

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ABATEMENT HEARING + ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 2009
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The Roland Township EQUALIZATION BOARD was called to order at 7:15 p.m. February 16, 2009, in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Vice Chairman Richard Gross, with Supervisors Dwane Getzlaff, John Fulsebakke and Vern Jacobson, Zoning Administrator Terry Volk and Clerk/Treasurer Glenore Gross in attendance. Bob Kornkven was absent.

The board addressed an ABATEMENT REQUEST from Jay Abernathey for Lot 60, 2nd Addn to Westergard Subdivision, "to reduce true and full value from \$83,700 to \$50,000 to reflect the true market value," following the notification of the township to remove his cabin and foundation and level his lot issued in the fall of 2007. The cabin was removed in June 2008 and the lot leveled in October 2008. Abernathey requested the valuation change to be as of October 2007. He was not in attendance.

Assessor Addie Berg had provided written information that the buildings were still in place as of 2/1/08, the official assessment date, so Abernathey had been taxed for the entire 2008 year. She would support "granting a reduction as of June 2008 through December 2008. The seven month reduction would lower overall property value from \$83,700 (\$49,500 land, \$34,200 dwellings) to land only at \$49,500." This reduction "equals \$19,950 or \$20,000 Taxable Value (\$34,200/12 x 7 months)", which equates to an approximate Tax refund of \$263, since \$20,000 x 50% x 9% equals \$900 assessed value times the mill levy of .29242, per her recommendation. *MOTION by Dwane to follow the recommendation of the assessor, 2nd by Vern, CARRIED.* Clerk will complete and forward paperwork. Hearing was closed.

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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:30 pm in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Vice Chairman Richard Gross, with attendance as above. Four visitors were Oliver Dunderland, Jeff Beyer, Lenny McGuire and James Falcon of the Mirror.

MINUTES of the January 12 meeting were approved as presented. TREASURERS REPORT was accepted as presented, with approval to pay bills totaling \$4,600.43 as noted.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Terry presented one permit with no variance required (Pritchard/Birchwood Hts-belated).

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS

1. Questionable Work Without Permit:

1-Brenda Jo Carlson/Oakshore – Rocks complaint- Vern reported speaking with an Army Corps of Engineers rep who said it is in process with them and he could reveal no further information until it is resolved. It is now out of our hands.

2-End of N Lake Park re Lot % Coverage/Humphries: Terry provided the information that the lot is 5454 sq ft, the building size per the permit is 1428 sq ft; 30% of lot is 1636 sq ft.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS (None)

GENERAL MEETING was convened at 7:40 pm by Vice Chairman Richard Gross.

GENERAL NEW BUSINESS (addressed out of turn for convenience of visitor)

1. Oakshore Question/Oliver Dunderland: Oliver questioned the ownership of the turnaround at the end of Aspen Ave. after being questioned by Clarence Lee on the amount of taxes owed by Oakshore. Clerk had a Warranty Deed from files showing it had been transferred to the township in 2006, but it apparently was not filed at the courthouse. He was given a copy and will follow up.

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GENERAL OLD (Unfinished) BUSINESS

1. New Addressing & Signage-Update: Terry reported Burnetts Road would be next followed by Minot Beach. Maps are now available from the website.
2. Chip/Seal of Cabin Roads/Repairs-Update (Grant Money Possibility): Nothing new from Brad/Wold Engr.
3. State Equalization Follow-up-Legislative Progress: Lenny McGuire received word from Rep. Glenn Froseth today that House Bill 1198 as amended received a Do Pass vote of 49-43 after having received a "Do Not Pass" recommendation in committee; it will go back to the Senate in the February 20 crossover. Support and testimony will again be useful, probably about mid-March. The amended version freezes 2008 Rec Service District values for two years (exact wording of HB1198 not available at meeting.)
4. Mowing of Cabin Roads: John said the county has a mower which the township can lease to use with the leased New Holland tractor; the township's intention is to mow the cabin roads and the hiking/biking trail.
5. Snow Removal Question/Birchwd Hts Rd N: John, Richard and Vern checked the turnaround and feel that Danny is doing a good job with the blade; John asked Terry Olson, county road supt, to have the road sanded. Board did not agree to Larry Bullinger's request to assist in paying for Brian Johnson to clean the road.

GENERAL NEW BUSINESS

1. (see above)
2. Road Closure Hearing at County/Rugby Pt: Clerk showed the Courant ad for a public hearing with county commissioners March 5 to close a portion of the section line between Sections 2 and 11; Jeff did not know why Olson/Waind approached the county and not the township; he will look into it.
3. Weed Board Contact for 2009: Clerk will confirm that Earl Roland will continue as contact.
4. Budget Preparation Considerations: Board will consider options before next meeting and complete budget then. Agreed to schedule annual meeting for 7:30 pm March 17.
5. Road Change Request/Green Acres-Norsby: John presented information he received on proposed road change; Dwane suggested owner contact Wold Engineering for plat information then come to the township.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

- > Vern, Richard, Glenore, Addie (and Roger) attended the County Township Officers meeting in Newburg; Clerk neglected to mention receiving road work maps for 2008, useful if anyone questions how often the county is on their road for maintenance/snow removal.

With no further business the board adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer