

TOWN OF ROSE – TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 13, 2023

Meeting was brought to order by Chair VandeCastle at 7:13pm.

Members Present: Chair VandeCastle, Supervisors Perez and Cutts, Clerk VandeCastle, and Treasurer Gotthart. Others Present: Sheila Dassow, Kent Barnard, Bob and Ann O’Kelly, Dorothy Apps, Jeff and Sere Kratochwill, John Testin, Steve Chappa, Linda Lowther, Mike Urban, Alan and Deb Johnson, Steve Heuser, Sharon Atkinson, Molly Detjens – DNR, Jake Hansen – Waushara County Sheriff’s Department, Mark and Dawn Kalata, Peter and Mary and Sandra Sherman, JoAnn Nelson, and Jeff Hoffman.

Motion was made by Supv. Cutts, seconded by Supv. Perez, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes of the 10/9/23 and 10/26/23 meetings were read by all. Motion was made by Supv. Cutts, seconded by Supv. Perez, to accept the minutes of the 10/9/23 and 10/26/23 meetings as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer Report was read and discussed by all. Motion was made by Supv. Perez, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to accept the Treasurer Report and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: The gravel sections of Alp and 14th Ct. are getting very rough and needs to be graded. The Highway Department is planning on grading it before winter.

Kent Barnard from the Wild Rose Public Library thanked the Board for their annual donation to the library. Kent gave some statistics from 2023 Town of Rose patrons.

Jeff Kratochwill asked that the new treasurer be introduced to those in attendance. Cindi Gotthart introduced herself and gave a short background of her experience.

Kent Barnard left the meeting at 7:25pm.

OLD BUSINESS: The County fixed the damage on 14th Ave. that was damaged by the utility company. The County may have cracked the edge of the road with their equipment. Clerk VandeCastle will ask Brian Freimark from the Highway Department to take a look at it. The County will bill the Town of Rose and the Town of Rose will bill Central Cable Contractors who did the damage.

Supv. Cutts attended a Utility Policy training session at the WTA Convention in October. The presenter was the Columbia County Highway Commissioner. The Town needs to keep an eye on all right-of-way work being done by all utility companies. The Board would like to have a conversation with Brian from the Highway Department to understand exactly what the Town needs to do. By issuing permits to the utility companies and adopting the Utility Policy, the Town has something to stand on and permits can be pulled. The bottom line is protecting the roads. Clerk VandeCastle will invite Brian to the December 11th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The ATV/UTV survey results were read and discussed. 441 surveys were mailed to registered voters. 11 were returned as undeliverable. 335 surveys were returned by 10/30/23, 78%. The results were as follows: YES: 186 or 56% - NO: 144 or 43% - UNDECIDED: 5 or 1%. The Board wanted the input from the Town of Rose residents. The decision is too big for 3 people to make. It was hard to see the majority from the meetings. The survey was meant to help the Board make a decision. Board members spoke with other municipalities about their experiences with ATV/UTV traffic on roads and any issues they have.

Supv. Perez stated that the Town Forest needs to be protected from ATV/UTV traffic, and those in attendance agreed. The County Sheriff’s Department can enforce Town ordinances. Jacob Hansen from the Sheriff’s office and Molly Detjens from the DNR answered questions from the Board and electors. Mark Kalata believes that by putting up a lot of signage to keep ATVs out of the Forest will draw more attention. Alp, 14th Ct. and Akron will be under construction for the next 2 years. This section should be closed from ATV traffic at minimum until the project is completed. Supv. Perez made the motion, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to open the Town of Rose roads to ATV/UTV traffic on a one-year trial basis with the exception of Alp from 13th to 14th Ct., 14th Ct. from Alp to Akron, and Akron from 14th Ct. to Cty. Rd. AA. Discussion followed. The Board took it to a vote. Motion carried with 3-eyes, 0-nays.

The one-year trial basis will begin when the ordinance is written and passed. The roads will open when the ordinance is passed. The Town of Springwater ordinance is the same as the County’s ordinance. Chair VandeCastle’s opinion is to follow

the County's ordinance. Supv. Cutts would like to go over the County's ordinance before voting on it. The ordinance will be tabled until the December 11th meeting.

The 2024 budget was passed with no levy limit increase.

Alliant Energy contacted the Board looking for property to install wind towers. The Board will need to look into its comprehensive plan. The landowners need to be aware and be educated. Supv. Cutts will look into this more. Some landowners have already been contacted. Dawn Kalata suggested forming a committee to help advise and coordinate. Dawn and Supv. Cutts will work on this together and report back at the December 11th meeting.

The Board will complete the Local Road Certification paperwork that is due 12/15/23.

All past Town of Rose Board members received a plaque recognizing their dedicated time spent to the Town of Rose. Supv. Perez made the motion, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to approve the purchase of a plaque for Mary Williams in recognition of Roger Williams' time on the Board. Motion carried.

At the October meeting JoAnn Nelson suggested changing the name of Apache Ave. Chair VandeCastle did some checking on this subject and found that some Native Americans feel the whites are trying to erase them from history. The Board believes it is an honor to have a road named after them.

Chair VandeCastle reported on the following:

- Building Permits issued:
 - Kristin Flannery: Section 15 – to raze existing home and construct new home.
 - Harry & Helen Erickson: Section 35 – to construct grain bin for farm use.
 - Roger Krahl: Section 16 – to construct pole building.
 - Steven and Gail Heuser: Section 20 – to construct addition to existing home.
 - Roy Mitchell: Section 5 – to place a pre-built carport.
 - Chris & Beth Cutts: Section 13 – to place an accessory structure for personal storage.
- Cutting Notice: David & Marcia Hoppman – Section 23 – logs & pulp
- Zoning: Application for conditional use travel trailer – John Hacker – Section 33
- Zoning: Jim Bob & Ma's Little Acres LLC – Report of storage of 2 travel trailers
- Zoning: Kim & Mary Benson – Report of possible accessory structure to home conversion
- Zoning: Michael Laufenberg – expiration of land use permit, structure not completed
- Department of Revenue: First Notice of Non-Compliance

Clerk VandeCastle reported on the following:

- Wisconsin DNR: Forest Tax Law Land order – Apps Living Trust – Section 33 – 30 acres.
- Invoice for the TAC membership through the WTA. Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to approve paying the 12-month TAC membership fee. Motion carried.

Supv. Cutts attended the WTA Convention and attended an LRIP presentation and training on town's adoption of the Utility Policy. Supv. Perez attended a Fire District meeting where the 2024 budget was approved and Chrystal Butzin announced her resignation. The Fire Department kept the younger less experienced members away from the scene of the fatal crash on 15th.

A large TV was found in the ditch. Mike Urban will be contacted to take care of.

The agenda for December was discussed. The next meeting will Monday, December 11, 2023.

Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to adjourn the meeting at 10:23pm. Motion carried.

The foregoing is an unapproved draft version of these minutes. Therefore, they are subject to amendment or change at subsequent meetings of this Board. Any such changes will be detailed in the minutes of the meeting at which the amendments are proposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy VandeCastle
Town of Rose Clerk