

Town of Rusk — Rusk County, Wisconsin

MINUTES—BOARD of SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Thursday, January 12, 2023 following the 7 p.m. Biennial Caucus
Location: Rusk Town Hall — N704 CTH “F”, Chetek, WI
Present: Dobrowolski, Styczynski, Zmrazek, Konvicka, Patterson, two residents, one visitor

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. and Roll Call taken
2. Reading/ Approval of Meeting Minutes (*Dec. 8th Regular Board Meeting*)
Motion by Steve S. / Steve Z. to dispense with reading of Minutes. — Carried
Motion by Steve Z. / Steve S. to approve Minutes as presented. —Carried
3. Reading/Approval of Treasurer’s Report
Motion by Steve S. / Steve Z. to approve Report as presented. —Carried
4. Citizens’ Comments / Concerns
 - Comments on requirements for Board of Review training, Bonding for Clerk
 - Positive comments regarding cleanup of the mid-December three-day snowstorm

Action may be taken on any of the following items.

5. Town Roads

- a. Winter road maintenance: *plowing—salt/sand—repairs/parts—fuel/supplies*
 - Bob to pick up 2 sets of blades for grader; it also needs fresh tire chains or links
 - Truck’s belly blade still immobile: repair appt. 1/18 at County Hwy. Shop
 - Vechera Road should be plowed: Steve S. and Bill L. will work on it with backhoe
 - Steve will order handles for backhoe’s cab
- b. Purchase tree limbing saws
Just got a pole saw...also two Milwaukee batteries; will need a weed whacker in Spring
Motion by Steve Z. / Lisa to authorize purchase of an additional saw. —Carried
- c. Application made for County Emergency Financial Assistance following mid-Dec. storm
 - County Emergency Services Director is coordinating initial application for Wisconsin Emergency Disaster Funding due to mid-Dec. storm. • Lisa will turn in an early estimate of our cleanup expenses by Jan. 16 deadline, and follow-up as next steps/deadlines are determined.
- d. Road workers / overtime pay on holidays / back-up help in emergencies
 - We are good to go on road workers • Holiday OT pay topic was tabled
 - Steve S. recruited a good number of helpers to open roads after that December storm.
- e. Adjust inter-governmental road work pricing due to fuel costs
 - Board set a \$10/hour increase for equipment (will now be \$100 for Truck; \$110 for Grader), and a \$5/hour increase for driver’s wage (to our now-standard \$20/hour).
 - Anne will send out this new pricing to Strickland: Truck w/operator \$120/hour; Grader w/operator \$130/hour. She will also bill Strickland for 7 hrs of plowing by Steve Z at new rates.

6. New Business

- a. Add insurance coverage for personal vehicles used in conducting Town business
 - Tom Clemens is checking costs/coverages; it’s an “Auto Enhancement Endorsement”

- b. Amend 2023 Budget
- Carryover from 2022, final GTA &/or Managed Forest Funds amounts, Contingency Fund, etc.

Motion by Lisa / Steve S. to amend the 2023 Budget as per the Treasurer's recommendations, for a new Budget Total of \$739,465.91 [which is \$32,235.09 less than before]. — Carried*

*Treasurer's Recommendations were,

On REVENUE side:

- increase American Recovery Funds amount to \$39,713.64
- decrease Carry Over (from Public Works) to \$273,551.89
- increase Public Works Set-Aside amount to \$21,613.38

On EXPENDITURES side:

- decrease Public Works spending to \$453,165.00
- increase 5-Year Plan Set Aside amount to \$42,587.27
- increase American Recovery Project spending to \$39,713.64

- c. Renewal &/or issuance of Operators' license(s) (*per Wis. Stat. § 125*) for:

- Michael Morajda • Bailey Morajda

Motion by Lisa / Steve Z. to approve Operator Licenses for both individuals. —Carried

- d. Upcoming election dates: Primary on Feb. 21st; Spring Election April 4th

- Anne is taking care of pre-election prep of Town Hall

- e. WTA Board of Review training — determine which BOR member will train this year

- Anne will go to the training this year, either in person or online

7. Old Business

- a. Town Shed

- Discussed hiring someone to spec the concrete job, etc. (e.g. to write Requests for Proposals)
- Steve S. to approach Bob Martin about it

8. Future Agenda Items

- Bond for Clerk
- Auto insurance details on our own vehicles
- Disaster Emergency follow-up
- February Primary Election
- Bids for Potato Lake Road blacktop, shouldering (to open in March)

9. Approve & Pay Monthly Bills

Motion by Steve Z. / Lisa to approve EFTs, & Checks #13940—13981.

— Carried

10. Adjournment

Motion by Steve S. / Steve Z. to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

— Carried

Respectfully submitted by Anne Konvicka