

Special Town Board Meeting  
Town of Rock Elm  
Elmwood, WI 54740  
Pierce County

Wednesday July 20, 2022

8:00 P.M.

Rock Elm Town Hall

I. Approve Agenda

II. Discuss future needs of roads and equipment for the Town of Rock Elm and develop a five year plan to achieve the goals

III. Public Input

IV. Discuss LP Prebuy for the coming year with possible action

V. Adjourn

Minutes from the above meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tim Bates at 8:00PM. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Chris Thibado, motion carried.

There was lengthy discussion on our future road needs, trying to set them in order of priority, and estimating the costs. Our cost estimates were based on 2022 pricing. So many projects seem to be fairly urgent and our road budget is already overloaded. There were a few projects added to the list during the meeting and some research needed to be done on them so will discuss all of these items at the August 2 special meeting.

There was discussion on the short and long term costs of gravel roads vs. blacktopped roads. Although blacktop roads are initially expensive, this board and patrolman unanimously feels that they are cheaper and safer to maintain in the long run. Gravel roads require adding gravel each year and frequent grading. The hills on a gravel road wash with each rainstorm and the road centers can become soft with standing water. If we had all gravel roads in our township it would require an extra patrolman and another grader to keep them maintained. The wear and tear on equipment is more, especially in dry weather. An example of this would be the more frequent replacement of bucket and grader blade edges. Blacktop roads also have maintenance issues but if done properly and timely they can last a very long time.

Public Input was none.

The Alcivia Prebuy contract for LP was discussed. Other companies had been called for their pricing, several of which had no tanks available for at least several months. Tim Bates made a call to Alcivia and negotiated a lower price from them thereby not having to switch tanks. Chris Thibado motioned to accept the Prebuy contract from Alcivia, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried. Tim Bates abstained from this vote.

Motion to adjourn made by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Chris Thibado, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Attendance was: Tim Bates, Matt Holcomb, Chris Thibado, Monica Robey and Dave Bechel