

**ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, March 9, 2020**  
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**The Roland Township ZONING BOARD** was called to order at 7:00 p.m., March 9, 2020, in the Quilt Inn Meeting Room by Chairman Vern Jacobson with Supervisors Mike Hall, John Warberg and Michael Sivertson in attendance, also Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross; David Thompson was absent. Twelve visitors signed the attendance sheet.

**Minutes:** February 10 minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurers Report** was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$492,082.37 and request to pay bills of \$18,350.00. Clerk has \$375 in RV CUP payments to deposit. Security First Checking remains at \$39,892.86 and the Bond Balance is \$1,094,990. *MOTION by John W to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve payments; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.*

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Tim reported he is working on four potential permits, including some with lot lines to figure out.

**OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **Boathouse Replacement Committee:** Mike H said they are waiting for weather to allow access to boathouses.

**NEW ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **Added by Attendees: Drainage Issue between Romsos and Bonebrake on Roadside Ranch/McCloud Addn:**  
There is a creek or trench which drains water that comes through a culvert under Lake Loop Road on an easement between these properties. Once or twice a year it overflows and over the past 50 years has caused erosion on both properties. The continuing problem was pointed out last spring, but due to the paving project could not be fit in on a timetable for attention. Mike H said he and Ritch Gimbel, County Road Superintendent, are working on how to fix the problem, especially how to find enough room to get equipment in.
2. **Added by Romsos: Need for Gravel on Portion of Roadside Ranch:** In response to Lathan Romsos asking about the rough condition on unpaved portions of the road, Mike H said gravel or perhaps ground up asphalt could be added to fill the holes and in the process regrade the road toward the ditch for better drainage.

**GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:15 p.m.**

**OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Section Line Road Request – Richard Olson/Rural:** As requested last month, Ritch Gimbel brought a written estimate of the county's cost for the proposed work to build the road for Olson. Roland Township's share would be \$5,932 and Dalen Township \$1,418. Olson will reimburse these costs. Board and concerned neighbors discussed the options presented to bring the road to acceptable standards, using the footprint already there, removing trees and leaving them in windrows, and widening the roadbed up to probably 20'-22'. Gimbel said protected wetlands will not have fill or trees removed, and expressed the belief that the road is in place as surveyed. He added that he expects the project will be among the first to be scheduled. *MOTION by John W to approve the county contract to build the road as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.* Chairman will sign the agreement; Olson presented a check to the township for the estimated amount.
2. **Snow Clearing:** Glinz provided Mike H with proof of insurance that included the township.
3. **Speed Limit and Removable Fire Lane Signs on Rugby Pt Rd:** Mike H said speed limit signs can be put up now; he is still working with Jeff Soland on removable fire lane signs for Rugby Pt. Perhaps other areas around the lake will be considered for additional signs.
4. **Lake Metigoshe Cabin Road Paving Project – on hold.**
5. **SRT Fiber Optic Installation – on hold.**

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**6. Road Issue Updates – County Information to Share:**

- **Cabin Roads** – A few normal-type cracks are showing up; chip seal can be done when temperature reaches 70\* and load restrictions are off.
- **Rural Roads** – Clerk passed along mowing maps for Mike H and David T to mark up, and read information from the county regarding the responsibility for culverts on township roads. Information on Township Request for Gravel will be given to David T. Last summer’s mowing operator will be asked if he wishes to continue this year.

**NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Assessor Recommendation for 2020:** Assessor Addie Berg provided a written report giving information on 2019 sales. The 2019 sales ratio is 106.75%, with only 16 good sales. Reviewing sales over the last 3 years results in a sales ratio of 104.2%. The state mandate is to be within the guidelines of 90%-100% sales ratio. To comply with state guidelines and accomplish equitable reduction, Berg recommended reductions to waterfront properties where the major portion of sales have occurred: Front Foot Land from \$3200 to \$3000, Bay Front Foot from \$2300 to \$2200 and Point Lots/Sq Ft from \$450 to \$425. These waterfront reductions balanced by on-going assessments will result in an approximate \$473,000 Taxable Valuation reduction. Berg cautioned that if all tax district budgets remain the same in 2020 the mills may increase. *MOTION by Michael S to approve the Assessor recommendation as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John W. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.*
2. **Gooseneck Implement PowerGuard Warranty Renewal:** With repairs already provided per the initial tractor warranty plan, board agreed that \$2,968 was a fair price to extend it with the same coverage and deductible. *MOTION by John W to extend the John Deere tractor warranty with Gooseneck Implement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.*
3. **Consider Proposed Budget for 2021:** *MOTION by Michael S to accept the proposed budget of \$189,500 as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike H. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.*
4. **Annual Meeting Agenda and Financial Narrative Report:** Clerk offered for review the agenda and financial report for next week’s annual meeting.

**AUDIT BOARD MEETING called to order at 8:05 p.m.**

1. **Audit Committee Report/Sign 2019 Treasurers Report:** Michael S and John W had a couple of questions on entries but reported confidence in the overall report. Three supervisors signed the required form.

**REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Written report from the Bottineau County Township Officers annual meeting plus State Officers presentation was provided.
- RV CUP Renewals are being received at the new \$75 fee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.  
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting Tuesday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting April 13.