

# Town of Rusk — Rusk County, Wisconsin

## MINUTES—BOARD of SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7:00pm

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

**Present:** Dobrowolski, Styczynski, Zmrazek, Konvicka, Patterson; three citizens, one visitor

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm and Roll Call taken.
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence
3. Reading / Approval of Meeting Minutes (*Aug 10th Regular Meeting and Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting*)  
Motion by Steve S. / Steve Z. to dispense with reading of both sets of Minutes. — Carried  
Motion by Steve S. / Lisa to approve both sets as presented. —Carried
4. Reading / Approval of Treasurer’s Report  
Motion by Lisa / Steve Z. to approve Report as presented. —Carried
5. Citizens’ Comments / Concerns
  - *Citizens Connected* (based in New Auburn) is running fiber optics on County Line Rd. and down a portion of Hogback.
  - query about fence maintenance requirements
  - Town Hall was sprayed today for Asian beetles
  - the new truck is scheduled to be built the week of Dec. 18, 2023.
6. **Town Roads**
  - a. Updates on Summer ’23 Construction projects:
    - i. N. Potato Lake Road – shouldering complete; Lisa will file the LRIP reimbursement app
    - ii. Hogback Road – shouldering and striping are underway, should be done tomorrow
    - iii. Horseshoe Lk. Road bridge – is complete & was re-opened on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>
      - there is no longer a weight limit, so County Hwy can take back its weight limit signs
  - b. Grading / Eqpt. Maintenance / Supplies: snow fencing, grader blades / Signage (on hand & needed)
    - most of the gravel roads need to be graded, once it rains
    - Backhoe, truck leaking oil...may have to wait ‘til Jan. to repair
    - the Zajec brothers are to handle the snow fencing
    - Grader blades: current ones are 2/3 worn; one spare set is on hand
    - Numerous signs received in past month...Bill is working on installing.
  - c. Annual State Highway Map 2024 — review
    - new one does reflect our corrections
    - Steve S. took the two-page road listing; will be rating roads on WISLR website by late-autumn deadline
  - d. LRIP Pilot Project—per August 29<sup>th</sup> Webinar
    - Lisa making a file of info provided by WTA
  - e. Consider reducing posted speed limit to 45 mph on Sugar Lake Rd. & certain other Town roads
    - discussion about how gravel roads naturally impede high speeds to a degree
    - learned of Town of Prairie Lake’s giving Town Board members authority to enforce any signs posted on its roads
    - No Action Taken
7. **New Business**
  - a. Chetek EMS—town’s Emergency Medical Services rep, Megan Giles, to report on the mtgs of 8/31 & 9/14.
    - at the 8/31 meeting: - discussed compensation package request of the EMS director, Ryan

Olson, who's served for five years - new Stryker equipment is on order for the ambulance(s)  
- no subsidy increase is expected for 2024, but a 4% hike is possible; final numbers should be known at the 9/28 monthly meeting

- tonight's special EMS meeting was rescheduled for next week

b. Adjustments to 2023 Budget • No action taken

c. WTA Update re: '24/'25 State Budget • No news has been received

d. 2024 Town Budget — outline obligations & costs necessitating an increase in the levy

- Board reviewed comparative budget numbers for 2023 and 2024, based on income & expense figure projections provided by town treasurer Patterson
- reviewed procedure for applying town's debt service levy (for borrowing to complete Hogback Road) via Municipal Levy Limit Worksheet

- discussed various needed road projects, remaining expenses for new Town Shed

- The supervisors determined to hold a Special Town Board Meeting at 6:00p on Thurs., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> to prepare a proposed 2024 Budget and set the date for Town Meeting of Electors.

## 8. Old Business

a. Town Shed — updates; next steps; insurance

- floor is complete
- overhead doors need to be re-installed
- work on walls, ceilings can now be scheduled
- insurance coverage should be set to \$100,000...Lisa will relay to Marsh Insurance.

*Motion by Steve Z. / Steve S. to approve agreements for wall and ceiling work, with corresponding 50% down payments.*

— Carried

9. **Future Agenda Items** • Determine proposed 2024 Budget • hold Public Budget Hearing & Special Town Meeting of the Electors on night of Oct. Regular Meeting • Amend 2023 Budget • look into creating an ordinance that Town Board can enforce any signs on town roads

## 10. Approve & Pay Bills

*Motion by Lisa / Steve Z. to approve the Sept. Check Details EFTs & Cks. #14161—14188, with #14173 being Void.*

—Carried

## 11. Adjourn

*Motion by Steve S. / Steve Z. to adjourn at 9:47 pm.*

—Carried

Respectfully submitted by: Anne Konvicka, Town Clerk