

**ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, May 11, 2020**  
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**The Roland Township ZONING BOARD** was called to order at 7:00 p.m., May 11, 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 (arrived 7:50 pm) and Clerk Glenore Gross. Three visitors attended. Social distancing was observed.

**Minutes:** March 9 Board and March 17 Reorganization minutes were approved as written. April 13 meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

**Treasurers Report** was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$482,407.73 and request to pay bills of \$13,308.40. Security First Checking remains at \$39,892.86 and the Bond Balance is \$951,241.41 after the May principal and interest payment. *MOTION by John W to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve payments; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

(Tim arrived late due to attending a fire; minutes are presented in standard order rather than as addressed.)

Ten new permits were submitted as well as one RV CUP. The following were discussed:

- **Variance - 2<sup>nd</sup> Storage Shed on Large Lot – M Holm/Central Park:** Requesting a 20x44 extension to a storage building already on a back lot that is 7/10 acre in size. *MOTION by John W to grant a Variance to approve the second structure due the size and location of this lot, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike H. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*
- **Variance – Deck at 41’ to Shoreline – G Bliss/Westergard:** Deck will replace one at 25’ to shoreline and will be further back than the neighboring ones. *MOTION by Mike H to approve the Variance; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*
- **Road Weight Caution:** Board has observed overweight loads being hauled and received numerous phone calls on road damage. They discussed the need for caution on hauling loads greater than what the roads can handle without damage. Weight limits may need to be lowered.
- **Ekstrom/Foster:** Mike H will meet once more regarding their drainage and propane tank siting issues.
- **Zoning for Lake MacArthur – D Peck:** Tim gave a Permit for siting a FEMA trailer and RV in Sec 19 with a question on the zoning. Should be RE-1 if within 1000’ of shoreline, as in this and other recreational lakes in the township. [Clerk will provide list of lakes as established with the 2001 zoning ordinance.]
- **State’s Atty Request for Lake House Permits:** Clerk received a request for the permit/s for D Sivertson’s event center following the county commission denial of a liquor license; board discussed what options could be available and ramifications for future operations.
- **Tree Clearing with Proposal for Mobile Home Campground – Solpers Addn:** Owners were informed of regulations for Mobile Home Parks; they were told one RV on-site was currently allowed.
- **Junk Complaint – T Cashmore/Rugby Pt:** Tim will respond to the site reported to have yard clutter, rabbits, cats and woodchucks with information from the Nuisance Ordinance. A letter will be sent later if needed.
- **Request for New Field Approach – B Monson/Rural:** Board agreed permission is needed, and the need to pay attention to drainage requirements, but the township does not pay for a new approach.

**OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **Drainage Issue between Romsos & Bonebrake – Roadside Ranch/McCloud Addn:** Mike H will meet with Ritch Gimbel next week to scope out whether a backhoe will fit for the drainage fix, and reshape flow to culverts to correct drainage after past Lake Loop Road repairs.
2. **Roadside Ranch Gravel & Regrade for Better Drainage:** Mike H has discussed with Ritch G to use crushed asphalt on gravel and possibly apply chip seal to the paved areas, changing the slope to help drainage.
3. **Boathouse Replacement Committee:** Mike H and Tim will meet to check boathouse situations.

**NEW ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **Information Sheet for Landscape Related Considerations:** Clerk provided a sheet found in past minutes when landscaping was under discussion but not pursued. The information gives landscape related issues referenced

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in the zoning ordinance and related to road weight restrictions, approaches, storage and parking during projects. Board will consider whether to include this with permits, revise portions, and/or add signatures.

2. **Does Zoning Ordinance Need to Address Having Chickens on Lake Metigoshe Lots:** Clerk had received a call to see if chickens are allowed on a lake lot; the ordinance doesn't address it. Board mentioned several cities allow limited numbers of chickens, some say no roosters. Agreed to hold off on addressing for now.

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

**OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Speed Limit and Removable Fire Lane Signs on Rugby Pt Rd:** Mike H priced speed limit signs on a sleeve with county to install at \$250 each; a second sign for Fire Lane can't be added on the post. Peck's can be hired to pull them out and replace in spring; David T said plugs were needed over the winter. Mike suggested doing 5 now and consider a few each year elsewhere around the lake. *MOTION by John W install five 20 mph speed limit signs in Rugby Pt this year; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.* Board will consider selling speed bumps that are no longer being used.
2. **Lake Metigoshe Cabin Road Paving Project + LOC Extension:** Chip seal will begin in June if temperatures are above 70 deg. Board discussed an advantage to having the Highway Patrol monitor cabin roads for overweight loads, if even for a day to make a point. Vern will check with ND DOT. Clerk noted the time limit to request additional bond funds is June 30. *MOTION by David T to request extension of Line of Credit to July 31, to be amended later if needed. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John W. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*
3. **SRT Fiber Optic Installation + NCEC Utility Permit:** Continuing the project in the northwest side; North Central requested a permit to place line in the same trench.
4. **Road Issue Updates:**
  - **Cabin Roads** – Watching for issues on new pavement.
  - **Rural Roads** – Some issues with grading.

**NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Pavement Removal Request – D Bernstein/Minot Beach:** Phone calls last fall noted an issue regarding pavement added to a paving pad that infringed on neighbor's property and resulted in a request for the township to remove that portion. It was not dealt with last fall and re-emerged this spring. A letter to Atty Hankla requested an opinion on township responsibility for the situation; he responded that with the parking pad being on private property the township was not responsible and should not be involved. The letter has been or will be provided to the two parties involved.
2. **Gooseneck Implement PowerGuard Warranty Renewal:** After a one year extension of the warranty was approved by the board in March, Gooseneck gave a price of \$4,913 for a 3 year warranty. *MOTION by John W to rescind the March 9 motion for one year and amend it to approve a three year John Deere tractor warranty as per the Gooseneck Implement offer at \$4,913; 2<sup>nd</sup> by David T. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*
3. **Mowing Operators:** Harvey Shultz and Wendell Lund will share mowing duties this season. Time sheets for hourly pay will be provided.
4. **Brush Clearing:** JBR provided an estimate of \$85/hour for manpower and equipment to do tree clearing on cabin roads. Danny Biberdorf offered earlier in the year to clear brush in rural areas. *MOTION by John W to authorize up to \$5,000 each for JBR Contracting on cabin roads (per Mike H input) and Danny Biberdorf on rural roads (per David T input); 2<sup>nd</sup> by David T. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*

**REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Lake Road shoulder widening/paving/chip seal project scheduled May-August, as County, State & Federal responsibility.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.  
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer