

# Town of Rusk — Rusk County, Wisconsin

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## **MINUTES — SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022

**Location:** Rusk Town Hall — N704 CTH “F”, Chetek, WI

**Present:** Dobrowolski, Styczynski, Zmrazek, Konvicka, Patterson

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1. Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. & roll call taken
2. Pledge of Allegiance — Moment of Silence

— due to interconnected nature of Agenda items, the topics discussed and motions made were not necessarily in this order —

3. Bilateral Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity
  - program details • Engineering firms • Timelines
  - In talking with three engineers familiar with the program, we’ve learned how to solicit engineering services (which are required), and the steps involved with making application
  - Deadline for submitting application is Fri., June 3, 2022; awards may be announced by August
  - Towns’ portion of project funding is anticipated to be just 20%
  - Any approved road project would not be built ‘til 2024 (and by 2026) due to process involved
  - Project is likely to cost more: 25% higher construction costs (in part due to inflation), plus \$50—\$100k in engineering, various Dept. of Transportation fees, etc.
  - Lisa will send out an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) to four engineering firms this week
4. Updated Bridge project estimate • consider alternatives • source(s) of additional funding
  - Highway Commissioner has notified us that project estimate has been revised: originally estimated at \$388,100. Revised estimate is \$575,782.
  - Town’s 10% share changes from \$38,810 to \$57,578. (*We began saving for this project in 2020.*)
  - Engineer (Sean Spromberg, PE, of MSA) says switching to a giant metal culvert is unsuitable and would cost about the same.

*Motion by Steve S, / Steve S. to notify WisDOT we will continue with Bridge project. — Carried*
5. Review submitted low bids for Hogback project • Consider/decide options *and* funding streams
  - If we’re not awarded the BIL project for Hogback Road, we could re-bid it yet this season, possibly doing only certain portions of the project this year.
  - Borrowing money to complete project on our own is another possibility

*Motion by Steve S./Steve Z. to reject all Hogback Road project bids. — Carried*
6. TRIP project on N. Potato Lake Road
  - Commissioner Emch said our 2023 program award means we cannot act on this before July.
  - We can expect this project to now cost \$10—11k more. TRIP is providing \$23k in funding.
  - Steve S. will get an estimate from Peak Excavation on prep work he could do this season
7. ARPA funds • latest details of spending rules • consider possible uses of Town’s allocation
  - Wisc. Towns Assn. keeps updating...the final rules might change again to some degree
  - Consider replacing septic tank at Town Hall and at Shed
8. Future Agenda Items • current town truck • add’l loss f/break-in to old shed? • BIL
9. Adjournment *Motion by Steve S/ Steve Z. to adjourn at 8:14pm — Carried*

Respectfully submitted by Anne Konvicka Town Clerk – Town of Rusk