

**ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
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**A PUBLIC HEARING to address a Road Vacation in Lake Metigoshe Park** was opened at 7:00 p.m., January 12, 2026, in the Quilt Inn Meeting room by Board Chairman Mike Hall with Supervisors Michael Sivertson, Vern Jacobson, David Thompson and Luke Artz along with Clerk Glenore Gross and two visitors. The request for closure was made by Rick Irey, owner of Lots 8 and 9 Lake Metigoshe Park, who followed the prescribed procedure for road closure. Mike explained this request will vacate the last portion of this platted but unused section of road. No public comment was offered. Hearing closed.

**The Roland Township ZONING BOARD** was called to order immediately following with the above noted attendance; Tim Kihle, Zoning Administrator arrived later. **Minutes:** December 8 Board minutes were approved as written and posted. **Treasurer Report** was presented with Cash/Fund balance of \$690,589.35 and a request to pay bills of \$14,736.61. Mike gave information on the clearing work done by Brian Johnson on north Rugby Pt Road which has made the road safer and allows for better snow clearing. *MOTION by David to approve the Treasurers report, and pay the bills presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Luke. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*

**OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:** Addressed prior to arrival of Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle.

1. **Offsite Storage & Meeting Space:** Different building and container options were looked at and reported on by Vern and Luke, with pricing from \$18,000 to \$40,000 depending on size and features included. Discussed whether its use should just be file storage or include room for an office for potential future change of personnel not as willing to keep files at home, which is customary for township clerks. Will look at pricing for smaller units. [Clerk note: although the original suggestion has merit, the logistics of moving forward at this time do not appear feasible versus leaving things as is.]
2. **Short Term Rental CUP – Committee Report:** Committee will meet next week with Vern providing suggested changes to be considered.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Tim provided missing information for permits addressed last month and presented two new permits.

- Side Lot Variance addressed for D Olson/48-49 Metigoshe Park – Permit for 30x32 garage was approved with a road variance last month but the building is 5' from the lot line; that lot is also owned by Olson. *MOTION by Vern to approve a 2' Side Lot Variance for the garage, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*
- D Thompson/1<sup>st</sup> Addn Central Park – Their long narrow lot extends south across Lake Loop Road, as confirmed by a survey; requesting permit for new 34x60 shed with 16' sidewalls for the recently cleared lot between two residences. Tim said there was verbal agreement to the tree clearing; however, Board agreed to request a signed Agreement with the adjacent parties before approving the shed permit.
- P Truscott/Westergard Addn – Replace old carport with a new garage with loft storage above, side shed will also be removed. Carport is 27 1/2' to roadway, owner requesting road variance to allow keeping the same road setback although it is a non-conforming structure. After discussion, *MOTION by David to grant the road variance of 2 1/2', 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael. VOTE – Vern-NO, David-YES, Mike-YES, Michael-YES, Luke-YES. 1 NO 4 YES = CARRIED.*
- *MOTION by David to approve the Truscott garage permit with variance approved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael, VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.* Thompson permit is on hold.

**NEW ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **R Irey/Lk Metigoshe Pk – Resolution to Accept and Order to Discontinue and Vacate Portion of Lake Metigoshe Park:** *MOTION by Michael to adopt the Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue that portion of Lake Metigoshe Park Road lying adjacent to Lots 8 and 9, Lake Metigoshe Park, Bottineau County, North Dakota, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.* Followed by *MOTION by Vern to approve the Order to Vacate and Discontinue that portion of Lake Metigoshe Park Road lying*

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*adjacent to Lots 8 and 9, Lake Metigoshe Park, Bottineau County, North Dakota, being a strip of land 25 feet wide adjacent to said lots, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.* The Resolution will be provided to the county auditor and the Order to the county Recorder's office.

2. **Added – Consider Purchase of iPad for Zoning Administrator:** After discussion, *MOTION by Luke to approve purchase of a suitable iPad for Zoning use, not to exceed \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vern. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.*

**GENERAL MEETING called to order at 8:05 p.m.**

**OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **New Burnetts Rd: Order to Vacate and Discontinue Old Road:** With the new road open and accepted for use, the old road is now a driveway for Fritel and ready to be recorded as closed to the public.  
*MOTION by Vern to Vacate and Discontinue that portion of unplatted road which traversed across Lots 148 to 171 in Burnett's First Addition Metigoshe Park, Bottineau County, North Dakota; 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.* Clerk will have the Order recorded at the county Records office.
2. **Road Issue Updates:**
  - **Cabin Roads:** Icy roads have been an issue; snow removal is getting done. Workers for Fritel who parked their vehicles on the new Burnetts Rd and blocked traffic there were told to use the old road.
  - **Rural Roads:** Some roads are icy, but there hasn't been a lot of snow to deal with.
  - Discussion continued with Vern suggesting that the township consider purchasing a payloader for snow removal since its size is better fitted for use on cabin roads than the county grader.
3. **Added – Mowing Update:** With Wendell Lund not wishing to continue mowing, there has been interest expressed by another well-qualified person to take over who the board would support.

**NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Schedule Holiday Social Gathering:** Monday, January 19, 5:30 p.m. was set for meeting at Dockside.
2. **Consider Moving Funds from Checking:** Suggestions next month will help determine where to transfer excess checking account funds.

➤ **REPORTS:** Discussion was held on feedback from the ND Township Officers Association annual meeting in December, noting in particular NDTOA support for the unfair policy where state funds set aside for township infrastructure projects are denied to those few townships that levy less than 18 mills. For 2025, Roland Township levy is 14.02 mills for the \$228,550 General Fund collection which provides an adequate amount for annual expenses plus set-aside funds for future road work.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.  
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

Next board meeting is Monday, February 9.