

**ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:00 p.m. 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. Eleven visitors attended.

**Minutes:** July 8 minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurers Report** was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$410,753.97 and request to pay bills of \$18,118.80 as submitted, some with questions, also an added bill from Mikkelsen for gravel at \$2,397 received today; and revenue to deposit of \$50 RV CUP and the County payment of \$100,000 as the initial contribution to the paving project. Discussion held on bills in question. *MOTION by John W to approve all payments except for Mayo Construction Change Order #1 (not completed yet) and Poitra Concrete for removing concrete from newly built driveway (need explanation and clarification of sequence of events); 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED. MOTION by David T to approve the Treasurers report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike H. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.* A printout of the Cabin Road Paving Project accounting to date was presented. Clerk received clarification on when deposits should be made to the Bond bank account.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Tim presented two Sign permits for new businesses, with others for board review. The following were addressed:

- **Addn to AFrame Cabin on Half Lot/Kramer –Squaw Pt:** Mike H was concerned that the addition was built over sewer and electric lines without his approval but the permit had Rec Service District approval checked off; the sewer issue is now being straightened out. Also there had been a question in previous years whether structures were to be allowed on half lots, but one was approved in 2012. Tim K checked ownerships and found the half lots dated back to the 1950s. David T and Michael S had looked over the site and gave approval to issue the permit. Mike H suggested a Board Variance be provided for allowing this building on a half lot.
- **Landon Bahl – 60x100 Shop on Commercial Land:** Owner is checking on being added to the sewer district compared to using a septic drainfield.
- **Variance Request for Shoreline – Stevick:** Deck to be added to upper level, at 30' to shoreline. Adjacent owners need to sign variance before board will approve.

**OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **Conditional Use Permit for Lulabelle's Ice Cream Truck:** Completed.

**NEW ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **Fire District Building – Height Question/Siding Color:** Addition is higher than the existing building; height was not addressed on the permit but up to 65' is allowed in Commercial zone. New siding to match the current building could not be located and a request to use red siding was made. Board agreed it could be used since red is the color associated with fire departments, although ordinance requirements for storage buildings call for neutral colors.

**GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:50 p.m.**

**OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Lake Metigoshe Cabin Road Paving Project – Updates:**
  - **Mayo Construction Paving Progress:** Chip seal is scheduled for the week of August 26, expected to take two or three days.
  - **Contractors Progressive Estimate #2 - \$60,416.47:** Signed and approved to pay from Bond fund.
  - **Change Order #2 – ¾" Rock for Driveways:** Signed and approved to pay from Cabin Road fund.
  - **Assessment Basis for Letters to Owners Giving 30 Days to Pay:** Clerk presented a draft letter that gives owners their assessment amount, based on the \$2.6 million Bond, offering the option to pay in full within 30 days. Letters are planned to be sent the last week of August, prior to final project cost

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being known but before owners are charged interest on assessments beginning October 1. If the final cost is substantially below the bond amount, the letter notes that adjustments will be made and applied on future property tax statements. With receipt of the county's contribution, a discount to assessments is included. Future contributions will result in further discounts. *MOTION by John W to approve the letter as adjusted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David T. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*

- **Research on Credit Card Payment for Assessments:** One owner has inquired if payment by credit card would be available. After researching options, clerk suggested it was not practical for so few potential uses; board agreed.
- 2. **SRT Fiber Optic Installation – Update:** Mike H said they are about half done and hope to complete the project before snowfall.
- 3. **Highland Road Easements:** Ritchie Gimbel, County Road Supt, continues to work on this.
- 4. **Road Issue Updates:**
  - **Mowing** – John W provided information on mower options; Vern J said he was given an offer for a new one with trade at \$7,200. After discussion, *MOTION by David T to accept the offer of \$7,200 mower with the trade of the disc mower, and continue using the township's tractor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael S. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.* Mike H said the other mower appears to be on its last legs.
  - **Cabin Roads** – No issues mentioned.
  - **Rural Roads** – Following last month's request of John W, David T reported he found the condition of Fish Lake Cemetery road is bad after the "Y", where it becomes a private road.

**NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Castleman Lane – Request for Township Ownership/M Langehaug:** A strip of road parallel to Highland Rd, closer to the shoreline, is no longer being used and was requested to be taken over by the township and/or abandoned. Mike H said the sewer line runs under it; ownership is unclear as to whether the township had ever maintained the road. Clerk will send a courtesy letter to Vance Castleman seeking his information.
2. **Oakshore "Y" – Request for Snow Fence/V Brandjord:** Trees were removed that resulted in the road being blocked by snow last winter; Brandjord asked if a snow fence could be installed to help keep the road clear for travel. Mike H reported the county could put up a snow fence if owners' permission is obtained; clerk will check with these owners for their approval.
3. **Schedule State-Required Public Hearing for 2020 Budget:** Board agreed to schedule the hearing for 6:50 p.m. September 9, prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. Clerk will advertise as required.
4. **Added – Herb Horner/Control of Speeders on Rugby Pt Rd:** Horner reported progress after speaking with Deputy Sean Murphy, with some decrease in speeding noticed. He asked if another 20 mph speed limit sign could be installed. Discussion held on what other types of signs could be useful, related to the need to keep the roadway clear for emergency vehicles. Jeff Soland agreed there's a need but said sign posts get knocked down during winter snow clearing; board will consider an option to use sign posts placed in special ground level holders in spring and remove them for winter.
5. **Added – Complaint of Drainage from Elevated Neighboring Lot/Ryan Ekstrom-Solpers Ln:** Ekstrom reported that Mike Foster's lot looms 6' above his with a 7' tall retaining wall within 18" of the property line, causing rainwater to run down onto his property. He asked for assistance to get his yard back, other than agreeing with Foster's offer to put a drain on Ekstrom's property, since he said it was Foster's mistake that is causing the drain issues. Some board members have observed the drainage problem and questioned both owners on what a satisfactory solution could be. Vern J suggested the full board look over the situation before proposing a remedy. Item tabled.

➤ **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE** (none)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.  
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer