

## TOWN OF ROSE – REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 14, 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: Garth Klabunde-Town of Pine Grove, Sandy Petrusky-Town of Plainfield, Mark and Dawn Kalata-Town of Rose, Adam Dobbert-NECW ATV-UTV Assn., Jeff Hoffman-Town of Rose, Bob and Ann O’Kelly-Town of Rose, Paul H-NECW ATV-UTV Assn., Joanne Nelson-Town of Rose, Logan Marks-Town of Springwater, Randy and Deb Kalata-Town of Rose, Victoria Golberg-Town of Rose, Jean Lemanski-Town of Rose, Linda Lowther-Town of Rose, Ann Eckert-Town of Rose, Sheila Dassow, John and Jean Testin-Town of Rose, Gary Barczak and Candy Becker.

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

Minutes of the 7/10/23 meeting were read by all. Motion was made by Supv. Perez, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to accept the minutes of the 7/10/23 meeting 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: 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: 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; land owners would be able to get to their own property when it is not adjoining; safer to ride on Town roads vs. County roads; those who are against ATV’s on roads are driving their own ATV’s on the roads. Adam Dobbert from the NECW ATV-UTV Assn. spoke to the group. He has helped other municipalities create their ordinances to allow ATV/UTV’s on town roads. The Assn. would help pay for signage if the town opens all the roads. It would be more cost effective to open all the roads as you would only have to sign the shared roads. Most ATV’s are insured. Jean Testin produced a petition signed by 117 people in favor of ATV’s on the roads; most want to go through the Town of Rose to go elsewhere. Those in favor of keeping the ATV/UTV’s off the road cited the following: the majority of the Town of Rose voters voted to keep the ordinance the same and not allow ATV traffic on the town roads; 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; ditches are too overgrown and are dangerous when pulling out of driveways with farm equipment; a petition against ATV’s and UTV’s on roadways was also produced; safety concern with the high deer population in the Town of Rose.

OLD BUSINESS: The previous estimate from Waushara County to do 1 mile of Alp was \$155,000. Chair VandeCastle asked Brian Freimark at Highway to break the project up into 2 years. The new estimate to be completed in 2 years, recommending using limestone rather than gravel to hold up better in the winter: 2023 – Add limestone, install culvert, pulverize and grade: ESTMATE \$57,000. 2024 – Fine grade, pave, and shoulder: ESTIMATE \$109,500. The board discussed the options. Supv. Perez made the motion, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to do Alp with the 2-year plan for the estimated \$57,000 in 2023 and \$109,500 in 2024. Motion carried. The Board discussed mowing, spraying and brushing options. Chair VandeCastle received a phone call asking if the previously sprayed brush along the road will be cut down, looks terrible. The owner also thought he/she should have been contacted before the spraying was done. Spraying and brushing would be more expensive. More economical to just spray. Clerk VandeCastle will have Brian put together and estimate for spraying and brushing. Brian Freimark sent a new service contract to Chair VandeCastle for the Board’s approval. The Board had the option to approve a 3-year contract or a non-lapsing contract. The contract wants a commitment from the Town to spend \$100,000 with Waushara County. The Board

agreed it is very difficult to find a private to plow. Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to approve the non-lapsing contract with Waushara County Highway Department. Motion carried. The Board discussed future road work, possibly Akron, Archer, and Apache.

Ben Preston contact Supv. Perez and said he would have the new forestry plan finished by the September meeting. Ben will send it to Supv. Perez and Clerk VandeCastle.

The Board discussed the concerns of all those in attendance regarding ATV's and UTV's on town roads. The advisory referendum was used as a tool to guide the Board's decision. The Town Forest needs to be protected from ATV's/UTV's. A suggestion was to put a binding referendum on a future election. Another suggestion was to do a mailing survey like the Town of Springwater did. Supv. Perez noted that it is too big of a decision for 3 people to make for the whole township. Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to hold the ordinance as it stands and put it to the voters in the Spring Election in April of 2024 with a binding referendum. Motion carried. Discussion followed on the referendum wording. The township would be all open or none with an effective date in referendum.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board discussed the Utility Permit Fee Schedule. Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to adopt the Utility Permit Fee Schedule based on the Waushara County Highway fee schedule to be implemented following further information gathered at the WTA Conference in October. Motion carried.

The Board chose Supv. Cutts to be the 4<sup>th</sup> eligible signer for checks. Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to have Supv. Cutts be the 4<sup>th</sup> eligible signer for checks. Motion carried. Clerk VandeCastle will provide the bank with the minutes from this meeting and contact Supv. Cutts to update the signature card.

Chair VandeCastle reported on the following:

- Letter from Sandy Petrusky commending the Board for how they handled the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Building Permit: Jeffrey Eickstaedt – Section 22 – Free standing deck next to pool
- Building Permit: Robert Michalowski – Section 32 – Replace attached deck
- Timber Cutting Notice: Steven Jalensky – Section 9 – Timber and Pulp
- Timber Cutting Notice: Leon and Mary Voigt – Section 7 – Timber and Pulp
- Timber Cutting Notice: Cecil Koester – Section 7 – Timber and Pulp

Clerk VandeCastle reported on the following:

- Letter from Attorney Mark Bickford announcing his retirement at end of 2023
- Notice from Rural Mutual Insurance for Annual Insurance Checkup – Clerk VandeCastle will contact them to invite them to the September meeting.
- 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.

The debit card has been received by Clerk VandeCastle.

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

Supv. Perez made the motion, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to adjourn the meeting at 10:22pm. 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