

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, July 13, 2026
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order by Chairman Mike Hall at 7:00 p.m. July 13, 2026, in the Quilt Inn meeting room with Supervisors David Thompson, Michael Sivertson and Greg Mathwich along with Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle, and Clerk Glenore Gross, also Zoning Assistant Mark Kihle. Luke Artz was absent. Eleven visitors signed the register.

Minutes: June 8 Board minutes were approved as written and posted. **Treasurer Report:** Cash/Fund balance reported as \$790,921.91 with a request to pay bills totaling \$10,281.12. *MOTION by Michael to approve the Treasurers report and pay the bills presented, 2nd by David. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.* Discussed Online/Autobooks Payment option for permit fees: since it offers no paper trail and few have requested online payment, it isn't currently practical.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim Kihle presented these permits, with no variances requested:

- Paul Olson/Minot Beach - Replace deck with added 4'.
- Tanya Mooney/Oakshore Cont'd – Build 24x24 Garage.
- Kenneth Knutson/Sec 33 – Build 36x52 storage shed.
- Stormy Peterson – CUP for Food Truck.

After review of permits, *MOTION by Greg to approve them as presented, 2nd by David, VOTE-4 YES=CARRIED.*

- Discussion on a complaint received from Debra Hunter regarding an electric fence, trees cut, and boundary markers removed went beyond what the board has authority over. It ended with the requirement that unless there is agreement from both owners to have a fence on the property line, it needs to be 7 ½' off the line, and no single wire fence - electric or twine - is allowed. Tim will meet with Mark Brekke with fence permit information.

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Short Term Rental CUP – Board Discussion Following Public Hearing Input:** With no committee input yet, board limited their discussion. Mike said the sheriff agreed having a database for contact information would be good. Greg suggested STR owners could meet as a committee and said there could be a possible business opportunity for someone to be an organizing resource for STR owners. He preferred the board not being overseers. *MOTION by David to table further discussion to the next meeting, 2nd by Greg. VOTE-4 YES = CARRIED.* Public comment from Matt Johnson: The ordinance is way overstepping; people who complain are a small minority, why listen just to them; other ordinances are not being followed, this would be another; revise ordinance using common sense.
2. **RV CUP Renewals – Mark K:** There are 51 paid permits with 5 being new, and 21 for storage. Several are yet to respond. He did a survey over the 4th counting 37 RVs on the 2nd and by the 5th 34 of them were gone. A family with two lots had their trailers parked at just 20' from the road. When they were moved further in others started using that space for turn-arounds, so the owners would like to use a fence or boulders to prevent this.
3. **Building/Location Permit Revision-pdf online:** Still a work in progress for online input. Regarding permits, Mike said they should include that straw barriers are required to prevent erosion. Greg noted there is also a concern with the number of trees getting cut down since there is a limit allowed within 50' of shoreline.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **None**

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:40 pm.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Burnetts/Fritel Rd:** It has been striped and No Parking signs are up now; other needed improvement issues are being dealt with. Steve Fritel said he will put up a gate to close off the old road; it is where GPS directions point.
 - **Cabin Roads:** Mike worked with the county to put township sign sites in a database to keep track of where they should be and to know when they show up missing.
 - **Rural Roads:** David will meet with Co. Road Superintendent Ritchie about clearing ditches and trees on 16th Ave NE. Board agreed to have Stop signs installed on 16th Ave NE at the intersection with 104th St NE which is busy as an access to Loon Lake.

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2. **Mowing:** The tractor's broken back window now has a screen as replacement. It appears to be working OK after the recent repairs.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Request to Discuss Sediment Catch in Central Park re Whiskey Bay Runoff – James Bondly:** Bondly wasn't there but Mike explained the area has been a work in progress with the county to improve the drainage issue. Board looked over and discussed the photos provided.
2. **Request to Discuss Several Issues in Rugby Point – Sue McGee:** 1- Why doesn't Rugby Point get mowed? *Several areas are too tight to mow with current equipment; one area has opened up with more room but needs to be improved, Mike will see about getting landscaping there.* 2-Space in the "circle" area has been cleared with gravel added for extra parking, concerned about it being misuse of past agreement. *Forest Service now allows it as township right-of-way; they will be putting in posts to mark their line.* 3-No Parking signs are up but there is still parking on the road; one call on the 4th for emergency response was where sheriff and ambulance were able to get by but they couldn't have in other areas. *We're trying to take care of parking issues.* 4-Problem with Yield sign, no one yields, and the Stop sign is down. *Will work with the County for signs and their placement.* Discussion ended with the suggestion that the township should hire a police officer for the summer, or at least over the 4th holiday, as had been done in past years. However, the county is currently short three deputies. Mike responded to a suggestion to put up cameras by noting it had been looked into previously with the cost to be able to read license plates prohibitive. Consensus was to have the sheriff invited to be on the agenda at a meeting to hear the need for better township coverage, along with County Commissioner Andy Peterson.

> REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Wake Boat Follow-up: It is a State plus Game & Fish responsibility, not township. A map and signs at boat launching sites may be provided for information. Greg noted that it was helpful to have had the discussion.
- Clerk Query on Status of Conditional Use Permits for Multiple Lake Vendors: Confirmed that township issues CUPs for multi-day vendors but not for the one-day vendor sales events.

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

Next board meetings: Aug 10, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14.