

**ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
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**The Roland Township ZONING BOARD** was called to order at 7:00 p.m. August 11, 2025, in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Chairman Mike Hall, with Supervisors Vern Jacobson and Luke Artz attending along with Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross as well as Mark Kihle, zoning assistant, and 10 visitors. Supervisors David Thompson and Michael Sivertson were absent.

**Minutes:** July 14 Board minutes were approved as written. **Treasurer Report** was presented with Cash/Fund balance of \$723,318.90 and a request to pay bills of \$10,811.77 as listed. *MOTION by Vern to approve the Treasurers report, and pay the bills presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Luke. VOTE-3 YES = CARRIED.*

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Tim presented the following items:

- Honsey/Birchwood Hgts - 16x20 shed.
- Kirkhammer/Westergard - move in a 60x26'8" house on their back lot.
- Gilbraith/Oakshore – 62'x48' house, build onsite, fits within setbacks.
- Query on a permit for the pickleball court to install posts for a breathable cloth for wind protection around the courts; no permit required, but information will be kept on file.
- *MOTION by Luke to approve these permits as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vern. VOTE-3 YES = CARRIED.*
- *Last month: Puttre/Burnetts 1<sup>st</sup> Road Variance – noting that the distance to the road remains the same on the small lot, MOTION by Michael to approve the 8' Road Variance for the replacement structure, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. VOTE- 4 YES = CARRIED.*
  - Puttre returned to request instead of a 12x12 shed a 12x14 two-story shed with the same road variance. Following discussion regarding a lack of clear direction for it in the township ordinance, *MOTION by Vern to table the request a month to allow for a full board vote, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Luke. VOTE-3 YES = CARRIED.*

**OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **Drainage Issue + Fence Permit – C Benson/Whiskey Bay area:** Mike will be meeting with Ritchie Gimbel, Co. Road Superintendent tomorrow and will get an estimate for a cost-share arrangement on the drainage problem affecting Benson's property that has resulted from past area development. The request for a fence permit has been denied at this time.
2. **2025 RV Report:** Mark reported 71 paid permits with 28 as storage units only. He will continue to periodically check for usage.
3. **Offsite Storage & Meeting Space:** Mike said the county has agreed to work with setting up a Conex unit on the VFW/Basketball/Pickleball lot. Board agreed metal is preferred over a wood structure due to rodent issues.
4. **Short Term Rental CUP – Committee Report:** Vern said the committee will meet after harvest.

**NEW ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **None offered.**

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

**OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Burnetts Rd Update – Progress:** Steve Fritel reported Bechtold is scheduled to pave the road this week after Mikkelsens complete some final details along with Wold Engineering input. However the road will not be open to traffic until it is approved and has signs installed, perhaps after Labor Day. Board suggested placing an ad in the Courant for public information regarding road opening details.
2. **Road Issue Updates:**

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- **Cabin Roads:** Mike reported work being done in various places. The No Parking road signs still need placement determined and marked for the county to install. The turnaround area in Oakshore noted previously to be overgrown and strewn with rubbish has now been cleaned and thinned out by those who did not want it cleared of trees.
  - **Rural Roads:** No report.
3. **Mowing Report:** Clerk said David has been informed that Wendell would prefer to not continue with township mowing next year.

**NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Consider Option to Amend Budget for 2026 Public Budget Hearing Sept 8:** Board agreed to keep the budget as approved in March and not raise the mills to meet state legislature requirement for 18 mills to qualify for grants for road work. Current levy request is \$226,550, 18 mills would raise it to \$323,874.
2. **Consider NDTOA Suggestion for Public Comment Policy:** Board will look over the policy as proposed by the state township officers association and address the possibility next month of adopting it for township meetings.

**REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None addressed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.  
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

Next board meeting is Monday, September 8 following Budget Hearing at 7:00 pm.