED.* Renewal letters will be prepared with the raised fee.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Propane Tank on Property Line – Foster-Ekstrom/Solpers Addn:** Supervisors had previously been told the tank would be moved but the adjoining owner has complained that it is still on the line, or actually about 4'-5' from the property line. Ekstrom said weather interfered with his plan to move it, but he will even though it has now been filled. He questioned if other tanks along that road have also been checked for compliance.

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

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Snow Clearing – Sivertson & Glinz:** Mike H turned in a signed Agreement from Sivertson along with an invoice for 23 hours of snow clearing to Dec 31. Glinz has not yet been in touch with Mike H.
2. **Removable Signs for Control of Speeders on Rugby Pt Rd – also Fire Lane Signs:** Ritch Gimbel suggested putting sign posts in a sleeve right next to the road, then have the posts removed for winter; signs cost about \$250 each with four needed. To deter parking on roads which leave no room for ambulance or fire equipment to drive through, using a Fire Lane sign would need to be on a separate post. The question of enforcement was then raised. Mike H suggested if the sheriff responds to parking infringements a few times, that should slow it down. Another suggestion to paint white stripes to mark road edges would leave basically one-lane roads in those areas. Board will research answers further.

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3. Lake Metigoshe Cabin Road Paving Project – on hold.

4. SRT Fiber Optic Installation – on hold.

5. **Road Issue Updates – Sign Inspections:**

- **Cabin Roads** – A couple signs down were noted.
- **Rural Roads** – Not done yet.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Discuss Cost Share for Moving Civil Defense Tower:** When the new fire department addition was built, the civil defense siren needed to be moved. It had been promoted by the Lake Metigoshe Improvement Association several years ago as a safety feature for the lake but they don't have funds to pay the bill the 911 Coordinator received for the electrical work needed. The County asked to divide the bill three ways, with \$747 requested from the township. Board hesitated on payment but considering that it is for the good of the lake to have warning of inclement weather, tornadoes, etc., *MOTION by John W to pay the requested amount, 2nd by David T. VOTE: 5-YES = CARRIED.*
2. **Schedule for Social Gathering:** Board agreed to meet Monday, Feb 3, 6:30 pm at Birchwood.
3. **ADDED: Section Line Road Request – Richard Olson/Rural:** Report given by Vern J that Olson has visited with County commissioners concerning the rebuilding of section line road leading to his property. Board confirmed that section line road easements are 60', or 33' either side of the center line, which allows cutting trees to clear that width, and he was given that permission. Olson apparently was also seeking assistance to pay for developing the road; however the county cannot override township regulation and a township is not required to pay to put in a section line road. Vern J and Mike H may be requested to attend the next County commissioner meeting regarding the issue.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Bottineau County Township Officers potential annual meeting along with State officers meeting in Newburg Monday afternoon, Feb 10. [NOTE: Information is forthcoming for county meeting.]
- Township Road Needs Study Survey received, passed along to Mike H and David T for assistance.
- (Repeated from last month) Metigoshe Estates Road accepted by county for maintenance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

Next Meeting: Feb 10, 2020, 7:00 pm.