

TOWN OF ROSE – TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 14, 2024

Meeting was brought to order by Chair VandeCastle at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Chair VandeCastle, Supervisors Perez and Cutts, Clerk VandeCastle and Treasurer Gotthart.

Others Present: Mike Urban, Kent Barnard – Wild Rose Public Library, Sally Surprise – Rural Mutual Insurance.

Motion was made by Supv. Cutts, seconded by Supv. Perez, to approve the agenda with moving New Business B and C under Approval of Agenda. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Sally Surprise with Rural Mutual Insurance went over the Town's insurance coverage. Clerk VandeCastle will contact Sally with the information to update the voting machine coverage. The old voting machines will be taken out. Supv. Perez asked if the Town Forest is covered. Around 400 acres are owned by the Town of Rose. Sally will check into this. Sally will get cyber coverage information to Clerk VandeCastle. There has not been a rate increase in a long time. Supv. Perez asked about ATV coverage. Sally then discussed the Town's Workers Compensation insurance coverage.

Sally Surprise left the meeting at 7:20pm

Kent Barnard addressed the Board and thanked them for their annual donation to the Wild Rose Library. Kent asked the Board for an additional \$50 donation this year. Kent stated that the Library now has digitizing equipment available. The Town of Rose had 149 residents visit the library in the past year. The Board agreed to add the additional \$50 donation to the budget for 2025 and see how it works out.

Minutes of the 9/18/24 regular board meeting were read by all. Motion was made by Supv. Perez, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to accept the minutes of the 9/18/24 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer Report was read and discussed by all. Motion was made by Supv. Cutts, seconded by Supv. Perez, to accept the Treasurer Report and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

OLD BUSINESS: Mike stated that Paul Szczublewski can help with tree work in December and January. Mike suggested that the Town hire Dave Hudziak to use his loader to push the brush back. There are an estimated 60-70 trees that need to come down. The patch on 14th that the County fixed from the broadband damage is beginning to sink. Supv. Cutts discussed where spraying will be done in the Township. Clerk VandeCastle gave an update on the fall projects with the Highway Department.

The Board discussed the 2025 budget and how the new fire signs can be worked into the budget. Chair VandeCastle suggested adding half to the 2025 budget and the other half in 2026. The increased shared revenues will help keep the transportation budget up for the General Transportation Aids.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chair VandeCastle reported on the following:

- Timber Cutting Permits:
 - Mary Jo-Timothy Bauer & Annette Kowaleski: Section 11 – logs & pulp
 - Joseph & Kristine Warner: Section 28 – logs & pulp

- Timothy & Mary Jo Bauer: Section 12 – logs & pulp
- Chandler Caves: Section 8 – logs & pulp
- John & Lori Zalewski: Section 7 – Christmas trees
- Zoning Letters
 - Michael Laufenberg: Completion of exterior of accessory structure
 - Kris & Kim Kaszuba: Looking for a replacement trailer – conditional use permit

Clerk VandeCastle reported on the following:

- Wisconsin Department of Administration: Final 2025 population estimate is 682
- Email from Tim Borud – new Community Development Educator for Waushara County: looking for input for the County’s comprehensive plan which is due by 2028.

Chair VandeCastle attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting where there was a discussion on donations for the 4th of July fireworks. The Board agreed that the Town’s money is better spent on the roads in the town.

Treasure Gotthart found out from the Wisconsin Towns Association that the Board of Review Alternate cannot ask questions during the Board of Review unless he/she is filling in for a Board of Review member.

The Board completed the Road Certification paperwork.

The agenda for November was discussed. The next meeting will be Monday, November 11, 2024. The Budget Hearing will begin at 7:00pm, followed immediately by the special elector meeting which will be followed by the regular board meeting.

Supv. Perez made the motion, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm. Motion carried.

The foregoing is an unapproved draft version of these minutes. Therefore, they are subject to amendment or change at subsequent meetings of this Board. Any such changes will be detailed in the minutes of the meeting at which the amendments are proposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy VandeCastle
Town of Rose Clerk