

Town Board Meeting

Town of Rock Elm

Pierce County Wisconsin

Tuesday January 14, 2025

Immediately following the caucus which begins at 7:30 PM

Rock Elm Town Hall

Tim Bates called the meeting to order at 7:47 PM

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Matt Holcomb and seconded by Chris Thibado, motion carried.

### **Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

Minutes from the November 21, 2024 meetings were read. Motion to approve by Chris Thibado, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried. The regular monthly board meeting minutes held on December 11, 2024 were read. Motion to approve by Chris Thibado, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

### **Public Input**

Pam Reitz, Treasurer presented her report on property tax funds collected in December and the breakdown of amounts to be paid to Pierce County, the three school districts and Chippewa Valley Tech.

### **CAFO/ Operations Ordinance Committee**

The committee met On January 13 at The Rock Elm Methodist Church. They had some Public Input at this meeting concerning farm trespassing issues. This will be researched and addressed at their next meeting. Concerning Application and renewal fees, there was a lengthy discussion and \$1.00 per animal unit is the current thought to be used for outside sources so there are no costs to the township.

Their next meeting is scheduled for February 10 and they hope to have an ordinance to present to the Town Board at the February meeting.

### **Financial Reports**

Monica Robey presented the financial reports. This month's total of bills to be paid was \$14,864.65. Matt Holcomb made a motion to approve, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried.

### **Discuss unpaid fire calls**

We currently have three unpaid fire calls. Invoices were originally sent out at the time the charges were sent out by the fire department. The clerk resent invoice copies last week. The next step will be to send certified copies next month.

### **Election workers for 2025**

The clerk has Diann Holcomb, Pam Reitz, Teres Voth, Cheryl Mutchler and Monica Robey as election staff. Chris Thibado made a motion to approve, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried.

### **Wisconsin Towns Advocacy Council**

Chris Thibado made a motion to join this group as we have in the past, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried.

### **Animal Control Ordinance**

This discussion has been ongoing and an Ordinance was drafted by Loberg Law. The final draft was reviewed and Chris Thibado made a motion to approve, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried. It is a 14 page document so the front page will be posted with a note that full copies can be received from the clerk and the full document is on the Pierce County website.

### **Highway Report**

Presented by Dave Bechel, Patrolman. He has been dealing with snow, ice and freezing fog. Pierce County Highway Department will be boom mowing soon. \$10,000 for this were in the 2025 budget. Finished installing the wing on the grader.

12-30-2024 When Dave checked the roads he found a chain up on 410<sup>th</sup> Ave Dead end. Tim was called, he called the landowner in Chicago who said he appreciated the town plowing the road and would move the chain.

1-9-2025 Tim and Dave looked over spots for boom mowing and set up a priority list.

Dave has talked to Schalles Gas pertaining to filling and delivering lp cylinders used on the hot box for road patching. The cost is \$125 per cylinder, delivered with 6 cylinders. So a start up cost of \$750 and they will replace when 4 cylinders are empty. This would save money and be safer.

#### **Two way radioes**

We will look into the possibility of a grant to help cover cost of approx. \$10,000. More research to be done on this

#### **510<sup>th</sup> Turn around**

Final Easement paperwork was received from Loberg Law. Matt Holcomb made a motion to approve, Chris Thibado seconded, motion carried.

#### **Road Damage Ordinance**

A road damage Ordinance was drafted by Loberg Law. It pertains to damage caused by heavy and/or excessive loads and how proper notice should be given to the Town for use options. Chris Thibado made a motion to approve, Matt Holcomb seconded, motion carried. This Ordinance is posted in our three locations and on the Pierce County website.

#### **Correspondence**

- Correspondence was reviewed.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on February 11 at 8:00 PM. Motion to adjourn by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Chris Thibado, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM

#### **Attendance;**

Tim Bates	Matt Holcomb	Chris Thibado	Adam Carson		
Monica Robey	Dave Bechel, P.C.	Pam Reitz	Jenny Holcomb	Stephanie Wells	
Troy Klecker	Amanda Gerlach	Ryan Holt	Gabe Weix	Tovah Carson	Veronica Weix

The Caucus was called to order by Chairman, Tim Bates at 7:30 PM. He asked all attending to sign in. Tim then nominated Gabe Weix to preside over the meeting. Seconded by Chris Thibado and received unanimous vote. Troy Klecker and Jenny Holcomb were selected as tellers if needed.

Nominations were taken as follows:

Chairman:

Tim Bates nominated by Matt Holcomb, seconded by Chris Thibado  
There were no other nominations for this position.

Supervisor 1:

Matt Holcomb nominated by Tim Bates, seconded by Pam Reitz  
Adam Carson nominated by Tovah Carson, seconded by Matt Holcomb.

Supervisor 2:

Chris Thibado nominated by Adam Carson, seconded by Tim Bates  
There were no other nominations for this position

Treasurer:

Pam Reitz nominated by Adam Carson, seconded by Matt Holcomb  
There were no other nominations for this position.

Clerk:

Stephanie Wells nominated by Pam Reitz, seconded by Chris Thibado  
Dawn Churchill nominated by Tim Bates, seconded by Adam Carson

The clerk had nominees file out the required paperwork and it was filled in and returned that night. Meeting closed by presiding Gabe Weix at 7:37 PM

Stephanie Wells declined the nomination after the general board meeting.

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The clerk had forgotten to draw names for ballot order where there were two nominees. On February 14, 2025 names were drawn for ballot order for Supervisor #1 by Pam Reitz, first was Matt Holcomb, second was Adam Carson. The drawing was witnessed by Bryce Mark.