

Town Board Meeting
Town of Rock Elm
Pierce County Wisconsin
Tuesday July 12, 2022,
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 June 14 regular monthly board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Chris Thibado, motion carried.

Public Input

Chris Thibado said there were positive comments after hearing that Celect Communications had received their Broadband Grant for Rock Elm.

Financial Reports

Monica Robey presented the financial reports. This month's total of bills to be paid was \$17,319.04. Matt Holcomb made a motion to approve, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried.

Discuss option of levy increase

Monica Robey had asked another clerk about this process. The first step in this decision is to evaluate our current budget needs, discuss the future needs of roads and equipment and develop a five year plan to achieve these goals. A special meeting for this purpose will be July 20th at 8:00.

Frontier Communications ROW permit

They have applied for a permit for installing 1664' of cable in the Right of Way along a section of 170th. Due to the tight time frame a check for this has not been received yet. Chris Thibado motioned to approve this application pending receiving the check, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried.

Celect Communications Grant Progress on Broadband

We have received word that their grant was approved and they hope to start work this fall. Of note is that some needed materials are in short supply with longer lead times than normal.

Operator Licenses

Discussion of a Server Licenses Application. Tim Bates made a motion to approve a Provisional Server Licence which gives this applicant time to get their certificate in order. Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried.

Pre buy contract for LP

This will be further addressed at the July 20th meeting.

Highway Report

Grant application progress

There has been no word on our 450th grant application. Also no word on the three applications to Pierce County.

Buttermilk Coulee road repairs

There was concern over transporting the heavy dug out materials out and the needed materials in, over our roads. Possible solutions: stock pile and haul in winter, lighter loads, gravel over the blacktop to cushion, or if weather is still dry will it be ok?

Pierce County bids on blacktop over culvert repairs

Pierce County’s bid on blacktopping over the numerous culvert repairs was \$5600. Chris Thibado made a motion to approve, Tim Bates seconded, motion carried. Matt Holcomb abstained.

Application for Cost Share from Pierce County

Tim Bates made a motion to apply for Cost Share from Pierce County on the 36” culvert on 210th, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried. Matt Holcomb abstained.

Highway Misc.

Presented by Dave Bechel, patrolman. He has finished mowing. On 70th the rock checks have been removed. On 20th the culvert replacement and ditching is finished. Has been busy grading, cutting limbs and patching. Dust Control was done today.

Pertaining to the property at N5505 170th Street (PIN# 024-01042-0700) there have been additional cars moved in. Pierce County relayed information to the Town of Rock Elm Town Board concerning this. Following the County’s guidelines the Board would like to limit the amount of inoperable and unlicensed vehicles being stored on properties in the town. Also there are concerns of gas and oil leakages. It was determined by the board to establish a deadline of August 16th, 2022 to have all vehicles in violation of Pierce County Code Chapter 225 removed from this property. Other residents that have been previously notified have addressed some of the concerns of numerous vehicles. Residents are kindly asked to keep their properties reasonably tidy.

Correspondence

Correspondence was reviewed.

Next Meeting

Next regular monthly board meeting date will be held on August 16, 2022 at 8:00 PM (one week later than usual due to the election on August 9th). There will also be a Special meeting for creating a 5 year plan on July 20th at 8:00PM. Motion to adjourn by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Chris Thibado, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:30PM

Attendance;

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