

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, May 9, 2022
PAGE 1 OF 2

The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:05 p.m. May 9, 2022, in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Chairman Vern Jacobson with Supervisors Mike Hall, John Warberg, Michael Sivertson and David Thompson, along with Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross in attendance. Three visitors attended.

Minutes: April 11 Board minutes were approved as written.

Treasurers Report was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$598,709.21 and request to pay bills of \$27,540.57; clerk has \$875 in RV permits to deposit. Security First balance is \$33,692.86, bond balance now estimated as \$838,605 after May payment; next payment is due Nov. 1, interest only. *MOTION by John W to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve bill payments, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE: 5 YES = CARRIED.*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim presented five building and two demolition permits. Discussions were held on the following:

- **Request for Garage Needing Road Variance – K Allard for S Farstad/Westergard 2nd:** Owner requesting garage to be 15' to road with parallel entry; after discussion on options, board requested more information regarding lot width and total building coverage before considering the request.
- **Request for Shoreline Variance for Deck – Stromberg/Lake Met Park:** Propose to add a deck at 45' to shoreline to be even with adjacent property; seeking approval prior to permit. After discussion *MOTION by Michael S to approve the five-foot variance, 2nd by John W. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.*
- **Revised Request for Road Variance for Garage – K Allard for C Hawley/Westergard:** With the previous plan for garage at 22' not accepted, a plan to have it on an angle at 15' to the road was submitted. Discussion centered on the need to be able to safely park large vehicles, safely back into the road when other options appear available, and noting the dwelling was built 30' from the road with no garage included in the plan. *MOTION by John W to not approve this road variance request as presented, 2nd by David T. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.*

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Vegetation Repair Project – N Lake Pk Rd:** Mike H said the hydro-seeding needs to wait for warmer weather, and with spring drainage the dirt has become packed hard and needs to first be worked up. John W confirmed the plan is to share cost with the owner who applied the vegetation killer.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Question on Sale of Lots without Sewer Hookup – Birchwood 1st/Golf Course area:** Mike H learned that two 15,000 sq ft lots were recently purchased in the five-lot plat that was laid out with a promise made for sewer hookups that never materialized. Numerous issues remain with the plat, but until a permit is requested the board did not see a requirement to be involved.

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

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **NDDOT Grant Program for Township Transportation Funding:** David T and Mike H are working on potential road projects to submit for this special funding; no township contribution would be needed if any project should be accepted.
2. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Cabin Roads:** Mike H is working on ideas to improve the road in the Longview area where the old laundromat was; in another area a chunk of road taken out by the blade will need to be fixed.

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, May 9, 2022
PAGE 2 OF 2

- **Rural Roads:** David T said gravel roads are currently a sloppy mess, and the county needs to build crowns back for better drainage. John W suggested new gravel needs more rock and less clay.
- 3. **Mower/Tractor Update:** David T said Wendell L is pursuing getting the tires that were ordered. Discussed having Wendell keep the equipment at his place and provide the maintenance rather than go back and forth to Pecks. Mike H said there is a recall on the mower so Wendell should contact Gooseneck in Rugby to arrange the repair.
- 4. **County to Chip Seal Minot Beach & Birchwood Rd:** Mike H has kept in contact on the needed project to be completed soon.
- 5. **New Format for Road Weight Limit Ad:** Clerk showed the new ad layout in the Courant, board agreed to continue publishing it every second week.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Township Road Mileage Update:** Biennial report of township road miles used by the state for calculating the Township Road Fund payment is due by the June meeting; David T and Mike H will confirm actual mileage to be forwarded to the County Auditor.
2. **Added: Question on Dog Ordinance:** A few complaints relating to dogs running loose have been received; a Dog Complaint Form was developed some years ago but is limited to ND Century Code description of public nuisance which doesn't fit all cases. Adding a leash law would require someone to enforce it. Calling the sheriff is the suggested option.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you card for retiring Security State Bank President who arranged the paving bond was signed.
- In Lieu of Posting: Roland Township has Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) Coverage for board and employees 3/1/22 to 2/28/23