

TOWN OF RUSK

MINUTES — BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Thursday, August 11, 2016
Location: Rusk Town Hall: N704 CTH "F", Chetek, WI
Present: Lisa Dobrowolski, Steve Styczynski, Steve Zmrazek, Anne Konvicka, Donna Matus & several townspeople

- **Called to order** at 7:03 p.m., Roll Call taken, then Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.
 - **Approval of Minutes** (*Regular Meeting of July 14 and Special Meeting of Aug. 4*)
 - Motion by Steve Z., 2nd by Steve S. to dispense with reading of Minutes from July 14. – Motion carried.*
 - Motion by Steve Z., 2nd by Steve S. to dispense with reading of Minutes from Aug. 4. – Motion carried.*
 - Motion by Steve Z., 2nd by Steve S. to approve said Minutes from July 14 meeting as presented. – Carried.*
 - Motion by Steve Z., 2nd by Steve S. to approve said Minutes from Aug. 4 meeting as presented. – Carried.*
 - **Treasurer's Report**
 - Motion by Lisa, 2nd by Steve Z. to approve Report as presented. – Motion carried.*
 - **Citizens' Comments / Concerns**
 - *Attorney Summerfield's new hourly rate takes effect Aug. 31.*
 - *Request to reposition spare culverts so easier to mow close to Town Shed.*
 - *Repairs to 10-Mile Bridge likely to begin in a month.*
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TOWN ROADS

- a. **Blacktopping Details**, timetable, oversight (*Horseshoe Lake Rd., County Line Rd.*)
 - Tom Gagnon at Monarch texted that our work should start in a couple more weeks.
 - Talked about specs for how blacktop turns in at the driveways on both roads.
- b. **Ordinance: CLASS B HIGHWAY** status for Horseshoe Lake Rd.
 - Lisa presented a draft of ordinance. Discussion re: wording, signage needed, state regulations.
 - Motion by Steve Z. to approve ordinance #2016-02, designating Horseshoe Lake Rd. a Class B Highway. There was no 2nd. Steve Z. rescinded his motion.*
 - Motion by Steve Z., 2nd by Lisa to table this item 'til just before Adjournment. – Motion carried.*
- c. **Ordinance: Reduce speed limit** to 45 mph on County Line Rd. (*betw. Hogback & Cty. D*)
 - Lisa presented a draft of ordinance. Discussion re: is there a need/call for speed reduction here?
[Currently, County Line Rd. is 45 mph in Town of Strickland & continuing into Rusk Twp. 'til ½ mile south of 12th St. The rest of County Line Rd. south to Cty Hwy. D is the default 55 mph. Town of Chetek maintains segment N of Hogback, TOR the part S, to D.]
 - Motion by Steve. Z. to approve Ordinance #2016-03. There was no 2nd.*
- d. **Heather Lane** – new turnaround; final step
 - Attorney Summerfield is filing Town's acceptance of the new turnaround, RESOLUTION 2016-9, with County. • original copy will then be returned to Anne.
- e. **Ordinance re: road sign vandalism**
 - Existing state law lists penalties for vandalism. • Attorney Summerfield relayed that each sign would need label re: that statute, then if violation occurs we'd contact Sheriff to enforce state law.
- f. **Signage**, fire number updates, updates for State's TOWN HIGHWAY MAP
 - Talked about fire numbers, whether adding "E" or "W" designations to winding roads is required yet. • Lisa and Anne will coordinate re: sign order being placed this month.
- g. **Driveways** on private roads
 - Reviewed Town's driveway/culvert ordinance (#2014-01) and affirmed that it **does not apply** to driveways abutting private roads, e.g. Musky Bay Road.
- h. **Road Work:** Issues this month / Town equipment / Shouldering
 - Town will put up four "low shoulder" signs after blacktopping work complete, pending re-shouldering.
 - i. WOODFORD LANE – unsure where N1971 fire no. sign should be placed.
 - ii. MORNINGSIDE LANE – discussed e-mail, photos from neighbor at south end who reports standing water, difficulty navigating road width. • Plan is to add up to 8 loads gravel, shape & taper the road, complete turnaround area.

