

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:00 p.m. April 12, 2021, in the Quilt Inn Meeting Room by Board 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. Eight visitors attended.

Minutes: March 8 Board minutes and March 16 Reorganization minutes were approved as written.

Treasurers Report was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$649,244.69 and request to pay bills of \$7,780.52. Security First bank account balance remains at \$36,692.86, bond balance \$1,156,166.24; next payment of \$150,500 due May 1 may include using some funds from the cabin road account. *MOTION by John W to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve bill payments, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.* Four checks remain outstanding from the \$150 county rebate payments made October 20 to cabin road owners.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim presented eight permits. Board had a few questions regarding size and setbacks for a storage shed in the Longview vicinity; permit will be completed later.

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Township/Rec Service District Joint Mailing:** Clerk said it is in process; goal is to mail out in early May.
2. **Plat Division – Timm+Banker/2nd Addn to Longview Addn:** Final copy as approved last month was signed by the Chairman. Clerk will record with the Register of Deeds.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Proposal to Rezone Agriculture Property to Commercial – Lorenz/Section 14:** Steve Lorenz with other family members propose to use 12.5 acres across Hwy 43 at the east Lake Loop Road for storage of gravel for now and possibly a storage building later. A Public Hearing for the Rezone Request was scheduled for 6:45 p.m. May 10, prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Clerk will advertise as required.

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:20 p.m.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **(Improving Road to Skjervem-Downs Property/Section 4 - Tabled until Spring)**
2. **Replace Speed Signs on Rugby Pt:** All are up but one which had been knocked down.
3. **Mowing Prep – County Map to Mark:** David T will meet with Wendell L to determine which roads he will mow and which will be marked for county mowing spring and/or fall.
4. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Cabin Roads**
 - **Crack Seal Repairs:** *MOTION by John W to accept the bid of Ron Selensky of Harvey for \$500/mile and he will furnish the oil, at an approximate cost of \$6,750 for the one-day project; 2nd by David T; VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.* Weather delayed his initial planned date.
 - **Chip Seal Repairs:** Board discussed having Josh/Mikkelsen Aggreg. coordinate fixing the damage on the road to Birchwood and the road past Dockside near the bridge for chip seal when a paving crew is in the vicinity this summer.
 - **Rural Roads** – David T can arrange for gravel on a portion of Svingen Road with county paying half.
5. **Road Vacation in Process – Ekstrom/Solper Addn:** Ekstrom has paperwork in order with one more signature needed on the petition; he will post the petition prior to next month's meeting. Board will address the road vacation then.
6. **Publishing of Road Weight Limits:** Board agreed to continue with this in the Courant every 2nd week.

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NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **County Request for Cost Share on Pedestrian Crossing Light – Lake Loop Rd:** County is proposing to install a pedestrian crosswalk system for safety in crossing the road between the Quilt Inn and the Event Center; they would like to split the cost of \$11,642.80 three ways with Lake Metigoshe Improvement Assoc. and the township each contributing a third. *MOTION by David T to contribute 1/3 of the stated cost of the crossing light on Lake Loop Road, 2nd by Mike H. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.*
2. **Request to Look into Having an Ambulance at the Lake:** John W brought the request from some lake residents concerned with the length of time needed for ambulance response from Bottineau, although he said the local dispatcher reported not having many calls in the course of a year. Jeff Soland from the Lake Metigoshe Fire District said the new building likely would have room for an ambulance; he reported the previous local 1st Responder/EMT volunteer crew had resigned some years ago and new volunteers are difficult to obtain, partly due to the time factor of needed annual certification. He feels the best answer would be to hire personnel but that is expensive. Soland noted that property tax includes a small amount for Ambulance separate from the Fire Department levy. With the lake area being bigger than town area in size and tax revenue, he suggested approaching the ambulance board with a request for consideration in their future plans. Tim K said response time is currently about 30 to 40 minutes to the lake, plus growth in other area lakes should also be considered. *MOTION by John W to send a letter from the township to the ambulance board explaining the situation and asking them what they could do for us, 2nd by David T. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.*
3. **Request to Vacate Portions of Road – Thompson Cove-Loon Lake:** John W brought a request from Loon Lake owners to have four small portions of platted road areas in Thompson Cove vacated due to the road in use being different from the road as platted. The areas have been maintained by adjacent owners. They will follow the procedure for vacating a road and present the request to the board next month.
4. **Two Liquor License Applications to Consider/Applicant Requested to Table to April:** No further contact from applicant.
5. **Select Date for March 2022 Board Meeting:** The annual meeting on the 3rd Tuesday would be the next day after our regular meeting date on the 2nd Monday. Board agreed to set the regular March board meeting for the 1st Monday, March 7, 2022.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- NDIRF Annual Meeting May 19, Bismarck.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer