

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
BUDGET HEARING + ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, September 12, 2022
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The required **2023 BUDGET HEARING** for Roland Township was called to order by Board Chairman Vern Jacobson at 7:00 p.m. September 12, 2022, in the Quilt Inn Meeting Room, with Supervisors Mike Hall, John Warberg, Michael Sivertson and David Thompson, along with Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross. None of the six visitors in attendance said they came for the hearing. The levy request of \$180,450 had been approved at the annual meeting and equals 12.29 mills. A budget can be reduced but not increased. With no questions, the board accepted the approved budget, and the hearing was closed.

The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order immediately following.

Minutes: August 8 Board minutes were approved as written. **Treasurers Report** was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$655,628.20, which includes the county's 4th pledge payment of \$100,000 toward the cabin road paving project, and a request to pay bills of \$29,195.34. *MOTION by Michael S to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve bill payments, 2nd by John. VOTE-5 YES=CARRIED.*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim presented several building permits; discussions were held on the following:

- **Request Side Lot Variance for 32x24 Garage – S Lorenz/Larson Addn:** Garage will replace a smaller shed but be closer to the property line to allow more distance from overhead power lines and more room for RVs to pull in and out. The eave edge will be 4 ½' to the property line; variance has been signed by that owner. *MOTION by John to approve a 3' variance to adjacent property line, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-5 YES=CARRIED.*
- **Request Side Lot Variance for Dwelling with Eave at 5' to Property Line – D Bullinger/Burnetts 1st:** Building ended up 7' from property line with 2' eave; adjacent owner signed the variance. *MOTION by Mike H to approve a 2 ½' side lot variance, with neighbor's signed permission; 2nd by John, VOTE-5 YES=CARRIED.*
- **Request Side Lot Variance for Boathouse to Change Roof Slope – Talley/Roadside Ranch:** Owner to rebuild existing boathouse in same footprint but change from flat roof to sloped; it has been 1'4" from side lot line. Adjacent owners have signed the variance. *MOTION by John to approve the variance request, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-5 YES=CARRIED.*
- **Request for Road Variance for Garage Addition – B Henschel/Rugby Pt:** Garage is currently 18' from road. Would like to add 8' for small vehicle storage making it 10' from road. After discussion and viewing photos, *MOTION by Mike H to table the request to the next meeting to allow board to view the site before voting, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-5 YES=CARRIED.*

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Check Cement Handicap Ramp Close to Road – C Hawley/Westergard:** Mike H said he and Ritch Gimbel agreed the ramp's raised edge at the road will be a safety problem for blade and plow, causing damage to equipment and/or to the ramp. Clerk to send letter to Hawley explaining the need to somehow cut the ramp back by some means that will still allow the desired access without damaging road equipment.
2. **Vegetation Repair Project – N Lake Pk Rd:** A portion of the affected roadside now has an asphalt covering with ridges to direct rainwater into the brush; the rest of the affected area has not yet been repaired.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Request for Discussion on Proposed Permit – S Fritel/Burnetts 1st:** Fritel said he has an opportunity to acquire an existing cabin and move it in the spring to his property on the other side of the road currently in use. He sought an opinion from the board whether it appeared do-able to them prior to making the deal. Board discussion agreed it appears do-able.
2. **Plans Not Previously Discussed for Approval of CUP for 2023 LandoLive Concert – L Bahl:** The CUP for 2023 LandoLive Concert did not get the discussion it should have had last month. Changes of concern to the board included the addition of offering onsite camping which will need sanitation plans in place. Land ownership questions were partly answered with authorization signed by the owner of a

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portion of the concert venue. Others relate to potential changes if the building site should sell, including access and liquor license plans. Board noted that this summer's concert was run well and enjoyed by many but requests answers to these concerns prior to approval of the 2023 CUP.

3. **Question re Sales Ad for Birchwood Homes Add'n – J Harris:** The plat of Birchwood Homes Addition was approved several years ago with a promise to connect to the sewer system given by Harris, but that never happened. If sewer is not available, the minimum lot size to qualify for a building permit is one acre with an approved septic system. Offering lots that do not qualify for permits was stated to be unfair to anyone considering purchase or lease. To confirm policy, *MOTION by John that no permits will be issued on properties that do not comply with current sewer and zoning regulations, 2nd by Mike H. VOTE-5 YES=CARRIED.* Clerk to send certified letter to J Harris with this information.

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:50 p.m.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Proposed Road Change – Steve Fritel/Burnetts Addn:** Fritel said he is waiting for bids.
2. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Cabin Roads:** A couple culverts need attention. A request was made to add the need for owners to clear vegetation and trees from right of ways along with the note about parking to be included in the spring letter to owners; discussion on how growth in cabin road ditches needs attention led to a *MOTION by David to request Danny Biberdorf/Borderline Bobcat Service be requested to clear cabin road right of way easements, 2nd by John, VOTE-5 YES=CARRIED.*
 - **Rural Roads:** Graveled roads are like washboard and need rain; also need them crowned. The request for a road sign for 18th Ave off Hwy 43 has had no response from the 911 coordinator; Mike H suggested asking the county to make one.
3. **Mower Update:** Nothing new.
4. **Continue Road Weight Limit Ad:** Yes, for now.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Concern Over Shore Erosion – John Nordgaard:** Nordgaard shared photos that illustrated his concern over the amount of new construction and cleared hillsides leaving dirt piles ready to be washed into the lake when it rains, as well as excess phosphate that can lead to algae bloom. He suggested promoting the use of straw waddles to hold dirt in place and also looking at zoning ordinance revisions to assist in preventing such erosion. Nordgaard agreed to be on a committee to work on revisions.
2. **Set Meeting for RV Discussion with RSD:** RSD will set the schedule at their next meeting.
3. **Set Meeting for Discussion of Potential Ordinance Revisions:** Will be tied in with above meetings.

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

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Dept of Interior name change choice for Squaw Point on Federal maps – Mitigomizh Neyaashi, reported to mean Oak Point in Ojibway.