

TOWN OF ROSE – REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 11, 2023

Meeting was brought to order by Chair VandeCastle at 7:01pm.

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

Others Present: Sheila Dassow, Dawn Kalata, Cindi Gotthart, Bob and Ann O’Kelly, Al Luchini – Wild Rose Fire District, Mike Urban, and Sally Surprise – Rural Mutual Insurance Company.

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

Minutes of the 8/14/23 meeting were read by all. Motion was made by Supv. Perez, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to accept the minutes of the 8/14/23 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. No word on when or if we will receive the extra shared revenue. Clerk VandeCastle will try to contact the individuals with outstanding checks.

PUBLIC INPUT: Bob and Ann O’Kelly wanted to make the Board aware that there have been UTV’s on 17th coming from Heffron because the signs say, “No ATV Traffic.” They also stated that the companies installing the fiber optic cables are doing a good job cleaning up the ditches. Dawn Kalata had questions regarding the ATV/UTV issue. Chair VandeCastle reported that past Chair Duane Apps passed away on September 1st.

OLD BUSINESS: The County Highway Department will be starting on Alp this week or next. The County estimated spraying the entire township for around \$3,500. Brushing varies, around \$1,100 per hour. Brushing needs to be done in spots. Mike and Supv. Cutts could possibly take care of it. Supv. Cutts would like to keep spraying and brush off the dead stuff. Mike has been busy replacing signs that had been stolen. Signs are being welded to poles and the poles are greased. Mike picked up some more cold mix to fill potholes. Seven tires were taken in for recycling. Mike and the Board discussed ways to keep signs from being stolen. Chair VandeCastle was contacted and told that the lock on the dump side of the Town Forest is rusted and needs to be replaced. Mike will check it. Supv. Cutts received a complaint from Tim Jens regarding the mowing on Badger. The mower demolished a cement historical section marker and crushed a culvert. The mower also pushed over 8 reflective posts and 2 stop signs. He did not do a good job. The mower man also tried to chop up a large, downed tree in the ditch.

The completed Forestry Plan has been delivered to Supv. Perez. A hard copy will be coming in the mail.

Supv. Perez spoke with someone from Marquette County regarding using ATVs on roads. He was told that if the town road is not open to ATV traffic, the ATV needs to be trailered to a marked route. He also spoke with the DNR and local legislators regarding the many contradictory rules and regulations for ATV’s and UTV’s. After speaking with the attorney at the Wisconsin Towns Association, Supv. Perez found out that it is not legal to do a binding referendum for ATVs, and soon it will not be legal to do an advisory referendum. Chair VandeCastle suggests sending out a survey like the Town of Springwater did to all registered voters. It would cost the Town of Rose an estimated \$804.60. Supv. Cutts stated that the majority wins. He feels that the liberty to ride for some would take away the liberty of quiet for others. The Board agreed that sending out the survey is a good idea with the only downside being the cost. Chair VandeCastle stated that the Board has listened to all and wants to put it out to the town voters to tell the Board what the majority wants. Dawn Kalata discussed the legality of the advisory referendum question. She feels the Board worded the question in a way that would sway voters. Supv. Perez and Duane Apps met with Attorney Joan Olson to have Joan write the question, so it was easy to understand. Sheila Dassow stated that the next step if the pro ATV side loses would be to replace the Board in the next election. Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to go ahead with the mailing of the survey to all registered voters to ask if voters want to open the town roads to ATV/UTV traffic. Motion Carried. The survey will be mailed out as soon as possible.

Sheila Dassow left the meeting at 8:15pm

NEW BUSINESS: Sally Surprise spoke to the Board regarding the insurance the town carries, both business and workers comp. Clerk VandeCastle will follow up with Sally with the value and serial number of the new voting machine. The Board chose to add coverage for \$15 a year to personal vehicles.

Clerk VandeCastle received an email from Justin Bechard regarding the splitting of a parcel to a smaller parcel less than the 5-acre minimum. The owner of the sawmill on County Road A wants to sell the house on a 1.5 to 2 acre parcel to keep as much land as possible with the sawmill. The landowner is currently working with Zoning on this matter. It will come to the Town Board at some point. The Board suggests keeping it to the 5-acre minimum unless there is a valid reason for going less.

Treasurer Roger Williams has been in the hospital for some time. He has given the board permission to fill the Treasurer position temporarily since tax season is coming up. Cindy Gotthart has come forward with interest in filling the Treasurer position either temporarily or permanently if the need arises. Cindi supplied an outline of her qualifications. Supv. Perez made the motion, seconded by Supv. Cutts, to appoint Cindi Gotthart as temporary Treasurer for the Town of Rose. Motion carried. Supv. Cutts made the motion, seconded by Supv. Perez, to add Cindi Gotthart to the signature card. Motion carried. Clerk VandeCastle will take the minutes of this meeting to the bank to begin the process.

Road Certification is due 12/15/23. Because the work on Alp has not begun, Chair VandeCastle suggested waiting until a future meeting to complete the certification. The Board agreed.

Dawn Kalata left the meeting at 9:00pm

Chair VandeCastle reported on the following:

- Building Permit: Jerome Hempe – Section 16 – Raze existing home and replace with new home.
- Building Permit: Jorgensen Living Trust – Section 21 – 38 rooftop solar panels
- Building Permit: Charles Jones – Section 20 – addition to pole building and a 3-sided structure
- Building Permit: John Hacker – Section 33 – Cabin on a gravel pad
- Timber Cutting Notice: Kathryn Gleesing Rev. Trust – Section 7 – Logs & Pulp
- Timber Cutting Notice: Wayne & Jacqueline Olson – Section 6 – Logs
- Pipeline awareness newsletter
- Subsurface Inc. flyer

Clerk VandeCastle reported on the following:

- Estimate of population as of 1/1/23 for the Town of Rose is 676
- Upcoming Broadband Regional Workshops
- Upcoming clerk training at the Waushara County Courthouse

Board of Review was held on September 6th. No one attended. A market revaluation will be done in 2024 to bring the town back into compliance with the Department of Revenue.

Al Luchini wanted to thank the Board for all they do. The Fire Department will be selling food at the Car show this weekend. The Fire Department is over budget due to the large Coloma fire.

The agenda for October was discussed. The next meeting will Monday, October 9, 2023.

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