

Town Board Meeting
Town of Rock Elm
Pierce County Wisconsin
Tuesday March 12, 2024
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 Chris Thibado, motion carried.

Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Minutes from the February 13, 2024 meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Chris Thibado, motion carried.

Public Input

A concerned resident brought examples of CAFO Ordinances as drafted in Polk and Burnett Counties. There is a special speaker who would come to our next meeting for informational purposes. Chris Thibado motioned to have the speaker come to a meeting, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried. It is the understanding of this clerk that the purpose of a CAFO Ordinance would lay out guidelines for them to follow, ways to enforce the guidelines and penalties if not adhered to. There is some legal help available with some of it pro bono.

Financial Reports

Monica Robey presented the financial reports. This month's total of bills to be paid was \$15,555.77 with expected income of 28,830.03. Matt Holcomb made a motion to approve, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried.

Dump Truck Funding Progress

The Board of Commissioners of Public Lands has given their final approval on our loan and the paperwork stating the disbursement is in process so we should have our funds for this very soon.

Discuss purchase of a newer used pickup

Members of the board and our patrolman have been researching and looking for a replacement of our 2002 pickup which has served us well for the past several years.

There is a 2012 Dodge 3500 coming up on a Surplus Auction, previously owned by another municipality near Tomah. It has 101,000 miles and is currently set up with a v plow on the front and a flat bed with dump box on the back. Tim Bates made a motion to place a max bid of \$20,000 including buyer fees, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried.

Election Details

The clerk informed the board the all election staff had recently attended a training session led by Jamie Firehelm, PC Clerk. Teresa Voth will join our election staff and was previously approved by the board. The required publication will be put in the Pierce County Journal as it is our official newspaper.

Cemetery Flag Pole maintenance

The flag was most recently replaced by Matt and Jenny Holcomb. The required solar light had stopped working so Butch Wentlandt, from the Veterans Group that had it installed, came and replaced the batteries in the light. He praised the Town Board for keeping it well maintained. Fred Koehler told us about his work with Jeannie Cunningham to locate as nearly as possible the location of a Sabotka grave from 1900.

Dates for Open Book and Board of Review for property values and taxation

The Assessor has asked for the Open Book, where residents can ask him about their property values, to be held April 22, from 4-6 PM at the Town of Rock Elm shop. The Board of Review will be May 7 from 6-8 PM

Highway Report

Presented by Dave Bechel, Patrolman. Some recent snow events to deal with. Serviced John Deere tractor, 1560 hours. Tim and Dave discussed road weight restrictions, decided to leave on for 2 more weeks. Pierce county Highway has been boom mowing ditches back, some were quite overgrown. Hailey and Dave have been cutting trees and pulling fence out by Scott Kendalls from 610th Ave south on 170th. Also pulling fence on 150th by Eric Hofackers, getting it ready for ditch work and to fill in steep embankments.

2-27-2024 Dave traveled 190th Street (Skunk Hollow) and found road tore up. Contacted Tim, they then contacted Corey Norby with Zieles Tree Service. Dave then regraded before road refroze. 2 hours grader time. Corey contacted Tim, wondering if they could trade grader time for tree and brush grinding service. Zieles Tree Service opened up intersection by Scott Kendalls, improving the visibility for safety.

3-4-2024 Tim and Dave noticed wire placement on 510th dead end road by Maple Grove Dairy. Celect Communication wanted to install wire on north side but they changed it to south side with the other utilities so its out of the way for some intended road work.

March 7, 2024 Matt and Dave went to Tomah to look at 2012 Dodge truck.

March 11, 2024 Tim and Dave met with Dairyland Power. The town is asking to be reimbursed for 4 loads of gravel after they are done with powerline work.

March 11-2024 Tim and Dave met with Ken Dunne on 170th Street for a driveway permit with an 18" culvert. Chris Thibado made a motion to approve, Matt seconded, motion carried.

Review of Roads meeting

Meeting was well attended with 70 people there. One idea, could we have an escrow account for road damage. Fred Koehler says this is referred to in our Comp. Plan. More complete minutes relating to this meeting in a separate minute report. Note; the League of Municipalities may have free legal advice.

New State Culvert Program

Matt Holcomb reported that the rules on this program are still changing so its hard to know if we should participate in it. Tim Bates motioned to table the Culvert program for now, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried.

Agricultural Roads Improvement Program

Another new roads program with two deadlines, first on April 5, 2024, second deadline is in July or August. As usual these grants are very competitive and this one requires ag land owners to release some financial information if they are located on the road applied for.

Misc.

Salt Sand Shed is out of compliance but we can still use it as is. Amish signage will be put up on 150th. It is hoped that a road tour can be done in the next couple weeks, tentatively scheduled for April 6 at 9AM.

Sealed Gravel bids for 2024 Season

Milestone

Elmwood and D. Miller pits 8.05 /ton

Elpaso pit 7.85/ton

Lamm Trucking

Trucking only from Elmwood 3.75/ton

Greg Bechel--has new load scale

Delivered to shop or anywhere in Rock Elm 10.50/ton

Dave picks up 7.25/ton

Pierce County Highway

delivered 12.13/ton

Chris Thibado motioned to award gravel to Greg Bechel, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried.

Turn around on 510th

All but 1 party has signed agreement

Correspondence

Correspondence was reviewed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be our annual meeting on April 16 beginning at 7:30PM. The regular monthly Board meeting will immediately follow the Annual Meeting. Motion to adjourn by Chris Thibado, seconded by Matt Holcomb, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM

Attendance;

Tim Bates	Matt Holcomb	Chris Thibado	Adam Carson	Amanda Gerlach	Fred Koehler
Monica Robey	Dave Bechel	Pam Reitz	Troy Klecker	Mike Davis	Teresa Davis
Greg Bechel	Paul Churchill	Samantha Bowen	Ty Fisher	Cheryl Mutchler	