

**ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
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**The Roland Township ZONING BOARD** was called to order at 7:00 p.m. July 10 in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Chairman Mike Hall with Supervisors John Warberg, David Thompson, and Michael Sivertson in attendance, also Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle, and Clerk Glenore Gross. Supervisor Vern Jacobson was absent. Nine visitors attended.

**Minutes:** June 12 Board minutes were approved as written. **Treasurer Report** was presented with Cash/Fund balance of \$696,706.65 and a request to pay current bills of \$9,522.50. Clerk has \$225.00 in RV permits to be deposited plus Starion interest of \$354.54 not included in the report. *MOTION by John to approve the Treasurers report and pay the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. CARRIED.*

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Tim submitted several permits which were discussed and approved or tabled; one variance was presented:

- **Request for Shoreline Variance for Deck at 30' – Norsby/GreenAcres:** The existing deck was kept in place for the replacement cabin. Adjacent neighbors signed the variance. *MOTION by Michael S to approve the 30' variance for the deck remaining from the removed cabin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.*

**OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **2023 LandoLive Concert – Report:** Positive reports were heard for the Friday-Saturday event. Board suggested it would be preferable to have had required paperwork done earlier.
2. **Road Vacation – Steve & Nancy Olson/Lk Met Park:** Their attorney advised them to follow the procedure of having a petition to be signed and posted prior to a public hearing, which they will follow. It will be on next month's agenda.
3. **Complaint on Siting of New Road in Green Acres:** Byron Norsby reported to the board that the road issues mentioned are being dealt with, but added that installing a 4" culvert would assist in taking care of some long-standing drainage issues.
4. **RVs Without Permits – 3 Responses from 23 Notices Mailed:** Mike H reported that follow-up procedures for RV permits are being followed better. Tim had Michael along to visit non-responders Sunday which gave him an eye-opening look at what all takes place. Present to explain his reasons for non-compliance with two RVs on a lot allowing just one, Andy Brown shared his intention to be compliant in the future. Board expressed appreciation for his willingness to appear and shared that the current intentional seeking out of RVs without permits is meant to get everyone on the same page regarding following regulations for the purpose of being good neighbors.

**NEW ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **Shoreland Issues with Topography & Fill/Grade Projects Identified for Needed Follow-up:** Discussion held on instances viewed by John from a boat as well as others checking on land. The person working in an area clearcut to the bottom was told to put in barriers. Tim has talked with contractors and shared the need to consider erosion prevention; clerk has letters to be mailed to them. Mike H emphasized the need for follow up to monitor compliance.
2. **Help Needed to Catch Up and Get on Track with Zoning Issues – Mike H:** Much discussion held on the need to clarify RV regulations, particularly in number of days being used before requiring a permit as well as disagreement on collecting of the Rec Service fee of \$125 along with the township fee of \$75. Mike H suggested marking a large map with the seasonal use permitted RVs, then put in place a better process for monitoring the parking of short-term RV units. Board suggested adding Wendell Lund as an assistant to get a handle on the situation; he agreed to ride around a day with Tim to clarify what is involved before committing to it. Work on clearing up issues with RVs will continue through the season with a possibility of ordinance revisions prior to next season.

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

**OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**1. Resolution to Vacate Township Road in/around Twin Oaks 1<sup>st</sup> Addn – Donnet Sivertson/Twin Oaks:**

With the petition having been filed 30 days previous, a resolution to complete the road vacation is needed. *MOTION by David to approve discontinuance of the road as described in the petition and resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.*

**2. Road Issue Updates:**

- **Cabin Roads:** Need to add a gate to a new culvert to restrict flow and correct flooding in E Shore Park. Craig Benson shared the need for a fix for flooding that runs across his lot in Whiskey Bay from the area to the west that had been a slough in the past; Mike H will look it over.
- **Rural Roads:** Still waiting on gravel. Ditch in Loon Lake area needs clearing and slope work before winter; David and John will work on it.

**2. Mower/Tractor Update:** “Raving reports” of the recent good mowing and trimming have been received.

**NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**1. Request to Acquire Township Property on Aspen Ave Turnaround - D Henes/ Hidden Bay:** Jessica Tagestad, Wold Engineering, presented Henes’ request to acquire a rectangle shape section off the unused west side of the Aspen Avenue turnaround that was previously deeded from Oakshore Inc. to the township. The strip will connect two lots owned by Donald Henes. A township is allowed to conduct a private sale of property valued under \$1,000, per the ND Century Code. After discussion, *MOTION by David to offer the strip of property to Donald Henes for \$900.00, provided he completes the required documentation for a Quit Claim Deed transaction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.* A benefit is the land would then be added to the tax rolls.

**REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Mike noted the plan to have Tim and a board member meet to look permits over prior to meetings to check that things are in order, and also check back on some past permits that may have issues to be cleared up. Tim will go out to check RVs with Wendell, and will also check shorelines from a boat to get a better handle on different areas.
- Wendell Lund questioned the need for many of the arrow signs which can present problems for mowing; they were required as part of funds for paving received by the county. He also suggested the bridge at the Narrows should receive some maintenance now before it becomes a much bigger repair project; Mike H will mention it to Ritchie Gimbel, County Road Supt.
- A visitor asked about the use of porta-potties; they are approved for during construction only.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting is August 14.  
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer