

# Town of Rusk — Rusk County, Wisconsin

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## MINUTES—BOARD of SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Town Hall: N704 CTH F, Chetek, WI

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1. Called to order at 7:16 p.m. & Roll Call taken: *Dobrowolski, Styczynski, Zmrazek, Konvicka, Giles*
2. Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence
3. Reading/Approval of Meeting Minutes (*Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Regular, and Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Special meetings*)  
*Motion by Steve S. / Steve Z. to dispense with the reading of each set of Minutes. – Carried*  
*Motion by Steve S. / Steve Z. to approve Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Regular, and Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Special meetings’ Minutes as presented. – Carried*
4. Reading/Approval of Treasurer’s Report
  - contact info for town’s usual tax collection bond provider passed to Treasurer Giles, who will arrange for this year’s bond*Motion by Lisa / Steve S. to approve Aug & Sept as presented. – Carried*
5. Citizens’ Comments and Concerns
  - comment on topic from Big Bend’s recent board meeting
6. **Town Roads**
  - a. Chip Sealing projects are complete
    - Scott Construction invoiced town for their Estimate’s amount on 9/26/2025
  - b. County Aid update for 6’—20’ culvert (“bridge”) replacement on County Line Rd.
    - our formal Petition for County Culvert Aid and our Sept. Meeting Minutes have been submitted via Justin Livingston, the Interim Rusk County Highway Commissioner
  - c. Signs on Chain Lake Rd.: Welcome, Permits Required, Speed Limit [45 mph?]
    - a resident of this neighborhood contacted Lisa to say there are no speed signs when one exits Hwy 40 and approaches this mostly-residential area.*Motion by Steve Z. / Steve S. to post the Town’s portion of Chain Lake Road at 45 mph. – Carried*
    - Just the speed limit signs remain to be ordered from the Item 6c listing, above.
    - Lisa will contact Town of Sampson chairman to request a similar speed posting at Hwy. 40 exit
  - d. Equipment; Supplies; Winter Readiness
    - Bob will pick up some more universal hydraulic oil, and will get the new truck in to [Meyer Int’l]/Ascendance Truck Central for a pre-season checkup, plus mount winter attachments
  - e. Determine TRIP/LRIP grant project to submit for ‘26—’28 Cycle
    - applications are due by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>
    - Board discussed which road improvement project is best suited for LRIP; decided to submit for a 2-inch gravel lift on our 1.05 mile stretch of Log Cabin Rd., followed by a double-chip seal.
    - Mark Servi, the TRIP Facilitator for Rusk County, is verifying for us that a double-chip seal project is eligible for consideration under LRIP.
  - f. State Highway Map – review for corrections
    - absolute deadline is Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. • We will request that Town Road 45 (in the Park Drive neighborhood) be relabeled Boat Landing Road. • Also, Board wishes to simplify the maintenance obligations for roads that connect to CTH F on the line between Town of Rusk and Town of Big Bend. Lisa will contact Big Bend Chairman, Tom Meisner, to coordinate.
7. **New Business**
  - a. Skunk removal at Town Hall
    - the odor of skunk has permeated Town Hall for years now, and Lisa got a quote from

*VarmentGuard* (sic) to trap/remove a skunk, in order to overcome the odor. Their quote is \$497 to set and check a trap every weekday for a month.

*Motion by Lisa / Steve S. to hire VarmentGuard for this service.* – Carried

- b. Install secure drop box at Town Hall for tax season
  - Treasurer Megan Giles will publish the Town’s “P.O. Box 61, Chetek” address for mailed tax payments this season; she will not be accepting payments at her home.
  - the secure drop box is to serve as a convenience for taxpayers
  - The Board directed Treasurer to purchase the drop box, which Bob will see is installed timely.
- c. Update from Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> Weyerhaeuser Fire District meeting
  - Anne and Steve attended and shared the changes agreed to at the meeting.
  - Among the changes was that member towns will be expected to pay one time in full, rather than divide annual dues in two payments
- d. Register for WTA’s virtual Town Law Conference (\$60)
  - Lisa would like to attend this webinar on Fri. Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>; attendees may also access the recording after the event. • Board is in support

## 8. Old Business

- a. Town Shed / Town Hall
  - the project to move gravity fuel tank to outdoor location at new shed is nearly done
  - the broken window panes in Town Hall have been replaced.
- b. Chetek Ambulance news
  - Megan reports that the 2026 Ambulance Budget was approved on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>; that three new EMTs have been hired; and that the recently completed remodeling to create private sleeping accommodations at the station have been well received.
- c. Amend 2025 Budget – if necessary • No Action Taken

— The Board agreed to address Agenda *Items 9 & 10* prior to tackling *Item 8d*. —

- d. 2026 Preliminary Budget
  - Megan passed out updated Budget pages and Board reviewed, fine-tuned. • Board arrived at a balanced *2026 Proposed Budget*, which will be posted between Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. (The Special Budget Meeting tentatively set for 10/23 is cancelled.)

## 9. Future Agenda Items

- 3 meetings on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> (Public Budget Hearing, Special Town Mtg of the Electors, & Monthly Supervisors’)

## 10. Approve & Pay Monthly Bills

*Motion by Lisa/Steve Z. to approve & pay all items on Check Detail, incl. EFTs, the check run being #14778—#14801, excluding voided Ck. #14795, which is replaced with Ck. #14802 in the amount of \$119,621.00, for a Grand Total October Check Detail of \$171,336.78.* – Carried

## 11. Adjournment

*Motion by Steve S. / Steve Z. to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.* – Carried

Respectfully submitted by Anne Konvicka Town Clerk