

Town of Rusk — Rusk County, Wisconsin

MINUTES—BOARD of SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 8, 2024

Town Hall: N704 CTH F, Chetek, WI

(The Board will convene at 6:30 p.m. to review monthly bills)

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:03p / Roll Call -- one absence: Clerk Konvicka
2. The Pledge was recited followed by Moment of Silence
3. Reading/Approval of Meeting Minutes (*July 11th Regular Board Meeting*)
Motion by Steve S. / Steve Z. to dispense with the reading of the Minutes. --Carried
Motion by Steve Z. / Steve S. to approve the Minutes as presented --Carried
4. Reading/Approval of Treasurer's Report
Motion by Lisa / Steve S. to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. --Carried
5. Citizens' Comments / Concerns • suggestion to budget for eventual purchase of a pickup truck with wide blade plow, primarily for snow removal on narrower roads with small turnarounds

Action may be taken on any of these items.

6. **Town Roads**
 - a. Gravel work — additional loads needed? • Bob is done with grading, used six additional loads.
 - b. Dust control – is complete; notes for next time
 - next time make single pass on Public Landing, go around the bend on Rice Bed, and likely can treat all roads with just one tank (\$6k/tank, covers 2 miles when applied as single pass)
 - c. Tarring options, culverts/ditching update
 - a tarring guesstimate from Roy's Sealcoating was felt to be out of budget at ~\$5k; the Town's own road crew will plan to tar the roads by first week of Sept.
 - confirmed that our road crew will install the replacement culverts on Deer Head Point (qty. 1) and on Rice Bed Rd. (qty. 2); need to check plugged culverts on Buck Lake Rd. near Town Shed and on Sugar Lake Rd. south of Buck Lake Rd.
 - d. Chip sealing dates • Scott Construction expects to be here in early Sept.
 - e. Maintenance & supplies • grader is fine • truck has leaky hose
 - f. Park Court & its lake access: abandonment options?
 - the Board is not interested in seeking DNR approval to discontinue Park Court's lake access, as the process is known to be very time consuming and actually likely to be denied in the end
 - g. Consider reducing speed limits on gravel roads to 45 MPH
 - need to review current procedure as it has been years since we last made such a change
 - is a traffic study required? • find sample ordinance language
 - h. Heather Lane – plat corrections under consideration • no action taken
 - i. Aldila Rd. – road safety improvements under consideration
 - discussion included the thought that any road improvement should bring it up to the minimum standard to qualify for State Hwy. Funds. (i.e. a three-rod [~50'] Right of Way with 15'-wide travel lanes, plus ditches) • would the land owners bordering Aldila provide for a 66' ROW on a re-drawn plat map? • would new setbacks need to be established for all parcels?
 - Steve Z. will locate and study the original Aldila plat
 - j. Signage • the 35 mph (black on yellow) signs for N. Potato Lake Rd. will be ordered tomorrow
7. **New Business**
 - a. Chetek **Ambulance update**

- a new bookkeeper was hired (Michelle) • are starting 2025 Budget at Aug. 20th meeting, and should have firm numbers at their Sept. 20th meeting. • are improving sleeping quarters for ambulance staff. • their records show the Town of Rusk has yet to pay its 2024 subsidy of \$7,283.00 which was billed on January 4th; we'll have Clerk Konvicka look into it
- b. Fire District updates: **New Auburn**, Weyerhaeuser • Lisa attended the July meeting at New Auburn • our agreement has been unchanged since the '90s • Lisa will continue exploring options, including negotiating a new agreement
- c. New Truck – update on Monroe's customization; cost/financing
 - Steve Z. and Bob saw truck in Monroe this week and all looks good, per Steve S.'s earlier specs
 - no extra costs have been incurred so far • it should be ready for delivery in mid-September
- d. 2025 Town Budget -- Preliminary outline

Motion by Lisa / Steve Z. to address topics in Agenda Item 8 first. --Carried

 - Treasurer Patterson presented a preliminary outline based on the same Levy as this year with just the allowable increase • Will need to know if it will be in '25 or '26 when an initial payment on truck loan comes due

8. Old Business

- a. Pursuing delinquent personal property taxes
 - Steve S. received a text saying the payment will be handed to Clerk Konvicka tomorrow
- b. Amend 2024 Budget • no action taken
- c. August 13th Fall Primary election readiness • no action taken
- d. Town Shed
 - Lisa will look into leasing a 1000 gallon propane tank
 - Board reviewed estimate from Hamholm HVAC for a boiler, installed.

Motion by Steve S. / Steve Z. to hire Hamholm HVAC LLC to provide and install a boiler at Town Shed for an estimated \$7,656.72. --Carried

9. Future Agenda Items • 2025 Budget • Brushing • concrete approaches to new shed

10. Approve & Pay Bills

Motion by Lisa / Steve S. to approve and pay all items on the Check Detail, including EFTs (the check run being #14430 through #14449). --Carried

--RETURNED TO TAKE UP ITEM 7D--

11. Adjourn

Motion by Steve S. / Lisa to adjourn at 9:33p.m. --Carried

--Respectfully submitted by *Lisa Dobrowolski*, Town Chair