

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:00 p.m. October 9, 2023, in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Chairman Mike Hall with Supervisors Vern Jacobson, John Warberg, and Michael Sivertson, also Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk-Treasurer Glenore Gross in attendance. Supervisor David Thompson was absent. Eight visitors signed the register.

Minutes: September 11 minutes were approved as written. **Treasurer Report** was presented with Cash/Fund balance of \$624,445.51 and a request to pay current bills of \$95,995.59, plus pay from the Security First account Addie Berg's bill for monitoring Cabin Road paving specials balances. The annual interest payment on the bond account due November 1 will be lower than the current balance in checking so making an additional payment to principal was suggested. *MOTION by Vern to approve the Treasurers report and pay the bills as noted, including a payment of \$20,000 for interest and principal on the bond account, 2nd by Michael. CARRIED.*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim had four completed permits to submit and said several others are in process; one was discussed:

- **Request for Variance for Deck at 45' from Shoreline – E Severson/Lake Met Park:** This request for a 5' variance for a detached deck replaced a previous request for an attached deck which would have been closer to the shoreline and was denied; adjacent owners signed the variance. *MOTION by John to approve the deck at 45' to shoreline, 2nd by Michael. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.*

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **RVs Without Permits – On-Site Follow-ups:** Mark Kihle said his list of RVs with photos and addresses needs to be checked to confirm who has not paid the fee this year, and also see who owes the \$125 RSD fee, so the letter requesting payment can be sent soon with correct information. He suggested noting on next year's permit that the RSD fee would be requested by them separately from the site location permit.
2. **Shoreland Issues - Topography & Fill/Grade Projects + Wetlands Mitigation:** John said he reported a wetland situation to the Soil Conservation office but sensed a cool response; he noted that if wetlands are to be filled there needs to be a land trade. Tim said he reports the need for barriers when he issues permits; John has observed that some contractors remain oblivious.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. None.

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

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Proposed Road Change in Burnetts 1st Addn – Steve Fritel/Burnetts:** Board approved the proposal for closing and opening of the roads last month, but to follow the process for public notification and acceptance of the Resolution following receipt of a petition, the item was continued. Clerk read the prepared Resolution, which notes that the order to open the road will be contingent on proper development and approval of the road by the board. Some concerns were expressed by Wally Brandjord related to where the road will meet his property, Vern clarified the resolution should refer to Lots 148 to (not through) 171, and Mike H explained that having a 30' wide road with 20' paved would ease some of the questions with future intersections. Following discussion, *MOTION by Vern to approve the Resolution, with the change from 'through' to 'to' as discussed, 2nd by John. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.* Resolution will be filed with the county auditor.
2. **Sale of Township Property on Aspen Ave Turnaround - D Henes/ Hidden Bay:** Henes said he believes that Wold Engr has completed their work on the project. He will look into the Quit Claim Deed

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requested by the township, and left a check for the agreed upon amount in anticipation of receipt of the deed.

3. Road Issue Updates:

- **Cabin Roads:** Mike said more rain has helped point out drainage issues that have been fixed or will need fixing; one area was recently corrected with a milled trench.
- **Rural Roads:** Gravel on all the rural roads this year has set a starting point for future years. John said work on the ditch slope project intended to keep snow from drifting was halted after buried electric lines were found there.

2. Mower/Tractor Update: Mike said Wendell reported the front tractor tires new this spring are getting worn, he will check with the seller to see about a better grade.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. None.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Next meeting is November 13.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer