

Town of Rusk — Rusk County, Wisconsin

MINUTES—BOARD of SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Town Hall: N704 CTH F, Chetek, WI

1. Called to order at 7:03 p.m. & Roll Call taken: *Dobrowolski, Styczynski, Zmrazek, Konvicka, Giles*
2. Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence
3. Reading/Approval of Meeting Minutes (*July 10th 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 Minutes as presented. — Carried
4. Reading/Approval of Treasurer’s Report; approve Sterling Bank’s better interest rate offer
Motion by Lisa / Steve S. to approve Treasurer’s Report as presented. — Carried
Motion by Lisa / Steve S. to approve corrected Treasurer Reports for April, May & June. — Carried
 - the supervisors acknowledged the improved interest rate on our account(s) at Sterling Bank.
5. Citizens’ Comments / Concerns
 - inquiry about ATV signage
 - Bruce Historical Society wants to electronically scan the Town’s full history of written records as a preservation safeguard
 - suggestion to budget for building a salt/sand storage hut
6. **Town Roads**
 - a. Culvert work needed, incl. replacing two 6’–20’ structures per new Inspection Report
 - Culverts are at Shed; need to install
 - Engineer’s inspection of the Town’s submitted 6’—20’ culverts/bridges listing (per the State’s new DOT program) has shown that the culvert array on County Line Road, 1/3 mile south of 12th Ave., is rated “2” and should be replaced as soon as possible.
 - Justin L. at County Hwy. is pursuing our late entry into the 2026 County Culvert Aid program.
 - the State’s promised 6’—20’ grant program is only in development.
 - b. Bridge on Buck Lake Rd. – inspection/load rating status
 - annual engineer’s inspection on this structure rates it low enough to require a posting at 15 tons
 - Lisa to order the signs and Bill L. to install
 - must send pics when done
 - deadline is Sept. 7
 - c. Summer road work updates: Gravel, Dust Control, Chip Sealing
 - deliveries to Rice Bed, Star Lake, Boat Landing, and at a Hogback field entry.
 - 47 more loads are coming, 39 of them to Rice Bed Road
 - reduce crown on Rice Bed Rd. — This will be done by Scott Construction during final grade
 - Culvert needed on Paul Hurtis’ driveway after Rice Bed is double-chip sealed?
 - yes, before the chip sealing; we will work with him to complete it
 - supervisors would like Scott Construction to cold patch holes on Pleasant Ridge and Deer Head Pt. roads while they’re in town. Lisa to inquire.
 - d. Equipment maintenance; supplies.
 - no particular problems at present
 - e. Signs
 - Sugar Bay “Road” vs. Drive
 - Add “Permits required” to Chain Lk.
 - Add “Dead End” to Bear Lk.
 - since ordering the Sugar Bay sign, an issue arose with County’s road name records...so we’ll postpone installing this green road name sign
 - evident unawareness about Town’s building permit requirements seen on Park Dr.; adding the signage should help. Lisa to order from Rent-A-Flash.
 - Steve Z. reports that Bear Lake Road already has a Dead End sign on it, near County D.

- f. Mowing / Brushing
 - taller than usual grasses along the roads, due to all the rain this summer.
 - Keeping to a 3-year tree branch brushing routine has worked well.

Motion by Steve S. / Steve Z. to hire King Clearing for a second mowing by Labor Day and to brush “Zone 1” in the late autumn. – Carried
- g. Offer by Town of Sampson to plow Park Drive, Chain Lake Rd.
 - Steve S. hasn’t heard back yet from our contact re: a set price that includes salt/sanding.

7. New Business

- a. Chetek Ambulance update
 - The new ambulance is being delivered on Monday (Aug. 18th)
 - The Town’s subsidy for 2026 is going to be close to \$200.
 - New EMTs are being hired.

Motion by Lisa / Steve Z. to move to Item 7c. – Carried

- b. 2026 Budget — preliminary outline
 - Treasurer Megan Giles provided an overview budget, based on the current year but with some changes, including debt service items, number of elections, and savings funds.
 - Board is targeting Nov. 13th for the Public Hearing / and Town Electors’ Meeting to approve levy.
- c. Hire service to spray Town Hall for beetles.

Motion by Steve Z. / Lisa to hire Steve S. to again do this annual spraying. – Carried (STEVE S. ABSTAINED)
- d. Letter from County Humane Officer re: any local problems with domestic animal breeding?
 - Dawn Fleming, CVT—new at the County Animal Shelter—wrote to offer any needed help
 - supervisors suggested promoting the Shelter’s annual Free Spay/Neuter day on our website
 - Lisa will follow up with her and report back at a future meeting
- e. Consider putting Town’s “antique” grader on public display. • No Action Taken

8. Old Business

- a. Amend 2025 Budget – if necessary • No Action Taken
- b. Town Shed – updates
 - Steve Z. took out the now-empty fuel barrel from old shed and is building a new stand 40’ from the new shed. —Lisa to send pics to Rural Insurance when complete.

9. Future Agenda Items

- 2026 Budget Planning • Amend 2025 Budget • LRIP Project Submission • Old D

10. Approve & Pay Monthly Bills

Motion by Steve Z. / Lisa to approve & pay all items presented, incl. EFTs.

The check run is #14738–14754. – Carried

Motion by Steve Z. / Lisa to return to Item 7b. – Carried

11. Adjournment

Motion by Steve S. / Steve Z. to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. – Carried