

Town of Rock Elm
Elmwood, WI 54740
Pierce County
Tuesday November 14, 2023
7:30 P.M.
Rock Elm Town Hall

Public review of proposed budget for 2024

- I. Approve Agenda
- II. Public review of proposed budget for 2024
- III. Public Input
- IV. Adjourn

Minutes from the public review of the proposed budget

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Bates at 7:30 PM. Agenda was approved by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Chris Thibado, motion carried. The clerk had provided spreadsheets on the proposed income and expenses for 2024 with totals of \$581,293 which is an increase of 1.8% from last year. There was no public input. Chris Thibado motioned to adjourn, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM. Attendance; Tim Bates, Matt Holcomb, Chris Thibado, Pam Reitz, Monica Robey, Dave Bechel

Public meeting on proposed levy for 2024

Immediately following the public review of proposed budget

- I. Approve agenda
- II. Public review of proposed levy for 2024
- III. Public Input
- IV. Public vote on the town's levy
- V. Propose hourly rate for elected official when working for the Town of Rock Elm with possible action
- VI. Adjourn

Minutes from the meeting to adopt the proposed 2023 Levy

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Bates at 7:38 PM. Motion to approve the agenda by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Chris Thibado, motion carried. The proposed levy amount was \$372,189 as presented in the proposed budget for 2024. Chris Thibado made a motion to approve the proposed levy, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried with 5 yes votes and 1 abstain due to residency. The hourly rate for an elected official when working for the town was discussed. Matt Holcomb made a motion to keep the wage at the current rate

of \$20/hour, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried. Chris Thibado made a motion to adjourn, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:50PM. Attendance; Tim Bates, Matt Holcomb, Chris Thibado, Pam Reitz, Dave Bechel and Monica Robey

Monthly Town Meeting immediately following the Levy meeting

- I. Approve agenda
- II. Minutes from October meetings
- III. Financial Report, discuss current expenses and revenue expected in the next couple months, with possible action. Discuss Payroll Service with possible action
- IV. Public Input
- V. Discuss Broadband progress by Celect Communications
- VI. Discuss Contract renewal with Weber Inspections, with possible action
- VII. Discuss Assessor contract with possible action
- VIII. Highway Report, discuss present and future road work with possible action
 - A. Discuss LRIP application
 - B. Highway Misc.
- IX. Discuss Budget for 2024, with possible action
- X. Correspondence
- XI. Set next meeting date
- XII. Adjourn

Minutes from the Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Bates at 7:51PM. Motion to approve the agenda by Chris Thibado, seconded by Matt Holcomb, motion carried. Minutes were read from the October 10th meeting, motion to approve by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Chris Thibado, motion carried. Minutes from the budget planning meeting on October 24 were read, motion to approve by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Chris Thibado, motion carried.

Financial reports were reviewed and discussed. This month's bills to be paid was \$34966.98 and income expected was \$26,874. Motion to approve by Chris Thibado, seconded by Matt Holcomb, motion carried. The idea of having someone do our payroll was discussed. This is being brought up due to the increased cost of the Quickbooks payroll service and that fee being very close to the cost of having Hartung Accounting do it. Monica Robey, clerk, also thought there would be things to learn from Martha Hartung since she is a town clerk and an accountant. Matt Holcomb motioned to approve, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried.

Public Input

Monica Robey had attended the unit meeting of Pierce and Pepin Counties of the Wisconsin Town's Association held November 9, 2023. There were a couple government representatives there that talked about legislation as it pertained to road funding and various other items pertaining to towns.

Celect Communications

Their progress has been moving right along. They are now down from three crews to one.

Weber Inspections

The 2024 contract was reviewed, Matt Holcomb motioned to approve, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried. This inspector has had positive reviews from the residents.

Chimney Rock Appraisals

The 2024 contract was reviewed, Chris Thibado motioned to approve, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried. The fee is the same as last year at \$6600.

Highway Report

The grader is back after warrantee work on the transmission. Dave has used it for grading and shouldering. Chris Thibado made a motion to submit the culvert work on 490th to Pierce County for Cost Share for \$9439.60 for their half, Tim Bates seconded, motion carried. Jeff Baier has applied for a driveway permit on 50th. Matt Holcomb made a motion to approve, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried. The Bell Hill, 610th, will need to be marked for moving fill, which comes from siloes on the Bell Farm. Riverland Energy will be needing a permit for taking out lines in our town. Motion to approve by Chris Thibado, seconded by Matt Holcomb, motion carried. Xcel Energy has submitted 3 permits for various pole locations; N5886 170th Street, N5481 170th Street, and N4390 130th Street Plum City. Chris Thibado motioned to approve these applications with a charge of \$130 per permit, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried. Matt Holcomb said that by his place by the double culvert there is beaver trouble.

LRIP (Local Roads Improvement Program) application was filled out by Tim and submitted by Monica for paving on 570th.

Pertaining to the flag on the Town of Rock Elm Cemetery, Jenny and Matt Holcomb will contribute a new flag. Also the solar light needs repair, Butch Wentlandt will be checking it and Adam Carson will cover the cost of new lighting if needed.

There were numerous meetings between Tim and/or Dave with Celect and residents. 10-17-23 Tim and Dave met with residents pertaining to manure hauling tankers on 490th Ave. Too much weight, north bound lane showing signs of damage and over use, they were told to use 450th.

10-17-23 impounded a dog until 10-20-23. Tim had lined up vet and accomadations. Hailey then delivered dog to River Bluff Humane Society on 10-20-23

10-18-23 Tim and Dave met with a resident. They requested using 170th St from hwy72 to County G for hauling manure loads, 150 or more loads. Our roads are not built for that kind of traffic, convinced them to reroute for this year.

10-18-23 Tim and Dave met with Greg Holden of Celect Communications. On 570th Ave by John Eggers about concerns with culvert. The plans were changed and rerouted.

10-18-23 Tim and Dave met with Celect on the Cole Hill on 630th Ave. Tim and Dave had concerns about their markings for fiber placement. Also the plan was for directional boring instead of plowing. Jacob Reveling, Sherman Laysen and Mike Demarce were at this meeting.

