# Town of Rock Elm

**Elmwood, Pierce County, Wisconsin**

## Town Board Meeting
## MINUTES
## Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Tim Bates.
Others present: Matt Holcomb, Supervisor; Adam Carson, Supervisor; Dave Bechel, Patrolman; Dawn Churchill, Clerk; Pam Reitz, Treasurer; and 1 resident and 1 non-resident.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Adam Carson, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

**ARIP Project update**
Dave Walter from SEH presented the road plan for 450th Avenue for board members to review. Soil boring is complete and the next step will be wetland delineation, which will be done soon.

**Minutes from previous meeting**
Minutes from the September 8, 2026, meeting were read.

Motion to approve made by Matt Holcomb, second by Adam Carson, motion carried.

Minutes from the September 23, 2026, Special Meeting were read.

Motion to approve made by Adam Carson, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

**Financial Report**
Dawn gave the financial report. Balance at the end of September before bills are paid was $313,705.75; this includes the deposit of $132,166.39 from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands for the tractor and mower. Balance as of 10/13/26 is $342,945.96, which includes a deposit on 10/05/26 for $30,896.85. This month's bills presented in the amount of $302,926.16; discussed holding payment to Pierce County Highway until next month when we receive payment for the Bridge Petition that was submitted. Total of bills to pay amended to $104,595.08. There is no other expected income in October, but $60,754.32 in November.

Motion made to pay bills as discussed made by Adam Carson, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

- **High Yield Savings**
  Information presented on high yield savings at Citizens Bank in Elmwood. Discussion about the two options available; the Thrive account that currently pays 3.20% and a Professional Services account currently at 3.01%.

  Motion made by Adam Carson to open a Thrive high yield savings account at Citizens Bank, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

**Set date for budget meeting**
The budget meeting will be held Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 8:00 p.m.

**Tractor and mower**

- **New equipment status**
  The tractor has arrived at Tractor Central. Dave and Tim inspected it; the wheel weights are an issue, but will be resolved. The bucket is not in yet, but should be soon. Discussed replacing the rear tires on the current tractor, as they are in poor shape and this may help with selling for an increased price. After discussion, this was decided against. The tractor and mower will be put on auction at this point.

**Shop door replacement update**

No definite price on the door yet, but the installer is working on it. There is a Security Subgrant available that may be available for $2000 towards the door. This will be applied for; deadline is December 1, 2026.

**Inspector Contract**

Reviewed contract that is up for renewal. Board member commented that he has been very good to work with.

Motion to approve Steinmeyer Inspections contract made by Adam Carson, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

**Volunteer Poll Worker**

A current poll worker would like to volunteer their time. State statute indicates that this is permissible if a written request to waive compensation is received from the worker. This information will be relayed to the individual.

**Village Powers**

Information from Loberg Law Office was presented for review. This will be presented at the Special Meeting in November.

**WTA Town Law Conference**

Two topics that will be presented at this conference are enforcing ordinances and data center regulation. Discussed that these issues are of interest. This will be held virtually on October 30, 2026, and will be available on the WTA website for review if unavailable on that date. Dawn will register for this so it can be viewed when convenient for board members.

**Comp Plan**

Dawn attended the WTA Fall Conference and there was a presentation on updating the Comprehensive Plan that is available on their website. Tabled until the November meeting.

**Solar Farm Ordinance**

The Rock Elm ordinance was put together and sent to Loberg Law Office for review. Tabled until the November meeting.

**Highway report**

Presented by Dave Bechel, Patrolman

- Has been grading roads
- Has been mowing ditches
- On 09/29 Tim and Dave met with Quarry Heights Farms on driveway permit on 570$^{th}$ Ave. Met with Joe and Brett Fetzer on hauling manure on 450$^{th}$ Ave.
- Took the dump truck to Premier Truck for recalls and service.
- Had to have McCoy Equipment come and work on grader brakes; would not release and found a bad solenoid. Also, when here had them look at loose table top on grader, had to replace shims.

- On 10/05 the pickup broke down on the road when patching. Tim got it to the shop, Kent's Auto came to get it; the fuel pump went out.
- On 10/7 Tim and Dave met with Perry Yoder on driveway permit on 510th Ave.
- Pierce County Highway Department finished 570th Ave. blacktop and shouldering.
- Got the culvert installed on 130th Street on 09/15 and Pierce County paved over the culvert the same day.
- On 10/12 Tim and Dave traveled to Tractor Central in Durand to look at the new tractor; they're waiting on rear wheel weights and bucket.

- **Bridge petition for 190th**
  The paperwork was completed and will be submitted to Pierce County.

Tim received two driveway permit requests.

Motion to approve permit for Perry Yoder made by Adam Carson, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

Motion to approve permit for Quarry Heights Farms made by Matt Holcomb, second by Adam Carson, motion carried.

**Public Input**
John Eager passed away and the family is doing as well as expected.
Dave was commended on his work shaping the road on 570th.

**Correspondence**
Reviewed

**Set date and time for next monthly board meeting**
The next meeting will be November 10, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Adam Carson, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Churchill, Clerk Approved 11/10/26