

## TOWN OF ROSE – REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 10, 2023

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

Members Present: Chair VandeCastle, Supervisors Perez and Cutts, and Clerk VandeCastle. Treasurer Williams was excused.

Others Present: Mike Urban, Sheila Dassow, Cheri Schultz, Ann and Bob O’Kelly, Dan Kachelmieier, Bob and Ann Eckert, Sere and Jeff Kratochwill, Mark, Dawn and Debbie Kalata, Gary Barczak, John and Jean Testin, Mike Kolka, Victoria Golberg, Linda Lowther, Jean Lemanski, M. Klabunde, Shari Anderson, Steve Chapple, Sandy and Mark Petrusky, and Alan Johnson.

Supv. Cutts recommended using the Public Comments for everyone to speak on the ATV/UTV issue. Motion was made by Supv. Cutts, seconded by Supv. Perez, to approve the agenda as recommended. Motion carried.

Minutes of the 6/12/23 meeting were read by all. Motion was made by Supv. Perez, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to accept the minutes of the 6/12/23 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC INPUT: Chair VandeCastle allowed everyone in attendance to speak for 5 minutes each. Those in favor of creating an ordinance allowing ATV/UTV’s on the town roads sited the following: Town of Wautoma approved a couple roads to have access to the City of Wautoma; Town of Rose will be the only municipality in the county to not allow the ATV’s on the roads; enjoy ATV riding; they don’t hurt anything; don’t cause any problems; ATV’s not loud, not a noise problem; it would be a benefit to the town and the riders; there wouldn’t be a lot of ATV’s going past your home at one time; they do benefit rides where the money raised is split; ATV clubs police their own riders; suggestion to have a sunset date on the ordinance or open only some roads; land owners would be able to get to their own property when it is not adjoining; liability is not an issue; lawyer at the County said it is no different than any other vehicle on the road; some ATV’s are safer than a car (5-point harness); riders do not know which roads are open and which roads are not – would create less confusion to have them all open; safer to ride on Town roads vs. County roads; there is a misconception about ATV riders; nice to see nature and the countryside while riding; bicycles and walkers are more dangerous than ATV’s; misconception on referendum question; ATV’s are not a nuisance, they are an asset; Town of Springwater opened all their roads and have lots of regulations; easier to help neighbors do work in woods or places where trucks can’t go; gas mileage is better; may get more people to move into the Town of Rose which would lower taxes. Those in favor of keeping the ATV/UTV’s off the road cited the following: The ATV’s belong on the trails, not the roads; the majority of the Town of Rose voters voted to keep the ordinance the same and not allow ATV traffic on the town roads; County roads connect to Plainfield; a lot of people in attendance were not from the Town of Rose; allowing the ATV’s on the roads is not financially beneficial to the Town of Rose; why should the Town of Rose cater to those who bought the ATV; most people in the Town of Rose are retired and like the peace and quiet; ATV owners are the minority; they are not safe; there is a liability issue for the town.

OLD BUSINESS: The estimate from the County to repair 1 mile on Alp is \$155,000. After doing normal highway maintenance, there is an estimated \$69, 214 left in the Highway budget. There may be more money coming from Shared Revenue. The deterioration of the roads is getting ahead of us. Chair VandeCastle will speak with Brian to determine how much repair can be done this year.

Supv. Perez tried contacting Ben Preston from Bell Timber. He has not returned Supv. Perez’s calls or emails. Supv. Perez spoke with Koerner forestry to do the plan. Koerner is interested in doing the plan for the town. Supv. Perez will make one more attempt to contact Bell Timber.

The Board discussed all the comments made regarding ATV/UTV traffic on town roads. Supv. Cutts is concerned with the amount of policing of the roads that would have to take place if the Town keeps the ATV’s off the roads. The

Town does not have citation powers. It may be easier to police the roads if they were open to ATV traffic. Supv. Perez stated that a board of 3 should not be making the decision. That is why it went to an advisory referendum. Chair VandeCastle stated the options: open the roads, keep the roads closed, try for a year. Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Chair VandeCastle, to table the ATV/UTV decision until the next meeting. Motion carried. Clerk VandeCastle received the approval from the Public Records Board and the Wisconsin Historical Society to move ahead to pass the ordinance to adopt the Wisconsin Municipal Records Schedule. Supv. Perez made the motion, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to pass the ordinance to adopt the Wisconsin Municipal Records Schedule. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board discussed the adoption of the Utility Accommodation Policy sent out by the Highway Commissioner. The utilities would have to apply for a permit through the town to work on the right-of-way for a possible fee. Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to adopt the Utility Accommodation Policy for Towns and decide the fee schedule at a later time. Motion carried.

Clerk VandeCastle spoke with Farmers State Bank regarding having a credit card for the town. It was suggested to get a debit card to make minor purchases. There is no fee. The card will arrive in about 2 weeks.

Chair VandeCastle reported on the following:

- Timber cutting notice: Myron and Joy Ewald – Section 33 – logs and pulp
- Building Permit: Ted Steinke – Section 19 – attached garage
- Building Permit: Brenda Geib – Section 17 – home business for fire arms
- Building Permit: Ken and Kelli Retzleff – Section 9 - Garage
- Letter from Zoning to Ronald Minton – No travel trailer on property – cannot use shed as a dwelling
- Letter from Zoning to Schroeder 2022 Family Trust – update registration on travel trailer and pay annual fee
- Protecting water workshops

Clerk VandeCastle reported on the following:

- Local Road Certification packet coming in late August or early September
- 2023 Pavement Ratings are due by 12/15/23. Clerk VandeCastle will run off sheets for Supv. Perez to look at the roads.
- Wisconsin Towns Association unit meeting at Silvercryst on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Clerk VandeCastle will RSVP for the group
- Open Book will take place August 18, 2023 from 3:00 – 5:00pm. Board of Review will take place on September 6, 2023 from 3:00 – 5:00pm.

No meetings were attended.

Treasurer Williams is in the hospital. He is a check signer. Clerk VandeCastle has enough checks signed to get through the August meeting. Supv. Cutts agreed to be a stand-in signer if Treasurer Williams cannot. The Bank will need Board approval to have a new signer. Chair VandeCastle made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to change the check signer from Roger Williams to Chris Cutts if needed until 8/14/23. Motion carried.

The agenda for June was discussed. The next meeting will Monday, August 14, 2023.

Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to adjourn the meeting at 9:53pm. 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