

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, November 10, 2025
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:00 p.m. November 10, 2025, in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Chairman Mike Hall with Supervisors Michael Sivertson, David Thompson and Luke Artz, Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross attending, along with six visitors. Vern Jacobson was absent. **Minutes:** October 13 Board minutes were approved as written and posted. **Treasurer Report** was presented with Cash/Fund balance of \$703,921.38 and a request to pay bills of \$25,089.25 as listed. *MOTION by David to approve the Treasurers report, and pay the bills presented, 2nd by Michael.* Mike had a bill from Jerry Sivertson for miscellaneous tree and critter clearing May-October. *MOTION by Michael to add payment for Jerry, 2nd by David.* **VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.** Clerk reported the Bond Principal Balance is currently \$352,180.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim presented the following items:

- Bryan Schweitzer/All-Store Rentals – New 40x124 Commercial Storage Unit Building on the lot.
- Robert Saykally/Section 29 – 40x136 Shop with Dwelling attached.
- *MOTION by David to approve these permits as presented, 2nd by Michael.* **VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.**
- Email query received from O'Donnell/12 Birchwood Hgts noting their concern with adjacent lots being cleared and not wanting their easement affected – Tim visited with them about it and discussed covenants that may apply for future development.
- Complaint received about rocks for construction/landscaping being too close to the road edge in N Lake Park, was also noted there are rocks too close to the road at the end of a ramp on Westergard. Tim will talk to the parties about the County requirement for 12' clearance from road edges, which has been published in the past and is recorded online.

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Offsite Storage & Meeting Space:** Two possible collaborations were brought up: Bryan Schweitzer at All-Store Rentals suggested having space for a potential joint-use building with meeting space and a restroom facility which he would support as beneficial for his storage renters. Mike shared the possibility for a two-story building in the Skinautique Hill area with storage space for the Skinautique boat in the lower level and meeting space above plus viewing space for the ski shows. Discussion will continue to see what joint options might be feasible to pursue.
2. **Short Term Rental CUP – Committee Report:** The committee will review whether issues with short term rentals have been noted this year.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **None offered.**

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:20 p.m.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **New Burnetts Rd - Update:** Mike said the road is pretty much done but needs width added to improve making turns. He will suggest Fritel install a light fixture on their new house which would assist with lighting, saying it isn't likely North Central would provide any without a meter. The former road is officially closed and was blocked but workers removed the cones and now both roads are being used. Mike will remind Fritel of the liability of having drivers use what is now his private property.
2. **Road Issue Updates:**

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- **Cabin Roads:** Mike shared information on SRF funds available through the County which is offering to pave a two-inch overlay on Birchwood Road and the road from Lake Loop West to the dam for about \$400,000 at a 20/80 share, with township covering Wold's fee of \$40,000. Mike suggested an estimate of about \$150,000 may end up as township cost. After discussion, *MOTION by Michael to let the County Commissioners know that the township board approves this proposal, with the suggestion to fix frost heaves before paving; 2nd by Luke. VOTE: 4 YES = CARRIED.*
- **Rural Roads:** David has one complaint to take care of and noted the new road being built off the Lake Road across from Earl Kamrud is on a section line that the county confirmed was never vacated, no township follow-up is needed.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Public Comment Request: Darol Bonebrake re: Speed Controls on County Road:** Darol explained he has been on a three -year quest to have the speed limit lowered from 40 mph to 30 mph from the State Park to the Christian Center, and has a petition signed three years ago by 62 local residents/ property owners in agreement. He said the sheriff and county commissioners also agree, for at least during summer months, and would like township support. Lighted crosswalks proposed earlier were found to not be supported by regulations for township use. The county recently placed an electronic sign to read mph of drivers near Bonebrake's property which will be monitored for a time. Discussion revealed a split in board opinions but agreement to accept what the County determines.
2. **NDSU/UGPTI 2025 Road Needs Study Survey – Answer & Mail:** Clerk gave David the survey to be completed and mailed in to assist the state in estimating costs of statewide road maintenance needs.
3. **NDTOA Annual Meeting Dec 8-9 – Move Board Meeting to Dec 9?** Some board members have attended the state township officers annual meeting in Bismarck in the past, this year it conflicts with our meeting date. After discussion that suggested lack of state level support on items helpful to Roland Township meant less desire to take part, board agreed to leave the meeting date as is.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

Next board meeting is Monday, December 8.