

TOWN OF ROSE – REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 10, 2022

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

Members Present: Chair Apps, Supervisors Perez and Cutts, Clerk VandeCastle, and Treasurer Roger Williams.

Others Present: Mike Urban and Mark VandeCastle

Motion was made by Chair Apps, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to approve the agenda with one addition: Discussion on County Board meeting to New Business. Motion carried.

Minutes of the 9/12/22 meeting were read by all. Motion was made by Supv. Cutts, seconded by Supv. Perez, to accept the minutes of the 9/12/22 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: The Board reviewed the map of the roads that were sprayed by the County. The estimate for the work was \$2,000. Wedging is done on Archer and has begun on Apache. The County will do as much wedging as possible for \$31,000.

Chair Apps has not been able to get Ben Preston from Bell Timber to return his phone calls. January is the deadline for the new forestry plan to be in place. Ben was to do the plan for free for harvesting our timber. Supv. Cutts suggested to stay with the current plan with Ben Preston. The Board agreed.

The Board discussed the long-term plan for our town roads. Borrowing money and raising the levy limit were both discussed at length. The most the levy limit can be increased is 5% of the equalized value.

This topic will be discussed at future meetings. The Board also discussed salaries. The Board has not had a salary increase since 2019. The WTA conducted a salary survey from all towns in Wisconsin. The Board discussed the options for increases.

NEW BUSINESS: The County Board opened all County Roads in Waushara County to ATV-UTV traffic.

Supv. Perez spoke with the Town of Springwater and the Sheriff. If our town roads are clearly marked for no ATV-UTV traffic, they cannot access county roads from the town roads. Supv. Perez will attend the Public Works meeting on 10/13/22 to petition no ATV-UTV traffic on the county roads in the Town of Rose. Mike needs 8 more signs to finish signing for no ATV-UTV traffic.

Supv. Cutts spoke with Keith Petit to get an estimate for tree cutting. Keith would have to see the work before giving an estimate. Mike said Paul Sczeblewski is interested in doing the tree cutting, also. The Board decided to wait until after deer hunting to get something set up for winter cutting.

The cost for Apache wedging is estimated at \$31,000.

Clerk VandeCastle distributed the draft of the budget for 2023. Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to increase the Board's salaries to match the average salaries in the State according to the WTA survey and to increase Mike Urban's salary by the same percent. Motion carried.

Chair Apps reported on the following:

- Pipeline letter from TC Energy

Clerk VandeCastle reported on the following:

- Regional Transportation Roundtable Discussions

Chair Apps attended a fire district meeting and distributed the minutes. The new truck is in and is being painted.

Supv. Perez and Supv. Cutts attended the WTA meeting at Silvercryst. John Piechowski promoted the TAC membership.

Clerk VandeCastle attended the Clerk Training at the WTA Convention in Appleton. There is another grant available for election security.

The agenda for November was discussed. The Budget Hearing and Special meeting will take place on Monday, November 14, 2022 directly preceding the regular Board meeting. Chair Apps made the motion, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. 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