

**TOWN OF RUSK, RUSK COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES,  
JAN. 14, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.**

January 14, 2010, Regular Town Board Meeting, Town Hall, Town of Rusk, Rusk County, Wisconsin at 7:00 P.M.

The Regular Town Board Meeting was call to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Steve Zmrazek, Supervisors Steve Styczynski and William Ziegler were present along with Treasurer Donna Matus, and Clerk Joanne L. Spenle.

All bills were audited and paid as per attached check number and payee.

Minutes from the regular board meeting of Dec. 10, 2009 were read. Motion made by Steve Zmarzek to approve the minutes as read and motion was seconded by Bill Ziegler, Motion carried.

Minutes from the Special board meeting held Dec. 16, 2009 were read. Motion was made by Steve Zmrazek to accept the minutes as read and Steve Styczynski seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Treasurers report was read by Treasurer Donna Matus (as per attached report) Bill Ziegler made a motion to accept the treasurers report as read, Steve Zmrazek seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

There was no Assessor's report as we do not have an assessor at this time.

There were several general questions from the public. Ray Scott asked if the resigned assessor had turned in everything. At this time the Assessor had not turned in Town records due to illness according to Clerk Spenle.

Attorney, Brian Nodolf had comments regarding Circuit Court Case 09CV80 Dobrowolski vs. Town of Rusk. Several of the towns people were in favor of having our Town Attorney, Richard Summerfield attend all regular and special meetings.

1. Following discussion on Town Attorney to be present at all Town regular meetings and special meetings, Bill Ziegler made a motion to have the Towns Attorney present at all Regular and Special Meeting. Steve Styczynski seconded the motion. Motion was carried.
2. The Buck Lake Sportsman's Club handed in the application for picnic license and the fee. Steve Zmrazek made a motion to accept the application for the picnic license for February 21, 2010. Steve Styczynski seconded the motion and the motion was carried.
3. There was little discussion regarding the purchase of a new phone for the town hall. Steve Zmrazek made a motion to purchase a portable speaker phone with two hand sets for the Town Hall. Bill Ziegler seconded the motion and the motion was carried.
4. Discussion regarding John S. Olynick Inc.'s unpaid statement of \$8,580.00 regarding the highway bid for hauling material in and out on Horseshoe Lake Rd. Steve Zmrazek commented

on the contractors meeting held at the site. Attorney Summerfield said he would take care of the issue. Steve Styczynski made a motion to table this issue as the Attorney is going to pursue it and Steve Zmrazek seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

5. The hiring of a new assessor was discussed and was decided to re-publish the advertisement for an assessor in the Ladysmith paper, Rice Lake paper and the Eau Claire papers. Resume's are to be submitted by Wednesday, February 10, 2010. Bill Ziegler made a motion to republish with new criteria's as discussed. Steve Styczynski seconded the motion and the motion was carried.
6. Excessive tax Claims for 2009 were served on the clerk, prior to the meeting as the e-mail was just a copy. The Town has 90 days to accept or deny the claims. Bill Ziegler made a motion to table this at this time and to take it up in closed session. A report will be made to the towns' people after reconvening into open session. Steve Zmrazek seconded the motion, motion was carried.
7. Fire charges were issued to Mr. Kellerman on Park Drive. It was reported that the fire actually took place in the town right-of-way and was determined to not be caused by fireworks. A motion was made by Steve Zmrazek for the town of pay for the fire call. Bill Ziegler seconded the motion and the motion was carried.
8. Steve Zmrazek read the letter of resignation of the Clerk, Joanne L. Spenle. Bill Ziegler made several comments and would accept the letter. Steve Zmrazek made a motion to accept her letter of resignation and Bill Ziegler Seconded the motion and the motion was carried.
9. Discussion took place regarding appointing a clerk to fulfill her unexpired term. Steve Zmrazek made a motion to appoint Jim Barr for 30 days. Steve Styczynski seconded the motion and the motion was carried. The position is to be advertised in the Ladysmith paper, the Chronotype and Chetek Alert.
10. Steve Zmrazek made a motion to go into closed session and Bill Ziegler seconded the motion. Roll Call Steve Styczynski – aye, Bill Ziegler – aye, Steve Zmrazek – aye.

Jim Barr, the appointed clerk took over in closed session at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne L. Spenle,