

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:00 p.m. May 12, 2025, in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Chairman Mike Hall, with Supervisors Vern Jacobson, David Thompson, Michael Sivertson and Luke Artz attending along with Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross, as well as Mark Kihle, zoning assistant and 5 visitors.

Minutes: April 14 Board minutes were approved as written; April 22 Equalization Minutes will be approved next year. **Treasurer Report** was presented with Cash/Fund balance of \$722,585.09 and a request to pay bills of \$11,996.61 as listed plus reimbursement of \$64.52 to Glenore for zoning phone, \$11,800 to Opdahl Enterprise for Crack Seal of roads around the lake, and \$2,400 to Jerry Sivertson for 12 hours clearing snow and cleaning up a number of dead deer Jan-May. The Bond Principal Balance is now about \$352,875. Clerk requested a motion to authorize a transfer at Starion bank from savings to a CD to gain a better interest rate. *MOTION by David to approve the Treasurers report, pay the bills presented, and authorize the transfer of \$150,000 to a CD at Starion bank, 2nd by Michael. VOTE - 5 YES = CARRIED.*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim presented the following items:

- Barry Hall/Squaw Pt - New Garage with loft storage on lot back of Wondrasek Addn. Tim confirmed with Hall the upper floor would be only for storage, the main level will have one bathroom.
- Kevin Herbel/Birchwood Heights 2nd Addn - Identical 30x60 storage buildings on Lot 19 and Lot 21, neither with a bathroom. Herbel provided documentation that these lots are not under the covenants that apply to some other lots in the plat.
- Tracy Brandjord for PAPA Family LLLP/Section 16 – payment of \$400 for the storage building permit will be mailed to clerk.
- Dean Lemieux/Westergard – Replace existing fence one foot off property line; neighbors signed agreement with the placement.
- Jesse Kist/Butlers 1st Addn - Small shed for firewood storage, within setbacks.
- Stormy Peterson – Conditional Use Permit for a food trailer in the Narrows vicinity.
- Dean Rylander/Loon Lake Bullinger area – 28x36 dwelling plus attached garage.
- Scott & Tracey Sys/North Lake Park – preparing to demo cabin prior to replacing with new cabin, asked if board would approve a variance before finalizing their plan to have a deck at 35' to the high water mark which would line up with others in the neighborhood. Board prefers seeing a permit with the variance request, so it was not addressed further.
- A number of Demolition permits are in process; Vern questioned whether the permits refer to liability for road damage and board agreed it should be the same as on building permits; clerk will revise the permit; in the meantime Tim will write the wording on current Demo permits.
- Craig Benson/Whiskey Bay area – fence permit was requested some time ago, but a drainage issue needed to be fixed first; will be looked at again.
- *MOTION by Vern to approve the permits as addressed above, 2nd by Michael. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*
- Tim said the Excavation Permit for the Zeitler/Rugby Pt lot isn't yet done; he gave the status of proposed projects as either cancelled or still in an unknown planning stage.

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Monitor for Roof Extension Removal-Schmidt/Lot 27 Lk Met Park:** The roof extension has now been cut back 6" as was required.
2. **2025 RV Renewals:** Mark reported 31 paid renewals plus six Storage RVs to date.
3. **Follow-up from Discussion of Campers on Lake Lots:** Vern reported the issues presented were taken care of.
4. **Followup on Short Term Rental CUP Consideration:** Vern said due to timing, this will need to just be

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monitored for now and in fall the committee will work on potential ordinance regulations. Michael suggested that if troubles arise, a neighbor can call the sheriff, or if the property is a B&B rental, a form can be filled out which could lead to the owner being blacklisted from offering further rentals.

5. **Consider Offsite Storage & Meeting Space:** Discussion centered on looking into a Conex unit that could be made into a nice office and storage space; area sources will be checked for price and potential sites were noted and will also be checked into.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **None**

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:40 p.m.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **New Burnetts Rd – Steve Fritel:** Mike said Steve reported a couple trees close to the road that need to be cut down to move in their house. Since board was given permission to keep the right of way open, *MOTION by Michael to approve Steve cutting down these trees, 2nd by Luke. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*
2. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Cabin Roads:** Crack seal was done, roads look good except for some heavy load damage from a contractor on Deerfield Lane - to be fixed after concrete work is complete - and blading damage on the bike path; Mike will check with the county about fixing this.
 - **Rural Roads:** A few spots need maintenance gravel; one request for gravel on a section line was approved as long as the county blade could go down the road without getting damaged by overhanging trees. David has given the grading person an OK to coordinate with Mikkelsen when to bring gravel.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Approve Farm Residence Application for Wendell Lund for 2024:** The Application for Abatement due to qualifying for Farm Residence Exemption was forwarded by the County Tax Director for board approval; after clarification *MOTION by David to accept the Abatement, 2nd by Michael. VOTE-5 YES = Carried*
2. **Roland Township Ownership List – Township Hall Should Not be On It:** When looking into property listed as owned by Roland Township, Clerk found the one acre with the former Roland Township Hall (former Larson Schoolhouse) that is now being developed into a mini-golf course was listed as owned by Roland Township and shows as such on some current maps. Research revealed that the township only leased the property with minutes showing the lease ended in 1994. Prior to that the land and building were returned to the property owner when the school closed in 1963. Roland Township owns only a number of road right of ways, this property is now off the list.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Information Meeting May 6 re: Soil Survey & Productivity Index related to Recent Ag Valuation changes. (End note: “Past evaluations not always done consistently, now coming closer to what should have been.”)
- June 3-County Equalization Meeting, Commissioners Meeting Room
- NDIRF Annual Report 2024

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

Next board meeting is Monday, June 9.