

Town Board Meeting
Town of Rock Elm
Pierce County Wisconsin
Tuesday September 6, 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 Tim Bates, motion carried.

Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Minutes from the August 16 regular monthly board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Tim Bates, motion carried.

Public Input

Tim Bates brought up that any changes to meeting dates should be run past the chairman in hopes of eliminating any confusion.

Financial Reports

Monica Robey presented the financial reports. This month's total of bills to be paid was \$112,789.93, which includes the charges for the large road repair on 20th Street. Revenue expected this month would be \$00. Tim Bates made a motion to approve, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried.

Discuss option of levy increase

The Clerk will be waiting for several financial forms from the state which are needed before working on a budget for 2023. These should come during the second week in September. After the Board works to come up with a preliminary budget there will be public meetings to gather opinions on how to proceed in keeping our roads safe.

Progress on Broadband by Celect Communications

Celect has received the grant they needed to install in our township but now are waiting for state contract. They are still in hopes of starting work this fall but making no promises. The materials needed are also in short supply.

Recent Fire Dept meeting

They have recently sold a large piece of equipment and had inquired about paying off their loan for a building and land that was secured through the Town of Rock Elm. The Clerk checked with the lender, The Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, and due to municipalities doing their budgeting and levies at this time of the year, they do not accept any prepayments until after Jan. 2, 2023.

Operator's License

The applicant has satisfied the class requirement needed to switch from a provisional license to a regular operator's license. Matt Holcomb made a motion to approve, Tim Bates seconded, motion carried.

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

This project on 20th Street has been completed. It was a larger job than anticipated with nearly 220 loads being removed and hauled to 450th and used to reshape those ditches as needed. A big job done that should solve this road problem for many years.

New Fire Numbers

Since we have yet to receive a grant to help with the cost of this and since the board and emergency personnel see it as a safety concern, the Town Board has decided to go through with replacing the poorly visible fire number signs. Each resident will be charged for the cost of the replacement sign.

When there was a meeting to get the public opinion on this, the majority of those in attendance said they thought it was needed and would pay for their signs. The hope is to get this done yet this fall.

Highway Misc.

Presented by Dave Bechel, patrolman. The ditching on 20th Street has been seeded and is greening up nicely. A new light is needed on the sand shed. Several culvert projects remain to be done. Tim and Dave have checked on some Right of Way issues on 170th due to rocks.

Jon Sandstrom has requested a driveway on 560th Ave. Our requirement would be a 18" culvert, suggested 26' long. He needs a driveway before getting a fire #. More research is needed on this.

Correspondence

Correspondence was reviewed.

Next Meeting

Next regular monthly board meeting date will be held on October 11, 2022 at 8:00 PM . 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 Tim Bates, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:13PM

Attendance;

Tim Bates Matt Holcomb

Monica Robey Pam Reitz Dave Bechel