

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:05 p.m. July 11, 2022, in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Chairman Vern Jacobson with Supervisors Mike Hall and Michael Sivertson, along with Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross in attendance. John Warberg and David Thompson were absent. Twelve visitors signed the register.

Minutes: June 13 Board minutes were approved as written. **Treasurers Report** was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$570,237.23 and request to pay bills of \$8,772.32 plus two turned in at the meeting. Security First balance is \$33,692.86, bond balance estimated as \$838,605; interest only payment is due Nov. 1. *MOTION by Michael S to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve bill payments, 2nd by Mike H. VOTE: 3 YES = CARRIED.*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim presented several building permits, plus RV CUPs. Discussions were held on the following:

- **Request for Deck at 37' to Shoreline – Birdsall/NLk Pk:** Deck will be even with one adjacent deck and farther back than the other; both neighbors have signed the variance. *MOTION by Michael S to approve the variance for 37' from the shoreline, 2nd by Mike H. VOTE-3 YES=CARRIED.*
- **Request to Cover a Ground Level Deck at 38' to Shoreline – Erdmann/Hahn's Bay:** Neighbors have both signed their agreement. After discussion regarding some history of the potential for enclosing a roofed deck, *MOTION by Michael S to approve the variance at 38' from the shoreline, 2nd by Mike H, VOTE-3 YES=CARRIED.*

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Vegetation Repair Project – N Lake Pk Rd:** Brian Glinz said he will complete the job next week while doing another job in the vicinity.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Conditional Use Permit for Landolive Concert – Landon Bahl:** *MOTION by Mike H to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Landolive event next weekend, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-3 YES=CARRIED.* Tim will prepare the CUP for the weekend event.
2. **Request for Change to Non-conforming Twin Oaks Sign – Donnet Sivertson:** After discussion it was agreed that with the sign on the county's Lake Loop Road, the county Zoning Commission would be in charge of any modification.
3. **Concern with Tall Brick Retaining Wall – Nancy J Olson/Metigoshe Estates:** Olson has had renters with RVs unable to get their units on the lot due to the neighbor's retaining wall being on the property line. Board agreed to have Atty Peter Hankla look into how a retaining wall fits in the ordinance and how it should be addressed.

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:25 p.m.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Township Road Mileage Update:** Mike H and Ritch Gimbel agreed on 46 miles of township road.
2. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Cabin Roads:** Chip seal still to be done when county finishes another project; millings from another road will be put on the Laundromat Rd as a better option than cold mix.
 - **Rural Roads:** A bad area on the Svingen Rd, will be reported to Ritch G, County Rd Supt.
3. **Mower/Tractor Update:** Wendell Lund reported on his hours used for maintenance, such as replacing the mower blades and for branch clearing, also driving to pick up the blades which wouldn't

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be delivered promptly. He asked if consideration could be given to increase the pay scale beyond the \$20/hour mowing rate. After discussion, board agreed there is value to having someone able to do maintenance. *MOTION by Mike H to allow \$45/hour for maintenance and tree trimming, and allow the state rate for necessary mileage, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-3 YES=CARRIED.* The mowing rate may need to be raised for next year if Lund continues but \$20/hour will remain for this year.

4. **New Format for Road Weight Limit Ad:** The ad is now at \$119 per month; board agreed it could be cut down in size closer to the previous monthly cost.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Paving Specials Cancellation – Addie Berg/Solper Rd:** Addie explained that two parcels (Fuchs Estate/Northwest Addition) were assessed \$5613 in Road Paving Assessments. It has been researched and found these parcels should have been recorded as inactive in 1998. The land involved is part of the Solpers/Schaefer parcel and has already been assessed the maximum road special. Addie requested the Township Boards concurrence to cancel the duplicate assessment on these inactive parcels. This cost will need to be absorbed by the township. *MOTION by Mike H to agree to the correction, 2nd by Michael S, VOTE-3 YES=CARRIED.*
2. **Proposed Road Change Discussion – Steve Fritel/Burnetts Addn:** (A continuation of discussion from April regarding Fritel’s plan to replace the road in use with a new road along the back of his Lots 150-165.) Fritel said the current road has no easement in the abstracts and probably began as a shortcut. Where it was originally platted would be along the back side of the lots. The center portion changed hands over the years and is currently owned by the Forest Service, continuing with the intention of no development. Wold Engineering and the Forest Service have agreed to placement of pins for lot boundaries at 175’ back from the shoreline. Fritel said he would clear trees and build the road but asked for township assistance with paving. Vern said the board would need an estimate of the cost, which Fritel could obtain from Wold Engineering or Mayo Construction.
3. **Request for Consideration of Squaw Point Name Change – Jesse Kist:** Kist contacted Mike H regarding what he had read about a request for changing the name in the February minutes but was unable to attend the meeting. Kist provided information from the Sec’y of the Interior that has determined the term squaw is derogatory, and it is rapidly being changed in other states including the Badlands of ND. Board agreed to determine the number of property owners in Squaw Point then ask Kist to conduct his own survey among them, with the percentage of positive and negative responses to be provided to the board. Addie B reminded the board a function of the 911 coordinator is to name roads and should be contacted as well.
4. **Added: Discussion to be Scheduled for RV Rules in Rec Service District:** The Recreation Service District proposes to modify and clear up rules for RVs around Lake Metigoshe and will meet this winter to address the issue. They requested Vern, Mike H, Tim, and Glenore be prepared to join the discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- None given