

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order January 12 at 7:30 pm in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Vice Chairman Richard Gross, with Supervisors Dwane Getzlaff, John Fulsebakke and Vern Jacobson, and Clerk/Treasurer Glenore Gross in attendance. Chairman Robert Kornkven and Zoning Administrator Terry Volk were absent. Ten visitors including Assessor Addie Berg signed in.

MINUTES of the December 8 meeting were approved as presented. TREASURERS REPORT was accepted as presented, with approval to pay bills as noted; per a request from Dwane MOTION by Vern to approve payment of mileage at \$194 and room at \$59.95 to Lenny McGuire (since Dwane rode with him) for legislative hearing trip to Bismarck, and reimburse Jeff Beyer for his room cost of \$59.95 since the township had requested his presence; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John, CARRIED.

#### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Terry had just one permit with no variance required (Birchwood Hts); he will present it next month.

#### OLD GENERAL BUSINESS (Addressed out of turn)

1. Equalization Follow-up – Committee Report: Lenny McGuire reported on the testimony he, Bob, Dwane, and Jeff presented today at the legislative hearing in support of House Bill 1198: *“A Bill for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-02-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to creation of a property classification for recreation service districts for property tax purposes; and to provide an effective date.”* Using charts prepared by Addie they were able to present numbers and factual information to support the requested change to the multiplier because of the way it has greatly and unfairly increased the tax burden of property owners at the lake. They reported that the significant tax increases are not due to the higher priced homes being built or to unreasonable budget requests of the county or school district, but because sales of low-valued properties for more than their taxable value skews the sales ratio to adversely affect all values. The change as proposed is to have “all property within a recreation service district to be valued at four and one-half percent of assessed value.” It is currently at nine percent, the same as residential property. It wouldn't result in a tax reduction but a reduction in value. Since the hearing was allowed to continue for an hour beyond the scheduled half-hour and good questions were asked of them, Lenny felt the message may have gotten through to the committee for a “Do Pass” recommendation. After discussion on details, it was suggested that the bill may come for a vote quite soon, and having owners contact their legislators would be a good idea; Dwane suggested making phone calls since time is short for a mailing.

#### OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS

1. Questionable Work Without Permit:

1-Brenda Jo Carlson/Oakshore – Rocks complaint- Vern spoke with a neighbor who said the dock had been removed but not the rocks. Will have to deal with it in the spring.

2-Birchwood Hts Remodeling: Terry has acquired the permit.

3-End of N Lake Park re Lot % Coverage: Question was raised about lot coverage; permit had been issued (#2639 Humphries).

NEW ZONING BUSINESS (None)

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GENERAL MEETING was convened at 8:30 pm by Vice Chairman Richard Gross.

GENERAL OLD (Unfinished) BUSINESS

1. New Addressing & Signage-Update: none.
2. Minot Beach Replat Project-Update: Now considered dead; quiet title is recommended.
3. Chip/Seal of Cabin Roads/Repairs-Update: Need to maintain contact with Brad/Wold Engr. for grant money possibility.
4. State Equalization Meeting Follow-up: see above.
5. Mowing of Cabin Roads: John said New Holland will lease a tractor direct to the township; if we need it beyond 250 hrs we can trade for another; county will provide a mower; John will mow cabin roads, possibly also the bike trail.

GENERAL NEW BUSINESS

1. Snow Removal Question/Birchwd Hts Rd N/Larry Bullinger: Larry requested the township provide better snow clearing on their turn-around than the maintainer is able to do; the adjacent owners have been paying for Brian Johnson to do it but feel the township should carry some responsibility for the public road. They also request the hill be sanded. John and Richard will check with Danny for his input; it may be cheaper for the township to pay Brian than for the time it would take the county maintainer to clear it.
2. Budget Preparation Considerations: Clerk shared county's increase of rates for 2009 road work; will forward 2008 figures to the board prior to the next meeting so budget planning can begin. Addie requested the board be considering their equalization action prior to the March meeting due to timing needed for notice letters to be sent out.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

> none

With no further business the board adjourned at 8:55 p.m.  
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer