

Town Board Meeting  
Town of Rock Elm  
Pierce County Wisconsin  
Tuesday January 9, 2023  
by Monica Robey, clerk

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Bates at 8:00 PM.

### **Agenda Approval**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Matt Holcomb and seconded by Tim Bates, motion carried.

### **Minutes from the Previous Meetings**

Minutes from the December 12 regular monthly board meeting held were read. Motion to approve by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Tim Bates, motion carried.

### **Public Input**

Pam Reitz, Treasurer talked about how collection of property taxes were going.

Matt Holcomb said that the Highway Commission had approved ATV/UTV use on county roads, this now goes before the County Board for their ruling.

A resident brought up that Townships can draft an Operations Ordinance as it applies to CAFO's. This group would like to see townships unite in this struggle. A concern is who would be responsible to enforce any rules. There is an organization called Farmers Assuring Responsible Management (F.A.R.M.) which may have insights into these matters.

Pertaining to the Refuse Site, GFL did not do a pickup on their scheduled date leading to dumpsters overflowing and extra work to clean up the mess for Donald Brunner and Tim Bates.

### **Financial Reports**

Monica Robey presented the financial reports. This month's total of bills to be paid was \$46,063.07. Revenue expected this month would be \$134,201.25, which includes the property taxes. Matt Holcomb made a motion to approve, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried. The Profit and Loss Statement for 2023 was handed out for review.

### **Dairyland Energy's application for Utility use in the Road Right of Way**

This application and permit fees have been debated between Dairyland and Tim and the compromised amount is \$355. Their exhibit E will need to be redone and Tim will forward to Monica. Motion to approve this ROW permit made by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Chris Thibado, motion carried.

### **Discuss Resident Meeting**

Date will depend on availability of special speakers. Agenda ideas were; driveways, how to best preserve the roads we have, costs of road maintenance and damage repairs, weight restrictions, and parking issues. Chris Thibado made a motion to check on dates and work on finalizing agenda at a later date, seconded by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

**Discuss possible Pickup replacement**

Our current pickup is a 1998? and was bought for \$1500.00 in 2020. It has serviced us well but is showing its age. There is a 2019 dually diesel for sale from Durand Stockyards. 102,000 miles for \$43,500. Chris Thibado made a motion to make an offer of up to \$36,000, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried.

**Pallet Forks**

Matt Holcomb made a motion to purchase pallet forks with lock down forks for \$1550 and take the funds out of our Machine Fund. Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried.

**Highway Report**

Presented by Dave Bechel, patrolman. He has been busy dealing with snow. He serviced the grader, currently has 3240 hours. Serviced the pickup which included new spark plugs, new rear differential cover, oil change, rotated tires, currently has 252,620 miles.

12-30-2023 Per the last board meeting he installed no parking signs on 20<sup>th</sup> Street, 9 signs total.

12-13-2023 Tim and Dave met with Bob Parsons, Dave Bechel from Maple Grove Dairy, Eric Hofacker, and James "Louie" Filkins, Pierce County Surveyor, pertaining to getting land owners together and agree on land issues as it pertains to a 80 x 80' turn around area on the end of 510<sup>th</sup> Ave.

12-27-2023 Tim and Dave met to look over 110<sup>th</sup> Street intersection with 450<sup>th</sup> Ave. Richard Liegerding had tried to fix some wheel ruts which he created. Dave repaired the area with sand and gravel. On 12-29-2023 he added gravel and fixed this area completely.

1-4-2024 Tim and Dave met with Bob Loberg, attorney, on 510<sup>th</sup> Ave road and land issues.

1-4-2024 Tim and Dave went to Durand to look at truck at Durand Stockyards. Met with Connie Weber. 2019 Dodge Dually with alum flat bed, 6.7 Cummings, \$43500 asking price

**Correspondence.**

Correspondence was reviewed.

**Next Meeting Date and Tim**

Next regular monthly board meeting date will be held on February 13, 2024 at 8:00 PM. Motion to adjourn by Chris Thibado, seconded by Matt Holcomb, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM

**Attendance;**

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| Tim Bates     | Matt Holcomb | Pam Reitz | Monica Robey   |
| Chris Thibado | Dave Bechel  |           | Samantha Bowen |