

Town of Rusk — Rusk County, Wisconsin

MINUTES—BOARD of SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, December 12, 2024

Town Hall: N704 CTH F, Chetek, WI

1. Called to order at 7:14 pm & Roll Call taken—*Dobrowolski, Styczynski, Zmrazek, Konvicka, Patterson + 3 residents*
2. Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence
3. Reading/Approval of Meeting Minutes (*Nov. 14th 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 (*Note: The tax collection bond is on tonight's Check run.*)
Motion by Steve Z. / Steve S. to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. – Carried
5. Citizens' Comments / Concerns • WTA seeking add'l membership in their lobbying arm, TAC (Town Advocacy Council), with minimal annual dues of \$0.25/person in population.
6. **Town Roads**
 - a. Maintenance update, incl. latest on new town truck
 - wing blade needs a bracket, but it's operational.
 - assorted safety supplies (tire chains, triangle flags) are purchased and awaiting retrieval from garage at Lisa's.
 - just ordered this season's 3rd load of salt/sand from the County
 - b. Snow plowing game plan
 - Both trucks available to plow, and the grader too. Depends on amount of snowfall and which operators are available at the time.
 - c. Authorize purchase of additional snow fence and posts
 - Board agrees, we need 2 more rolls of fence and posts; Steve S. will look to get them on sale.
 - d. Assisting neighboring towns with snow removal and salt/sanding this season
 - No requests so far; no change to pricing from last winter.
 - e. Update: Removal of ROW obstruction at southeast corner of CTH D / Old D
 - As Bob was reaching for it (heavy wood "bakery" stand) with backhoe ~Nov. 22nd, owner ran to corner and said they were moving it right away...but it's still there.
 - f. Signage – special pricing offer re: approx. 80 replacement fire number signs
 - Manufacturer accidentally printed wrong Town's name on all 80. They can remake the order, OR overlay a matching Town of Rusk sticker on each and discount the price significantly.
 - Sense of the Board was to have the manufacturer remake the order; Lisa will notify them.
7. **New Business**
 - a. Approve the 2025 Town Budget
Motion by Steve Z. / Lisa to approve 2025 Town Budget as it was displayed at last month's Public Budget Hearing. – Carried
 - b. Set date / time for January Caucus, per Wisc. Statute 8.05(1)(b)
 - Board selected 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 9th, 2025, for the Caucus.
 - Anne will see that Notice is posted by the Jan. 3rd deadline.
 - c. Security camera options • just starting to look into it
 - d. Fiber optic internet options
 - an initial proposal seemed high; Lisa waiting to hear whether Citizens-Connected offers municipal rates.

- e. Year-end building permit review
 - several edits/contact updates on our forms have been completed & uploaded.
- f. Possibly amend 2025 Budget. • No Action Taken

8. Old Business

- a. Possibly amend 2024 Budget

Motion by Steve Z. / Steve S. to: a) reduce shed expense by \$2,858 (to \$42,142.); b) reduce General Government by \$700 (to \$64,300.); and c) reduce Carryover by \$3,063. (to \$0.); and to add those amounts (which total \$6,621.) to Public Works, for a new total in Public Works of \$176,831.

– Carried

- b. Follow-up re: two broken Town Hall windows discovered Nov. 14th
 - the emergency repairs are holding, but Bill L. has inexpensive replacement glass and will install it in better weather.
- c. Town Shed
 - Bob is now putting up shelves. • final contracted projects are complete.

- 9. **Future Agenda Items** • Caucus. • Amend '25 Budget. • ROW obstruction. • Security cameras
 - Fiber optic subscription. • TAC 6-month membership. • February primary

10. Approve & Pay Bills

*[which include: balance due on 2024 Weyerhaeuser Fire Dues, 2025 New Auburn Fire Dues]
Motion by Lisa / Steve Z. to approve and pay all items on the Check Detail—including EFTs—the check run being #14530—#14554, but with Ck. #14550 Voided.*

– Carried

11. Adjourn

Motion by Steve S. / Steve Z. To adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

– Carried

Respectfully submitted by *Anne Konvicka*, Town Clerk