

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

Minutes: February 8 Public Hearing and Board minutes were approved as written. **Treasurers Report** was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$521,459.02 and request to pay bills of \$8,144.00. Security First bank account balance remains at \$36,692.86, bond balance \$1,156,166.24, next payment due in May. *MOTION by David T to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve bill payments, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.* Four checks remain outstanding from the \$150 county rebate payments made October 20 to cabin road owners.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim presented three permits, none with issues to discuss.

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **RV Information Letter for Spring Mailing:** A letter with information on the Zoning Ordinance amendments relating to RV use along with the new fee to be imposed by the Recreation Service District was prepared by RSD and the clerk. Board agreed it should be sent with RV Renewal letters but also be sent to all property owners. Clerk will work with RSD members to see about joining with their annual mailing, with cost shared half and half. The letter will also be posted on the website.
2. **RV CUP Revision:** Board agreed to simply add a note referencing the RSD fee to be added to the permit fee.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Proposed Plat Division – Timm+Banker/Longview:** Ken and Barb Banker presented their proposed plat dividing property adjacent to the former laundromat plat, making three lots out of two, with one correcting where the house and well overlapped the lot line. *MOTION by Mike H to approve the preliminary plat as presented, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE – 4 YES = CARRIED.* Chairman will sign the final plat when presented.

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

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **(Tabled until Spring: Improving Road to Skjervem-Downs Property/Section 4):**
2. **Replace Speed Signs on Rugby Pt:** The signs were not removed for winter as intended, and one has been damaged. Mike H said it needs to be confirmed they are installed with the sleeves. Board suggested to have Wendell Lund add taking care of these signs along with his mowing and related tasks.
3. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Cabin Roads** – Mike H said drainage appears good so far; cracks are appearing where it had been cracked before. He will meet with Ron Selensky of Harvey on Saturday to work on a bid for crack seal. He answered a question on repairing holes on the Birchwood Rd, saying Mikkelsen will work with fixing it with matting and gravel when a paving crew is in the area. It remains unclear if this is a county or township road.
 - **Rural Roads** – David T is aware of a few spots that will be needing gravel.
5. **Proposed 2022 Budget/Levy Revision:** Clerk shared suggested adjustments to maintain the same proposed levy amount, due to an error used in last month's preparation; board agreed as adjusted.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Publish/Post Notice of Weight Limit on Township Roads:** Board suggested the weight limit notice should be published in the Courant every 2nd week until no longer needed, also post and highlight it on the website.

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2. **Section Line Road/Well Water Question from Potential Purchaser:** Questions had been answered prior to the meeting.
3. **Two Liquor License Applications to Consider/Applicant Requested to Table to April:** Board discussed process for license application and some aspects of use related to the proposed requests.
4. **ADDED: Query on Road Vacation Process – Ryan Ekstrom/Solper Addn:** Ekstrom questioned how to proceed with claiming ownership of the ‘no man’s land’ portion of excess road adjacent to his property. Discussion offered included that as a start a survey should be obtained by affected owners to identify the portion to be vacated. Six neighboring landowners would sign a petition to be posted and printed in the paper, then a hearing would be held to vacate it. It may end up being a new subdivision rather than simply being added to the adjacent plots.

AUDIT BOARD MEETING

Chairman Vern called the Audit Meeting to order at 8:00 pm. An abbreviated audit by Mike H and David T reported no questions on financial records presented by the clerk. Three members signed the Annual Statement of Township Treasurer.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Road Funding Needs Survey – Mike H completed and returned.
- 2021 US Census Bureau 2021 Government Units Survey completed and returned by clerk.
- Introductory letter received from newly appointed County Auditor Emily Deschamp.

Meetings adjourned at 8:07 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer