

Town of Rock Elm

Elmwood, Pierce County, Wisconsin

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

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

Others present: Matt Holcomb, Supervisor; Chris Thibado, Supervisor; Dave Bechel, Patrolman; Dawn Churchill, Clerk; Pam Reitz, Treasurer; and 9 residents and 3 non-residents.

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

Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from Town Board meeting, December 9, 2025, were read.

Motion to approve minutes with one correction made by Matt Holcomb, second by Chris Thibado, motion carried.

Financial Report

Dawn gave the financial report. Balance at the end of the year before bills are paid was \$187,463.17. This month's bills total \$75,968.42. There is expected income from property taxes, with the total amount determined at the end of the month. Payments to the school districts for taxes were paid on January 9th, as they are due by January 15th.

Motion to approve payment of bills made by Matt Holcomb, second by Chris Thibado, motion carried.

Operator license applications

Two applications were received and reviewed.

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

Possible upgrade of tractor and brush mower, update

Tim received a bid from Johnson Tractor for a comparable new tractor. Both Johnson Tractor and Tractor Central would like Dave and Tim to look at and "test drive" each tractor. This will be done as soon as feasible.

Motion to table this until next month made by Matt Holcomb, second by Chris Thibado, motion carried.

CAFO – Set public hearing date

Discussed Public Hearing date; this was set for January 31, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. This will be a comment time only, with sign up for making comments beforehand. There will be no decision made on the ordinance that day. The ordinance will be posted on the website. Postcards will be mailed with meeting info as a reminder.

Motion made to approve meeting date of January 31, 2026 made by Chris Thibado, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

Unpaid fire call bill

Since there has been no response to letters sent, Chris will reach out to the individual before being sent to collections.

Highway report

Presented by Dave Bechel, Patrolman

- Has been dealing with the snow and ice events.
- Has been winging back ditches.
- Dave and Tim looked at the tree at the intersection of 130th St. and 490th Ave., Nehemiah Huppert property. The tree is 43 feet from center line and 33 feet is right-of-way.
- Dave and Tim met with Sam from Johnson Tractor with discussion on Case IH tractor.
- Sanded two driveways; charged \$150 each.
 - Dave does not like to take the big truck onto private property, so we will attempt to have this done by an outside provider.

The box culvert project will need a double culvert and will cost more than expected.

ARIP application for 450th Ave. was completed; this is the 4th attempt for this.

Public Input

Rock Elm will be having a re-evaluation done this year.

A resident commented that a complaint happened about his property and he explained the issue.

Pam shared the January settlement.

The Isabelle township CAFO ordinance was shared with board members.

Correspondence

Reviewed.

Set date and time for next monthly board meeting

The next meeting will be February 10, 2026, at 8:00 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Churchill, Clerk

Approved 02/10/26