

Town of Rock
Board Meeting
September 14, 2023
Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER: The September 2023 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; Lori Zahradka, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: Bob Reed, Larry Gilbertson, Rob Zahradka, Theresa Pankratz, Diane Gilbertson, Margo Jones, Paul & Bev Esser, Mike Kundinger, Harry Wallis, Greg Mueller

MINUTES: The minutes of the August 10, 2023 Board Meeting were read by the clerk.

Motion by Mark Katzenberger; Second by Jason Krenn to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2023 Board Meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Greg Mueller mentioned that the website is up for renewal on October 1st and wondered if the Board would like to renew it and keep him as the webmaster. The cost is \$468 for 3 years for the renewal and Greg charges 1 hour per month for maintenance.

Motion by Mark Katzenberger; Second by John Zahradka to continue the website with the 3-year renewal and with Greg Mueller as webmaster. Motion Carried.

CONSTABLE: Bob Reed had nothing to report for the month.

PLANNING: Larry Gilbertson reported he's had a couple of inquiries for next spring already and he issued a permit for a storage building. He issued a permit for the Paasch property because they decided to combine the lots, but we can hold the permit because the legal combining is not complete yet. The groundwork has been done for the building and they would like to complete it before winter. The consensus of the Board is that it is okay to proceed because the parameters have been set.

LINDSEY PARK: Diane Gilbertson said that approximately \$11,000 was raised at the Fire in the Park Fundraiser. All proceeds are currently in the Fire Department account and they will issue a check to the Town for the Park's half. There were some issues with the electric during the fundraiser and they kept popping breakers. Rob Zahradka has been checking on getting a bid for updating and also for updating the alarm on the Town Hall septic.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Bob Reed reported the WCCFRA meeting was hosted here on September 13th. More driveway markers will be put out for driveways greater than 500'. The overhead door for the engine was fixed with a new switch. There was a possible theft of a 6-gallon gas can that has disappeared – if it is not returned, they will get a new one. Bob gave the Board the proposed Fire Department budget for next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The August 2023 Treasurer's Report was presented by Lori Zahradka

Motion by Mark Katzenberger; Second by John Zahradka to transfer \$110,000 from the Road Fund Savings to the General Fund. Motion Carried. The Clerk will call the bank to handle it.

Motion by John Zahradka; Second by Louis Krainz to approve the August 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Limb & Tree Clearing – Pete Winistorfer talked to the County and they would be able to come clear limbs and trees from the right of way around the third week of October. We currently have approximately \$19,000 of funds available from the County and Pete will check if they can be used for this. Other tree service providers would be quite expensive.

Motion by Mark Katzenberger; Second by Louis Krainz to have Wood County take care of the limb and tree clearing in the right of way. Motion Carried.

Fairhaven Rd – The Crooked Bridge project was started this week and the old bridge was removed by Janke Construction and they are going to refurbish it. If any portion is not used, it will be offered to the Town of Rock and Town of Lynn. Pete Winistorfer wants to apply for an 80/20 grant from the Bridge southward on Fairhaven. The consensus of the Board is that he should proceed with the application. It is part of the TRIS program and has an October 1st due date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Utility Right of Way – John Zahradka went to the most recent WTA meeting and Roland Hawk spoke on the right of way for utilities. He recommended that Towns create an ordinance because often out of state contractors will come in and do what they want and leave with no recourse. Greg Mueller mentioned that Alliant Energy is in the process of burying lines and removing poles.

Crack Filling – The crack filling in the town was completed last week. Pete Winistorfer remarked that he was impressed with the quality and communication from Thunder Road.

CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER:

- The next WTA meeting is tomorrow night in Town of Sigel
- There is an LRIP webinar on Tuesday, September 19th
- Board of Review is set for October 25th from 6pm-8pm
- The Budget Work Session should be held sometime the week of October 16th

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Jason Krenn; Second by Mark Katzenberger to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Motion Carried.

Jill Wensch, Town Clerk