

Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 23, 2023  
Rock Creek Town Hall  
7:00 PM

1. Harry called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Board members present Harry Warden, Rachel Kummer, Steve Dahl, and Kelly Boardman. Bob Bauer, Rusty Kummer, Jenny Gruber and Morganne Bowe were present. No one attended via zoom.

2. Rachel made a motion to approve the January 19, 2023 caucus meeting minutes, Steve seconded the motion. Vote taken all in favor.

Steve made a motion to approve the January 17<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting minutes. Rachel seconded the motion. Vote taken all in favor.

Rachel made a motion to approve the February 9, 2023 special meeting minutes, Steve seconded the motion. Vote taken all in favor.

3. Steve made motion to approve the December Treasurer's report. Rachel seconded. All in favor and zero opposed.

4. Rachel made a motion to approve the financial report for December, Steve seconded. Vote taken, all in favor.

5. Rachel made a motion to approve the treasurers' report for January as amended. Steve seconded. Vote taken, all in favor and zero opposed.

6. Rachel made a motion to provisionally accept the Financial Report for January, Steve seconded. Vote taken, all in favor.

7. Report from the Chair:

- 810<sup>th</sup> St bridge engineering has begun. Survey was done last week, went over the road right a-way. The bridge is 4 rods 66 feet wide, 50<sup>th</sup> Ave to the East is 66 feet wide, and 50<sup>th</sup> Ave West is 50 feet wide.
- Power lines are close to the bridge and may have to move to do the construction.
- 810<sup>th</sup> Street from 90<sup>th</sup> Ave to Hwy 85 has the shoulders breaking up due to a lot of heavy traffic from C-Dairy. Trucks drive on the shoulders especially when meeting other vehicles. Monarch Paving stated \$84,000 to fix with a 2" overlay plus paving the shoulders and adding a white line to keep trucks off the edge.
- Rusty asked if the state could help as they help the sand mines. Board stated that because it is ag use that the state doesn't help as we are an ag state.
- Ground water testing is starting in June.
- Dunn Co Sherriff was called on a mailbox that was hit. Owner stated that is was a hit and run. Deputy stated that is was the land owner's responsibility to replace the mailbox.

- Rock Creek's ambulance is currently contracted with the city of Eau Claire until 2024. Fees continue to go up each year this year will be approximately \$10,000. In 2024 it will be approximately \$12,000. When the contract is up a new fee will be assessed.
- Harry will plow the sanitary station on Friday as patrolman will not be available.

#### 8. ATV/UTV Ordinance

Rachel made motion to reapprove the ATV/UTV Ordinance O2016-05-01. Steve seconded the motion. Vote taken, all in favor and zero opposed.

9. Board did not need to enter in to closed session.

10. Patrolman's salary for the past year was approximately \$15,000 averaging about 10 hours per week. The truck is 20 years old and a new truck is approximately \$200,000. That would be roughly \$10,000 per year for the truck assuming it lasted 20 years.

A full time position at \$25.00 per hour would be about \$52,000 per year and insurance \$500 per month. Looking at \$10,000 for the truck, plus tractor and mower fees, \$6,000 benefits and \$52,000 for wages would be at least \$68,000 per year total using our own equipment.

Contracted patrolman position at 10 hours per week at \$125/hour would be 65,000.

Neighboring towns are paying \$1,500.00-\$3,000.00/mile of road.

Rock Creek has 44 miles of roads. Approximate cost would be \$66,000.00-\$138,000.00/year.

The town had several interested contractors for part or all of the patrolman duties and a handful of applicants will be interviewed in the upcoming month.

The board will hold and exit interview with Chris on Tuesday, February 28, 2022 at 1:00PM.

#### 11. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

- Jenny Gruber was asking about asphalt upgrades that took place on 1000<sup>th</sup> St. The board stated that the contractor was slow at getting things done. Also asked about County Line Road, the board stated that it is a very expensive project and the town only has so much funding. They assured everyone that the road funds are used each year and this road is on the list. She was wondering about putting a bump sign by the culvert. Jenny also asked if there was a five year plan for the roads. The board stated that every year the board goes out and rates all the roads in the township and allocates funds where they are most needed.
- Rachel got quotes on a fuel tank as we do not know how much longer Alcivia's gas pumps will be available. Alcivia has a 500 gallon double wall tank with a pump that will pump 20 gallons per minute for \$4,950. If we buy fuel from them the pump is included, or we could purchase the pump for an additional \$1,000.00. For now we will table the purchase of a fuel tank as it will depend on what the board does for the patrolman position.

#### 11. Driveway/Building Permit:

No Report

12. Fire department;

- No Report

13. Park Commission:

No report was given

14. Bills were reviewed, authorized, and paid.

15. Next monthly Town Board meeting will be March 21, 2023 7:00 PM at the town hall.

16. Motion to adjourn was made by Rachel and seconded by Steve, vote taken all in favor.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2023.

*Kelly S Boardman, Clerk*

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Unapproved Meeting Minutes

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