

Town of Rusk — Rusk County, Wisconsin

MINUTES—BOARD of SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Town Hall: N704 CTH F, Chetek, WI

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01p/Roll Call (*Dobrowolski, Styczynski, Zmrazek, Konvicka, Patterson*) + 2 residents
2. The Pledge was recited followed by Moment of Silence
3. Reading/Approval of Meeting Minutes (*Aug 8th 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 Z. to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. --Carried
5. Citizens' Comments / Concerns • reminder about annual WTA Convention • Lisa delivered red binder detailing Monarch Paving's best environmental practices at its nearby mobile plant, which has gleaned it an award from WAPA (Wisc. Asphalt Pavement Assn.).
6. **Town Roads**
 - a. Updates on Summer '24 Construction projects:
 - i. Gravel • delivery of gravel and grading throughout the town is complete
• Total gravel expense, from Stout Construction: about \$31,000. (bid was \$33,300)
 - ii. Chip sealing • is underway now, possibly finishing this evening.
• discussion about a few swales over sunken culverts on Pleasant Ridge Rd. (between the creek & Hill Corner Rd.). Lisa will see if Scott Construction can quick add those.
 - iii. Tarring • completed on blacktopped roads slated for chip sealing
• Bob plans to fill cracks on other roads 'til our product is used up
 - iv. Culverts – additional ones needed on Rice Bed Road?
• Scott Bol is doing the XL one. • Bill will mark the others to be replaced there and Bob, with Tom, will install the already-delivered plastic replacements; they also need to do that smaller metal one on Deer Head Point Rd. • on Buck Lake Rd., will need to replace an old steel culvert with a new steel one; and one culvert on Sugar Lake Rd., south of Buck Lake Rd., is filled with dirt—will clear if possible, or replace ASAP.
 - b. Brushing — resume annual schedule (1/3 of Town roads each year)
• This year will be “Year 3 / Pink” on the Town of Rusk Brushing Map
Motion by Steve Z. / Steve S. to hire King Clearing at \$110.00 per hour. --Carried
 - c. Maintenance / Supplies
• Backhoe is down and Miller Bradford came out to replace the belt—an extra-complicated procedure. • Bob is reassembling.
 - d. Signage — more, better “Road Work” safety signs
• interest in stands with a spring, Slow/Stop with blinkers, portable speed bump
• Lisa and Bill will each research competing vendor options
 - e. Beaver dam leveler — the USDA has designed and is funding the funding installation of a pond leveler near Ladysmith that may prevent beavers from blocking culverts. It's basically a pipe with an invert at the end that's installed through a beaver dam, allowing water to flow out silently. County Conservationist Nick Stadnyk is the local contact.

- f. Reducing speed limits on all gravel roads to 45 MPH
 - Board discussed idea of doing an ordinance, but felt that gravel surfaces are natural impediment to high speeds
 - goal: to add black-on-yellow signs at curves on gravel roads, suggesting a slower speed in those sections
- g. Heather Lane — plat corrections • No action taken
- h. Aldila Road — safety improvements • No action taken
- i. Park Court — update; options re: damaged blacktop.
 - Board noted two options: a) the neighbor(s) on that length of road may proceed with a DIY repair/improvement immediately; b) the Town will improve Park Ct. in conjunction with planned future chip sealing work on nearby roads (Park Dr., Chain Lake Rd., Boat Landing Rd.), possibly in 2025, or more likely in 2026.
 - Residents indicated they may plow Park Ct. too.
- j. Annual State Highway Map 2025 — review. • Map not yet received. No action taken.

7. **New Business**

- a. Delivery of new town truck, final cost • Town logo decal to be applied before we take delivery
 - package installed on the chassis by Monroe Truck Equipment totals \$125,707.00
- b. Financing options for truck
 - Sterling Bank’s municipal rate as of Sept. 9th is 5.25% • first payment not due ‘til March, 2026
 - Motion by Steve Z. / Steve S. to take out a four-year vehicle loan of up to \$130,000 through Sterling Bank for the new International truck with custom Monroe package. Signatories on loan are to be the Town Chair, Clerk, and Treasurer (Lisa, Anne, and Kathy).*
- c. Short-term rental Conditional Use Permit: cabin at N956 Sugar Bay Drive (Matt Immerman)
 - Motion by Steve Z. / Steve S. to sign-off on this CUP. --Carried*

8. **Old Business**

- a. Town Shed — add concrete approaches; general update
 - Lisa got pricing for fuel and for tank rental from River Country and from Thaler. Best pricing is a 500-gallon leased tank from River Country on “keep fill” program.
 - Culligan is installing a water softener tomorrow.
 - Concrete approaches to overhead doors are expected to cost less than \$25k. Chad Oleskow is to submit a proposal. This is anticipated as a 2025 Budget item.
- b. Amend 2024 Budget • No action taken
- c. 2025 Town Budget – continue working on it
 - Treasurer Patterson is adjusting working budget as actual income/expense numbers are received.
 - Board will hold a Special Budget Meeting at 7p on Thursday, Oct. 24th, if needed.

9. **Future Agenda Items** • 2025 Budget • Heather Lane Plat • State Highway Map

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 #14451 through #14477. --Carried

11. **Adjourn**

Motion by Steve S. / Lisa to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. --Carried

--Respectfully submitted by Anne Konvicka, Town clerk