Town of Rusk — Rusk County, Wisconsin

MINUTES—BOARD of SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Town Hall: N704 CTH F, Chetek, WI

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:08p.m. / Roll Call – one absence: Supervisor Styczynski
2. The pledge was recited / moment of silence in memory of recently deceased Town residents
3. Reading/ Approval of Meeting Minutes (June 13th Regular and June 27th Special Board Meetings)
   Motion by Steve Z. / Lisa to dispense with Reading of both sets of Minutes. --Carried
   Motion by Steve Z. / Lisa to approve both sets of Minutes, but reserving the right to amend the Regular meeting's Minutes' Item 7F in the future. -- Carried*
4. Reading/Approval of Treasurer's Report
5. Citizens' Comments / Concerns

* *so it matches applicant nomenclature on re-designed state Liquor License forms*

6. **Town Roads**
   a. Gravel road work — status
      • Stout has delivered all but 400 yards of the bid amount and we're working on grading
   b. Tarring, grading, ditching, culverts — status
      • Tarring hasn't happened yet. • find out who other towns hire for this • prioritize crack filling on Horseshoe Lake Rd. East (Plummer of less concern), where chip sealing is planned in Aug.
      • planned avg.-size culvert replacements ready to go, but worker availability is an issue
   c. Dust control – challenges, status
      • a very rainy May & June has the service behind schedule • will be here next week, likely
   d. Chip sealing road work – anticipated dates for new jobs; repairs to Morningside Ln.
      • Scott Construction says it looks like week of August 24th • quoted $600 to fully re-coat last 100 yds of Morningside Ln., which has not weathered as well as most of that road; sentiment of the Board was to forego doing that • but the crew <u>will</u> mend the damaged driveway "apron" at southern end of lane as a courtesy
   e. Equipment maintenance & supplies
      • fuel filters needed • grader running fine
   f. Park Court – methods / budget in considering improvements to road surface
      • Scott Construction says the least expensive road improvement on this 300-foot stretch would be to remove the old blacktop, do a 3—4" lift, then double chip-seal. But only when Town is doing other resurfacing work in that neighborhood.
      • residents Joseph Stienessen and Ron Ottum in attendance; they revisited the idea of abandoning Park Court • Joe is to be back in touch with the DNR re: whether vacating the lake access point assigned to Park Court could be approved
   g. Aldila Rd. – methods / budget in considering improvements to road safety
      • Scott Bol looked at Aldila and assures that to remove key trees and move material so road is straight and travel lanes a bit wider would cost far less than $25k • Lisa to request utility locate on Aldila, to verify whether anything runs under the road surface
      • parcel owner Steve Nick in attendance; he reported that the owner of the other parcel underlying Aldila Rd. is also willing to donate land to Town in order to A) widen the travel lanes for safety and B) revise the inaccurate 1970s plat map at the County.
   h. Heather Lane – considering corrections to the plat on file at County
      • Rusk County Survey Co. could survey the two parcels (Aldila's originally planned position and its as-built position) in the late Autumn or early Spring. Guesstimate $2,500.

• attorney Summerfield could handle the steps to transfer donated lands and refile the plat map. Guesstimate $2k.

i. Signage – recent orders, installations. • two blk-on-yellow 15 MPH are on order (for N. Potato Lk)

7. **New Business**
   a. August primary election readiness. • Public test set for Sat. Aug. 3rd at Town Hall
   b. New truck – customization, ETA of delivery • no news
   c. Financing the new truck — timing, designated signatories. • no action taken
   d. Pursuing delinquent personal property taxes owed to Town. • as follow-up to letters sent earlier in the year by Treasurer Patterson, Lisa will write saying that small claims court is next if payment not received by Board's August meeting
   e. New Auburn Fire District's quarterly meeting next Thursday
      • We are on the agenda • Steve Z. certain that our dues are set on property value (of Park Drive neighborhood), not percent of territory covered
   f. Weyerhaeuser Fire update • George Murray updated language to include the Two Bear development in the description of Town of Rusk's coverage area; Lisa will re-sign and return it
   g. Chetek Ambulance update • tabled to next meeting
   h. County's 2025 Culvert/Bridge Aid – applications due by Aug. 15th • no qualifying culverts this year
   i. Contribution to K. Gunderson memorial on July 27th • Clerk authorized to send $50 gift or donation

8. **Old Business**
   a. Renewal &/or issuance of various Operator licenses *(per Wis. Stat. § 125).*
      Motion by Steve Z. / Lisa to: approve four of the five Operator applicants from The Narrows, and to delay issuing the fifth one pending Lisa's further research into that background check report.
      -- Carried
   b. Refund building permit fee(s) associated with solar panel project(s) • Clerk is handling.
   c. Amend 2024 Budget • Not needed as of tonight
   d. Town Shed • Citizens Connected ran fiber optic cable to the shed; service available in Dec.
      • The ongoing work to complete the interior should be done before winter.

9. **Future Agenda Items** • Preliminary 2025 Budget Planning • Chetek Ambulance
   • reduce speed limit on Sugar Lake and other gravel roads
   • Aldila plat correction • Town Shed

10. **Approve & Pay Bills**
    Motion by Lisa / Steve Z. to approve and pay all items on the Check Detail, including EFTs (the check run being #14403—14429), but noting that Check #14428 is Voided. -- Carried

11. **Adjourn**
    Motion by Steve Z. / Lisa to adjourn at 9:35pm. -- Carried

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Dobrowolski, Town Chair