

TOWN OF ROSE – TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 9, 2023

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: None

Motion was made by Supv. Cutts, seconded by Supv. Perez, to approve the agenda with one addition to New Business – address change for Treasurer. Motion carried.

Minutes of the 9/11/23 meeting were read by all. Motion was made by Supv. Perez, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to accept the minutes of the 9/11/23 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer Report was read and discussed by all. Treasurer Gotthart will look into cancelling/voiding the Borgwart check in order to reissue a new check. Clerk VandeCastle sent letters to Parbs and Torkilson to remind them to cash their checks. 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: Joanne Nelson is concerned about the method of getting information regarding ATV's on town roads. Ann O'Kelley reported seeing an ATV on the Town of Rose Road. Recreation Deputy Hansen told the crowd to call him to report ATV's on the town roads. Call the office to report. Deputy Hansen will then follow up on the complaint. Bob O'Kelley asked the Board why the Town spent \$700 on the survey cards when there was an advisory referendum in April? Chair VandeCastle explained that the Board wanted to know how every registered voter in the township felt on the issue. Linda Lowther feels there could be ballot harvesting. Chair VandeCastle explained it is not an election, it is simply a survey. Recreation Deputy Jacob Hansen introduced himself. He began his duties on July 1st of this year. He is working on putting together safety classes for hunting, boating and ATVing. Deputy Hansen stated that the County has no influence on the Board's decision. Ben Mott from the DNR can also be contacted if ATV's are on the Town of Rose Roads. Discussion followed. Dawn Kalata suggested the Board adopt a Speaker Peace Commitment. She will forward the link to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS: Chair VandeCastle met with Brian Freimark at the Highway Department to discuss the LRIP Program. The Program was introduced by Brian at the WTA meeting at Silvercryst that the Board attended. The Program runs on a 2-year cycle every 3 years. The Town of Rose would qualify for next year's LRIP Program. The Board would have to choose to do a new project specifically for the LRIP. Finishing Alp/14th would not qualify. The Town would have 6 years to complete the project. \$27,000 would be reimbursed back to the Township. Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to approve completing the LRIP application. Motion carried. Brian would like to have the completed application by the end of October. Possible roads for the LRIP program: Finish Akron to Cty. Rd. AA or Apache (bury holes). Chair VandeCastle reported on the letters from Brian Freimark regarding the LRIP programs available to the townships. Mike has installed 3 signs. The company installing fiber optics on 14th south of Cty. Rd. P damaged the road. Supv. Perez contacted them and they will pay for repairing the road. The County can do the work and the Town would have to bill the responsible party. Mike found what was left of the USGS Marker on Badger that was damaged by the mower. It is a federal marker that was installed in 1934. Mike will do some more investigating. Mike will continue to patch some pot holes with cold mix.

Clerk VandeCastle contacted Sally Surprise from Rural Mutual Insurance to give her the information needed on the voting equipment and to inform her that the Board chose to add coverage for \$15 a year to personal vehicles. Sally will make the changes.

Clerk VandeCastle received the hard copy Forestry Plan from Bell Timber. The Board reviewed the Plan. The Board is advised to pulp in 2027, 2037 and 2047.

Clerk VandeCastle reported that 441 letters and postcards were mailed out to survey the registered voters on the ATV/UTV issue. 92 cards have been returned to date.

NEW BUSINESS: Dawn Kalata asked the Board if there is a representative from the Board attending the Fire District and County meetings. Supv. Perez is the Town of Rose Board representative for the Fire District. He attends all meetings and emails the minutes to the Board members. He also gives a short summary at the Town Board meeting following the Fire District meeting. Clerk VandeCastle will look into how to make the Fire District minutes available on the website. The Board members also attend the WTA meetings quarterly. County leaders and Legislators are always in attendance at those meetings. Supv. Cutts stated that the Town of Rose is now a member of the TAC which is a group of WTA members that work for the towns on legislative issues.

The Board tabled the Local Road Certification until the November meeting.

Chair VandeCastle reported that Treasurer Roger Williams passed away on October 4th. Cindi Gotthart was appointed Treasurer at the September meeting. She agreed to stay on permanently until the position is up for re-election in April of 2025. The Bank needs to take Roger off the signature card and add Cindi. There will then be 4 signers: Mark VandeCastle, Chris Cutts, Kathy VandeCastle, and Cindi Gotthart. Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to remove Roger Williams from the signature card and add Cindi Gotthart as a signer. Motion carried. The Treasurer's address also must be changed from Roger's address to Cindi's. Mary Williams must begin the process at the Post Office then Cindi can fill out the necessary paperwork at the Post Office. Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to change the Treasurer's address from Roger William's to Cindi Gotthart's address. Motion carried.

Chair VandeCastle reported on the following:

- Notice of Public Hearing: John Hacker, application for a Conditional Use to store a travel trailer – Section 33, N5122 15th Rd.
- Flint Hills pipeline safety newsletter

Clerk VandeCastle reported on the following: None.

The Board attended the District WTA meeting at Silvercrist. LRIP and Ag Improvement programs were discussed along with the estimates of increased Shared Revenue for 2024. Clerk VandeCastle attended a clerk training put on by WTA. Supv. Cutts will attend the WTA Conference in October.

The Board discussed getting a plaque for Roger Williams' years of service since 1995. This will be brought back to the next meeting as an action item.

The agenda for November was discussed. The next meeting will Monday, November 13, 2023. The Budget Hearing will begin at 7:00pm followed immediately by the Special Meeting and Regular Board meeting.

Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. 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