

# Town of Rock Elm

Elmwood, Pierce County, Wisconsin

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## MINUTES

### Town Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Tim Bates.

Others present: Matt Holcomb, Supervisor; Chris Thibado, Supervisor; Dave Bechel, Patrolman; Pam Reitz, Treasurer; Dawn Churchill, Clerk; and 5 residents, 4 non-residents.

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

#### **Minutes from previous meetings**

Minutes from the April 15, 2025, meeting were read. Motion to approve by Chris Thibado, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

Minutes from the May 7, 2025, Board of Review were read. Motion to approve by Chris Thibado, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

#### **Financial Report**

Dawn Churchill presented the financial report. Bills totaled \$17,372.86, with no anticipated income. Tim Bates noted that the bill this month from Bechel Trucking is for the full amount due for hauling rock, but the bill from Milestone Materials is only partial, so these will need to be checked that the rock amounts match. Dawn and Monica will be meeting with Hartung Accounting to rectify some previous small discrepancies in the ledger. Motion to approve by Chris Thibado, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

#### **Insurance review with representative**

Tom Jenkins from Rural Mutual updated the Board on coverages and premium.

#### **CAFO – present letters to the Board, no action will be taken**

The letters were handed out to Board members and will be scanned to the CAFO committee members for them to review.

#### **Discuss fire and ambulance meeting**

Tim Bates attended the bi-annual Elmwood Area Fire and Ambulance meeting on April 16, 2025. There is a proposal to build a \$150,000 addition to the ambulance building and staff the department full-time during the day. The ambulance assessment for Rock Elm will have an estimated increase total to \$21,912, bringing the annual assessment to approximately \$50,000; this is both fire and ambulance. The corporation is wanting to go to calendar year, not fiscal year, and have meetings in January and July.

#### **Highway Report**

Presented by Dave Bechel, Patrolman.

- He has been grading roads.
- Removed some road restrictions on April 14<sup>th</sup> with the rest removed on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Village of Elmwood used the hotbox for blacktop on April 15<sup>th</sup> and returned it April 16<sup>th</sup>; include with rental price, one tank of LP at \$125, totaling \$250.
- Removed sander off dump truck.
- He has been hand patching blacktop.

- Rocked 50th Street and 410th dead end. (Hoffmeister)
- On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Tim and Dave looked at 570<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Plans to fill ditch, and other project plans to move forward. The cost for lime screenings on 570<sup>th</sup> Street is \$2.00 per ton (not delivered).
- On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Tim and Dave met with George Callow on fill dirt in his backyard. We have a ballpark price on product. Greg Bechel Trucking will load and haul material.
- On May 12, 2025, blade patch was completed by Pierce County Highway Department (10 loads).
- There is a new shed at Exile Bar; wondering on building permit.

Tim Bates has received one driveway permit.

Motion to approve by Matt Holcomb, second by Chris Thibado, motion carried.

#### **Public input**

- Information on other counties that have CAFO ordinances was presented.
- There will be county-wide testing of 300 wells for water quality.
- Representative from GROW spoke about the public bond that was applied for by Breeze Ridge Dairy and listed three potential options on how it could proceed.
- Comment was made that a Maiden Rock resident had said that he hasn't seen any liquid being spread and feels that their ordinance may be helping.
- A local business person inquired about what the legalities are regarding signage along Highway 72.

#### **Correspondence**

Reviewed

#### **Next meeting**

The next board meeting will be June 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Matt Holcomb, second by Chris Thibado, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Churchill, Clerk

Board approved 06/10/25