Town of Rock Elm

Elmwood, Pierce County, Wisconsin

Town Board Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Chairman Tim Bates.
Others present: Matt Holcomb, Supervisor; Adam Carson, Supervisor; Dave Bechel, Patrolman; Pam Reitz, Treasurer; Dawn Churchill, Clerk; and 2 residents and 1 non-resident.

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

Minutes from previous meetings
Minutes from the October 13, 2026, meeting were read.

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

Minutes from the October 21, 2026, Budget Planning 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 October was $242,533.30. The balance as of October 10, 2026, is $239,315.61; this includes the $132,166.39 for the tractor and mower payment. Available balance is $107,149.22. Unpaid bills total $55,871.02. Expected income from Shared Revenue is $60,754.32; $104,000 should be coming from bridge aid, anticipated before the end of the year.

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

Line of Credit for ARIP project
The town applied and was approved for a line of credit with Citizens State Bank in the amount of $1,000,000 to use for payments to SEH until we are reimbursed by the State. Interest rate would be Treasury Rate + 1.02% if closed within 30 days.

Motion made by Adam Carson to accept terms of the 1-year line of credit for $1,000,000 from Citizens State Bank at Treasury Rate + 1.02%, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

ARIP project update
Dave Walter from SEH suggested there may be a way to forgo financing, based on the reimbursement process outlined in the ARIP guidelines. He is going to look into this and report back.

Board members reviewed updates to the plan that were made and made suggestions for additional changes they would like to see. Tim will begin to talk to landowners that may be affected by this project to keep them abreast. SEH to bring updates to the December meeting.

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Tractor and mower update
The new tractor was brought to the shop on November 10. There was a mix up at the dealership with the mower and we will now be getting a new 2027 for no increased cost over the agreement for the 2025. No delivery date at this time. Payment for the tractor will be made; mower payment when it arrives.

Motion made to pay Tractor Central $114,000 for payment of the tractor made by Matt Holcomb, second by Adam Carson, motion carried.

Shop door replacement update
Installation will meet the timeline for the grant.

Comp Plan
Discussed getting information from another township on their process when they updated.

Motion made to table this until the December meeting made by Adam Carson, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

Solar Ordinance
Discussed pros of putting this in place; this protects Rock Elm from being the "softest target". Restated that it can be amended if needed.

Motion made to table until the December meeting made by Adam Carson, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

Discuss Budget for 2027
Motion to approve the budget for 2027 as presented made by Adam Carson, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried with three yes votes from the three board members.

Discuss Levy for 2027
Motion to approve the levy as presented in the amount of $461,465 made by Adam Carson, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried with three yes votes from the three board members.

Highway report
Presented by Dave Bechel, Patrolman

- Been shouldering roads
- Been grading roads
- Installed sander and wing on dump truck
- Routine township maintenance
- On 11/10 Tim and Dave went to Tractor Central and picked up tractor
- The pickup went back to Kent's with no heat, thermostat didn't help

One driveway permit was received.

Motion to approve driveway permit for Mike and Teresa Davis made by Matt Holcomb, second by Adam Carson, motion carried.

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Salt sand bids

- Pierce County - $16.22/ton for salt sand off the belt, delivery $29.91/ton
- Greg Bechel Trucking - $150/load delivery from Pierce County pile

Motion to buy salt sand from Pierce County at $16.22/ton made by Adam Carson, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

Motion to award Greg Bechel Trucking to haul salt sand at $150 per load made by Adam Carson, second by Matt Holcomb, motion carried.

Public Input

Construction has started on the Spring Brook solar installation.

Correspondence

Reviewed.

Set date and time for next monthly board meeting

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Churchill, Clerk

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