

Town of Rock
Board Meeting
May 9, 2024
Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER: The May 2024 Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Winistorfer at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Winistorfer; Mark Katzenberger; Louis Krainz; John Zahradka; Jason Krenn; Jill Wrensch, Clerk; Lisa Anderson, Treasurer; Lori Zahradka, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: Larry Gilbertson, Rob Zahradka, Theresa Pankratz, Diane Gilbertson, Paul & Bev Esser, Margo Jones, Bob Reed

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 11, 2024 Board Meeting were read by the clerk.

Motion by Mark Katzenberger; Second by John Zahradka to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024 Board Meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

CONSTABLE: Bob Reed reported a call from a Town of Cary resident who was missing two dogs. They used to live on Hwy B and wanted to give Bob a heads up in case the dogs showed up there. There was also a complaint by a resident of a neighbor's chickens in their yard. Bob went to check it out and while there, he noticed several items of issue and had a good discussion with the owner. The chickens are now fenced in.

PLANNING: Larry Gilbertson reported an inquiry from a resident on Eisenhower regarding replacing a house. One permit was issued for a storage building and a variance hearing was held Tuesday night regarding the Carolfi property.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Bob Reed reported that the Keep the Tree Green campaign was up to 14 now. The Department is moving forward with a 12 Days of Christmas fundraiser and will be soliciting donations. There is a MacArthur Dr resident who wants to get their grass burned and the Department may do it as a training event.

LINDSEY PARK: Rob Zahradka mentioned there are two carport style tents in the storage shed that are nice, but not easy to set up. He was wondering if we could think about auctioning them off and getting simpler ones.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The April 2024 Treasurer's Report was presented by Lisa Anderson.

Motion by Jason Krenn; Second by Louis Krainz to approve the April 2024 Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Variance Request Carolfi – Larry Gilbertson presented his minutes from the committee meeting and a map. Mr. Carolfi wants to build 15' from the neighboring property, which is only a field and he got a sign formed from the neighbor. The zoning committee recommends approving the variance request.

Motion by Mark Katzenberger; Second by Jason Krenn to accept the recommendation of the zoning committee for the variance approval. Discussion followed.

John Zahradka stated there is not a reason to grant a variance unless there is a hardship and that hasn't been proven – it's just an inconvenience. He also said that a lack of objection from the neighbor is also not a reason to grant a variance.

Larry Gilbertson asked if a precedent had been set previously and before his time? John Zahradka said that one had been issued for 12'. Pete Winistorfer commented that it's usually been the practice of the Board to accept the recommendation of the committee and Jason Krenn mentioned if we've approved others it may cause more issues to deny this one.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. John Zahradka – No; Jason Krenn – Yes; Mark Katzenberger – Yes; Louis Krainz – Yes; Pete Winistorfer – Yes. Motion carried 4:1.

Cary Rock Rd Discussion – Last year, Town of Cary maintained Cary-Rock Rd from Hwy B to the East and from Robin Rd to Draeger's driveway. Town of Rock took care of the road from Draeger's driveway to Falcon Road and to Hwy V. Pete Winistorfer spoke with Mark Gosh from Town of Cary about possibly swapping sections to eliminate turning around, which would be easier on the grader and snowplow drivers. Town of Rock would take the road from Hwy B to the East instead. The consensus of the Board was to pursue the switch and come back in June.

Area Wide Fire Dept SCBA Options – The Fire Department's SCBAs will be unusable as of December 1, 2024 due to the manufacturer losing certification and they need to find a new company. Bob Reed recommended going with Scott since they already have a few of theirs. There are 8 area Departments involved with an SCBA grant and they are looking into paying a retainer to have an attorney pursue litigation. The share of the retainer for Town of Rock would be approximately \$640.

Motion by John Zahradka; Second by Mark Katzenberger to supply the required retainer amount up to \$640 for the SCBA deficiencies.

Dust Control – Pete Winistorfer checked with Wood County and they have calcium chloride available, but only have a 1,500 gallon tank. With time and materials, they can't compete on the price with Kafka, but the Town could keep them in mind if we ever needed just a small amount.

OLD BUSINESS:

Compensation of Fire Department Secretary/Treasurer Position – Bob Reed did some checking with area Departments regarding compensation. Some Departments don't even have an official position and those that do ranged in pay from \$0-\$1,200. At the Department's meeting on Tuesday, the members voted in favor of \$300 to begin with.

Motion by Mark Katzenberger; Second by John Zahradka to approve the Fire Department's recommendation of \$300 per year salary for the Secretary/Treasurer position retroactive to January 1, 2024.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion by Mark Katzenberger; Second by Louis Krainz to certify the bills for payment. Motion Carried.

AUDIT OF BOOKS: The audit of the books for January through March 2024 was conducted and all was found to be in order.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mark Katzenberger; Second by Jason Krenn to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. Motion Carried.

Jill Wensch, Town Clerk