

TOWN OF ROSE – TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 11, 2023

Meeting was brought to order by Chair VandeCastle at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Chair VandeCastle, Supervisors Perez and Cutts, Clerk VandeCastle, and Treasurer Gotthart.

Others Present: Sheila Dassow, Bob O’Kelly, Jeff Kratochwill, John Testin, Jeff Hoffman, Linda Lowther, Mike Urban, Mark and Dawn Kalata, and Brian Freimark-Waushara County Highway Commissioner.

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

Motion carried.

Minutes of the 11/13/23 meetings were read by all. Motion was made by Supv. Perez, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to accept the minutes of the 11/13/23 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. Treasurer Gotthart gave an update on 2023 Tax Roll Data. 1,165 Tax bill were printed and sent out. Treasurer Gotthart explained the First Dollar Credit and Lottery Credit.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

OLD BUSINESS: Mike straightened the sign and installed a new post that was damaged due to an accident at 17th and Apache. Mike and Paul Szczublewski are working on trimming trees. 14th Ave. south of Cty. Rd. P is repaired. The costs will be billed out to Central Cable Construction who did the damage while installing fiber. Various locations that are shaded by trees may need more sand. The grading is done on Alp and 14th Ct. The County can deliver salt/sand, or the Township can pick up salt/sand to have handy to aid in sanding.

Brian Freimark, Waushara County Highway Commissioner, spoke about the Town adopting a Utility Policy. Someone from the Town would have to go back to do an inspection after the work was completed. The utility companies would get the permit from the Town for a possible fee. The permit will give the Town a name to go after if there is damage to the road right-of-way. The Town of Rose is currently the only township in Waushara County looking at adopting the utility policy. Discussion followed.

Mike Urban and Brian Freimark left the meeting at 7:43pm.

The Board had read other Towns’ ATV ordinances. This ordinance will be for a one-year trial. Supv. Cutts would like to include a statement about reserving the right to close or modify the routes at any time. A suggestion was made to include the roads that are closed in an appendix to the ordinance. Chair VandeCastle stated that the opening paragraph could declare the closed roads. Sheila Dassow stated that the ATV clubs would pay for the signage. The County would install the signs. Supv. Cutts is worried about the liability; riders will have to police. Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to adopt an ATV ordinance based on the ordinances of the Towns of Mount Morris, Leon and Aurora that were based on the County’s ordinance and State Statute 23.33 and include the roads that are excluded (Alp from 13th to 14th Ct., 14th Ct. from Alp to Akron, and Akron from 14th Ct. to Cty. Rd. AA)

to begin on 1/1/24 for a one-year trial. Motion carried. There was a suggestion to have the Town keep some of the “No ATV” signs since the Town already paid for them.

Dawn Kalata and Supv. Cutts gave a report of their findings regarding Alliant Energy’s wind towers.

Dawn has been in contact with some of the landowners that received packets from Alliant Energy. The statements in the packet are contradictory to the Frequently Asked Questions on their website. The farmers don’t want them because of the irrigation and crop dusting. Eminent Doman may happen, and Alliant Energy will take the land if the land owners won’t sell. Supv. Chris was in contact with other towns in the state. Act 204 from 1997 stated that green energy needs to be produced. Municipalities cannot hold them back with just an ordinance. There is an attorney trying to stop them in other areas of the State. The Town’s Comprehensive Plan does not help the Town of Rose. The Board agrees that the wind towers are not wanted in our township for agricultural and health reasons. Dawn Kalata and Supv. Cutts will continue working to find out what the Town can do to stop them.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk VandeCastle distributed a list of names for Election Inspectors for 2024/2025. There are 9 names on the list: 2 chief election inspectors, 2 alternates, and 5 election inspectors. The Board also discussed the wages of the election inspectors. The Town of Deerfield surveyed the other towns in the County and the results were distributed to the Board. Supv. Perez made the motion, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to approve the list of election inspectors for 2024/2025 and to pay the Chief Election Inspector \$15/hour and the Election Inspectors \$12/hour. Motion carried.

Chair VandeCastle reported on the following:

- None

Clerk VandeCastle reported on the following:

- Wisconsin DNR: Forest Tax Law Land order – Torkilsen Real Estate of Waushara County – Section 11 – 41 acres.
- WTA 2024 District Meeting – Stevens Point – February 17, 2024

Clerk VandeCastle and election inspectors attended an election training put on by the County.

The agenda for January was discussed. The next meeting will Monday, January 8, 2024.

Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm. 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