

Town Board Meeting
Town of Rock Elm
Pierce County Wisconsin
Tuesday July 11, 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.

Minutes from the Previous Meetings

Minutes from the June 13, 2023 meeting were read. Motion to approve by Chris Thibado, seconded by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

Public Input

None

Samantha Bowen to presentation on large dairy expansions

As of 2 weeks ago the expected vote from the Conservation Committee was 3 to 2 in favor of sending moratorium to the Pierce County Board. She was suggesting an ordinance from townships which would show that the townships were united in their concerns over CAFO's.

LP Prebuy Contract

Contract was received from Alcivia for 1570 gallons at \$1.749. Pricing comparison was done at 2 other places and found this to be competitive. Chris Thibado made a motion to approve, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried.

Financial Reports

Monica Robey presented the financial reports. This month's total of bills to be paid was \$61,372.96 which includes the invoice from Pierce County Highway for the installation of paving on 70th. Revenue expected this month would be \$142,416. Matt Holcomb made a motion to approve, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried. The State of Wisconsin is thinking of increasing their Shared Revenue paid to the townships, our increase could be \$37,000. Chris Thibado made a motion to pay the invoice for the new fire # signs out of our ARPA funds, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried

Repairs needed to repair Shop and insurance payment

We have received settlement letter and check for repairs to garage door and doorway based on the estimates we have. The insurance company will consider any cost over runs if need be.

Celect Communication Progress

The Board has been frustrated by the lack of progress made, as work was promised by Celect to start last fall. They are now estimating a complete date of 12-31-2024. It appeared that a couple of our residents were not on their service map. This will be checked into. The amount discussed for the use of our town shop parking area for storage of their equipment and supplies is \$500/month. And they are asked to leave the area as

they found it. There was no final decision on this matter. Fred Koehler mentioned that there are rules regarding such things in our Comprehensive Plan. Matt Holcomb made a motion to approve the Celect Communications application pending contract obligations, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried.

Highway Report

Presented by Dave Bechel, patrolman. Been busy mowing and trying to control the Wild Parsnip plants. Also busy grading areas. A bad culvert was found on 490th caused by White Construction. The superintendent was met with and an estimate was received for repairs from Pierce County Highway for approx. \$15,000. Dave has replaced an axel seal on the truck which saved the town a large repair bill. Davee and Hailey will start replacing fire #'s soon. New batteries were installed in grader and new belt in mower.

Tim Bates reported a need for hiring a boom truck for cutting back some trees.

There was discussion about the road damages caused by Breeze Ridge Dairy. The Motion was made by Matt Holcomb and seconded by Chris Thibado to send them and invoice for \$9,361.76. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Correspondence was reviewed.

Next Meeting Date and Time

Next regular monthly board meeting date will be held on August 8, 2023 at 8:00 PM. Motion to adjourn by Chris Thibado, seconded by Matt Holcomb, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Attendance;

Tim Bates	Matt Holcomb	Pam Reitz	Samantha Bowen	Monica Robey
Chris Thibado	Dave Bechel	Fred Koehler		