

Town Board Meeting  
Town of Rock Elm  
Pierce County Wisconsin  
Tuesday August 16, 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 July 12 regular monthly board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Chris Thibado, seconded by Matt Holcomb, motion carried. Minutes from the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. Motion to approve by Chris Thibado, seconded by Matt Holcomb, motion carried. Minutes from the August 2 meeting were read. Motion to approve by Chris Thibado, seconded by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

### **Public Input**

Fred Koehler had a positive response to the early ditch mowing, due in part to dry weather making it possible and in hopes to help control the wild parsnip. He also said that the Town could use the Rock Elm Methodist Church for meetings if needed, in previous years it was used for such things.

### **Financial Reports**

Monica Robey presented the financial reports. This month's total of bills to be paid was \$11,866.11. Revenue expected this month would be \$93,354.76 and would be our last major revenue for the year. Chris Thibado made a motion to approve, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried.

### **Discuss option of levy increase**

**The Town Board meet twice this month to evaluate the town's foreseeable needs for the next 5 years. The road needs are much higher than our expected road budget. There will be public meetings in the future to gather opinions on how to proceed in keeping our roads safe.**

### **Recent Wisconsin Towns Association, Pierce County Unit meeting**

The WTA needed a host for this meeting and Rock Elm Volunteered. It was held outside under our beautiful shade trees. A very pleasant and informative evening.

### **August 9<sup>th</sup> Election**

68 voters including 4 absentee votes were tallied. A good turn out for a Partisan Primary.

### **Pierce County Historical Society**

Julie Huebel has asked to come and scan some of the historical documents in our records room for the Pierce County Historical Society. We have documents going back to the 1860s stored there and the Board felt it would be a good idea to have at least some of the documents copied and in another location as well. A town member will help Julie with finding what she wants.

### **Highway Report**

#### **Grant application progress**

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

#### **Buttermilk Coulee road repairs**

This project should be started next week.

#### **New Fire Numbers**

The need for more visible fire numbers was brought up last spring but we were hoping for an approved grant application for funding to replace them. As of yet there has not been any word on the

grants. The Board would like to move forward on this and feels it is a safety concern. Matt Holcomb will do some research on this.

**Highway Misc.**

Presented by Dave Bechel, patrolman. The protective plate he made has been installed on the tractor. Tim and Dave met with John Skogen on the renovations needed on the box culvert on 170<sup>th</sup> where it adjoins his property. Dave has been busy mowing and grading. On 610<sup>th</sup> the ditches had washed this spring, so they were reshaped and seeded with an end wall being added to a culvert there. The September schedule is very busy with culvert projects, the Coulee project and numerous other things.

Pertaining to making a turnaround area in the Coulee on 60<sup>th</sup> Street , Tim and Dave have talked to Adam Carson and Roseann Carson. Adam and his mom will pay the installation and provide an easement for a turn around if the Town provides the culvert needed and rock and rip rap. Matt Holcomb made a motion to approve this, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried.

Dave has done mowing for the Village of Elmwood. We will need to invoice them for his work per the fee schedules established at previous meetings.

Matt Holcomb made a motion to purchase a set of Michelin tires for the dump truck from Bauer Built Tires for \$1000 each, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried.

**Correspondence**

Correspondence was reviewed.

**Next Meeting**

Next regular monthly board meeting date will be held on September 6, 2022 at 8:00 PM (one week earlier than usual due to the clerk's prior commitments). There will also be a Special meetings for gathering public input on the possibility of a levy increase to cover some of the rising costs of road maintenance. Please watch the postings for dates and times. Motion to adjourn by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Chris Thibado, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:13PM

**Attendance;**

Tim Bates	Matt Holcomb	Chris Thibado	Adam Carson
Monica Robey	Pam Reitz	Dave Bechel	Fred Koehler