

Town Board Meeting
Town of Rock Elm
Pierce County Wisconsin
Tuesday June 13, 2023
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.

Discuss ATV/UTV Ordinance with possible action

After several months of discussion on the current vs. proposed ATV/UTV Ordinances, the following was adopted. Chris Thibado motioned to repeal the Town of Rock Elm's Ordinance 2013-1 and 2014-5, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried. Then Matt Holcomb motioned to approve the Town of Rock Elm's Ordinance 2023-1 which adopts Wisconsin State Statute 23.33 in its entirety for the rules and operation of All Terrain Vehicles and Utility Terrain Vehicles in the Town of Rock Elm. Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried. Of note is that language was added for a suggested maximum speed of 35 MPH on roads in the Town of Rock Elm.

Minutes from the Previous Meetings

Minutes from the May 9, 2023 meeting were read. Motion to approve by Chris Thibado, seconded by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

Public Input

Tim is having issues with the computer previously used by the clerk and handed down to him when she got a new one. He didn't like to bring this up when money was tight but feels he cannot struggle with the old one much longer.

Financial Reports

Monica Robey presented the financial reports. This month's total of bills to be paid was \$145,903.65 which includes the paving material bill from Monarch Paving for the 70th hill. Revenue expected this month would be \$33,041 plus the LRIP funding for part of the paving of \$25,000. Chris Thibado made a motion to approve, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried.

Liquor and Bartender license Applications

Applications from the Elmwood Rod and Gun Club, Exile Bar, and Waverly's Full Throttle Saloon for liquor licenses were reviewed. Applications for their current Bartenders were received and reviewed. Motion to approve pending Checks clearing the bank by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Chris Thibado, motion carried.

Highway Report

Presented by Dave Bechel, patrolman. The 70th project needs shouldering yet. Recent rain storms have washed out gravel areas on 570th, which was dug out and breaker rock added. Due to earlier spring rains 110th had a plugged culvert. He has found some bad culverts and estimates the cost for the materials at \$9,000. Elbe's would do the installations for \$10,500. Motion made for culvert work by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Tim Bates, motion carried. Elbe's will also be doing some ditching, which is included in the \$10,500.

Breeze Ridge Dairy has damaged 410th and 210th causing need for blade patching. They will be billed for the repairs.

There was discussion on how to prioritize other needed road work: seal coating vs blade patching. Both seem important as maintenance issues and made for a hard decision. Tim made a motion to have Scott's Construction sealcoat 490th with granite chips at a cost of \$53798, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried. Matt Holcomb opposed.

Dave will start mowing soon and after that start replacing fire # signs. Dust control would cost \$2150 and we will hold off on it for now. Another wheel seal needs attention and Dave will try to do this work himself rather than having it done by someone, which will save the town some money. Dave has priced tractor tires and found Goodyear significantly cheaper, they were ordered and installed.

Tim Bates reported that the estimates for shop and door repair have been received and will be submitted to the insurance company. Pierce Pepin Electric Company has old paperwork from 1941 stating that they are exempt from Right of Way Utility fees.

Closed Session for Personal Review

Motion to go into closed session for employee yearly reviews made by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Chris Thibado, motion carried.

Return to Open Session

Matt Holcomb motioned to return to Open Session, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried. As always Dave received high praises for his workmanship, mechanical skills, attention to detail with the equipment and being easy to work with. He was encouraged to take advantage of his PTO and make memories. Tim Bates made a motion to raise Dave's hourly rate from \$27.30 to \$29.00, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried. Chris Thibado made a motion to raise the hourly rate of seasonal and/or part time employees from \$12 to \$15 retroactive to April 1, 2023, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried.

Correspondence

Correspondence was reviewed.

Next Meeting Date and Time

Next regular monthly board meeting date will be held on July 11, 2023 at 8:00 PM. Motion to adjourn by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Chris Thibado, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:22 PM

Attendance;

Tim Bates	Matt Holcomb	Pam Reitz	Gary Huppert	Monica Robey
	Chris Thibado	Dave Bechel	Sheldon Huppert	Craig Bowe from Scott's Construction