- iii. SUNSET LANE CULVERT – Washouts continue due to lack of working culvert under driveway(s) by Hwy. D. • Steve S. to see if resident will purchase culvert for Town to install.
 - iv. SUNRISE POINT RD. – discussed e-mail from resident at north end [12' ROW] concerned re: ongoing washouts/erosion/drainage. • Will add 2 loads gravel & re-grade soon, w/truck. • Ditching there is extremely challenging.
 - v. N. POTATO LAKE RD. – Steve Z. has material & will re-fill pot holes; longer-term repair is on hold.
 - vi. HOGBACK RD. – Steve Z. to patch holes; may need additional material.
- i. Mowing; Brushing**
- Alfie plans to do spot brushing incl. overhead branches; will also take down leaning trees.
 - Roadside grass is growing; Budget's "Mowing" line item has room for a 2nd mowing.
- Motion by Steve Z., 2nd by Steve S. to hire Wellner's for a 2nd Mowing, to occur after Labor Day. – Motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Picnic License** for Buck Lake Sportsman's Club **FUN DAYS** (at Ponderosa, Aug. 20 & 21)
Motion by Lisa, 2nd by Steve S. to take a 5-minute Recess. – Motion carried; Called back into session.
Motion by Steve S., 2nd by Lisa to approve Picnic License for Buck Lake Sportsman's Club Fun Days – Motion carried.
- b. **Operator License**
Motion by Steve Z., 2nd by Steve S. to approve Operator License for Jenna Porter – Motion carried.
- c. **BUDGET RESOLUTION #2016-08; Amend 2016 Budget**
Motion by Steve Z., 2nd by Lisa to approve Budget Resolution #2016-08; Amend 2016 Budget – Motion carried.
- d. **Attendance** at upcoming Training Event(s)/WTA Session(s), Annual Towns Conference
No elected Town officials have plans to attend this fall's offerings.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Town Hall**
 - i. PROPANE – Tank filled at lowest price; we have 2 full and 2 half-full 100# cannisters (for tarring).
 - ii. CELL SIGNAL BOOSTER – Eqpt. test on Election Day went well; reception is improved!
Motion by Steve Z., 2nd by Steve S. to purchase the cell signal booster [price ~\$200]. – Motion carried.
 - iii. ADD HANDRAILS [to Town Hall bathroom stalls] – Lisa will get info on it and how to put them up.
 - iv. TREE REMOVAL – Plan to clean up tree line around Hall property this fall; no trees fell this month.
 - v. BUILDING RENTAL Sun. 8/28 details – group is set; Lisa has oversight; remind them to haul garbage.
 - vi. SPRAY FOR BEETLES, etc.
Motion by Lisa, 2nd by Steve Z. to hire Lorrie Johnson again to spray property for beetles. – Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: • Culverts on Sunset Lane. • Class B Hwy. implementation • Three Operator's Licenses: Jim Bennington, Kathy Bennington, Samantha Rogge. • Brushing

TOWN ROADS [as tabled earlier]

- b. **Ordinance: CLASS B HIGHWAY** status for Horseshoe Lake Rd.
 - Further discussion produced some edits and language adjustments to the proposed ordinance.
Motion by Steve Z., 2nd by Steve S. to approve ORDINANCE #2016-02, TO DESIGNATE CLASS "B" HIGHWAY(S), as revised. – Motion carried unanimously.
 - Lisa will coordinate with Anne to sign & post/publish final version as required under Wisc. §60.80.
 - Steve S. said we received approval from Town of Strickland Supervisor Ken Mujwid to post sign(s) about the new Class B designation in TOS.

APPROVE & PAY MONTHLY BILLS

Motion by Steve Z., 2nd by Steve S. to approve Checks #12070 – 12096 and the EFTs. – Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – *Motion by Steve S., 2nd by Steve Z. to adjourn meeting at 9:41 p.m. – Motion carried.*