

TOWN of ROCK Annual Meeting

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2013
7:30 P.M. TOWN HALL**

The meeting was **Called to Order** by Cole Pankratz, chairman.

The **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** was recited.

Board Members Present: Cole Pankratz; David Cattanach; Darcy Krenn; Jason Beier; Mark Katzenberger; Elmer Berry, Treasurer; Jill Wrensch, Clerk

Members of the Public Present: Harry Wallis, John Schmid, Karen Doering, Karin Freese

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were read. Dave Cattanach moved to accept the minutes as presented; Mark Katzenberger seconded the motion; motion carried.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Elmer Berry, Treasurer. There was discussion regarding what to do with the various CDs coming due this month. There was a motion by Cole Pankratz to cash in the Road Fund CD, renew the Contingency Fund CD for six months and renew the CD #1 for Vehicle Replacement for one year; Jason Beier seconded the motion; motion carried. There was a brief discussion of the CD #2 for Vehicle Replacement coming due in December and the possibility of adding \$10,000 at that time if funds are available. Mark Katzenberger moved to accept the treasurer's report as given; Darcy Krenn seconded the motion; motion carried.

The **Constable's Report** was given by Karen Doering. Larry picked up both a cat and a dog in August. He collected \$10 for Larry Gilbertson's dog, which he gave to Elmer.

The **Planning Commission Report** was given by Harry Wallis, chairman. There was one application for building construction for Greg Urban on the corner of Eisenhower and Lincoln. The region that the Town of Rock is in does not currently have a building inspector and is waiting for the state to appoint one. In the interim period, both Allen Breu and Bob Christiansen have offered their assistance. Harry gave the Board a recap of the planning committee meeting from August 20th, including the discussion on a possible building permit cap, the possibility of a 6th house under certain conditions and the status of the final draft of the Town zoning ordinance. Harry then brought up a little log cabin on Hwy V that was brought in to sleep in during deer season. It has appropriate frontage, sits on skids and has approximately \$2,500 invested in it – does it need a permit? The consensus of the Board was that it would need both a building and a sanitary permit since it would be considered a dwelling.

The **Fire Department Report** was given by John Schmid. The house burn that was scheduled for Saturday September 14th has been postponed due to the extremely dry weather conditions – the rescheduled date is to be determined. There are currently no burning permits being issued due to these same conditions. The lock was installed on the Fire Department door and a code was put in. There were three calls this month, including two on the corner of Hwy B and Hwy N. The "Get Fired Up" event is scheduled in Marshfield on October 13th and John verified with the Board that it was OK to take the trucks. The Department is currently getting a price on the "Volunteers Wanted" banner that was mentioned last month. Cole Pankratz relayed the fire number information he received from Jeff Meinders. There are 374 signs needed at a cost of \$24.60 each (\$9,200.40 total) plus Jeff's rough estimate of labor to install being \$5,000-\$6,000.

Cole Pankratz discussed the **Chairman's Corner** sign. The wrong bulletin board was sent, but Chris Reigel got the company to remove the shipping charge, so he kept it and put it up. Dave Cattanach discussed some of the figures he had checked into for lighting options. A pole and meter at the intersection would cost \$546 and approximately \$12-\$20/month for the electric. Darcy Krenn looked at some solar lights that only ran \$30-\$40 each and thought that would be sufficient. It was the consensus of the Board to try the solar lights for now and let Chris Reigel make the decision on the style and mounting options.

Snow plowing options were again discussed. Dave Cattanach had called various other townships this past month and none were interested. He had also called Wood County, but had received no response by the time the choice was being made. Allar Services expressed some interest and would submit a bid if we'd like; however, the Board was concerned with the business being out of Spencer and the logistics of getting things done promptly if there were sudden issues that arose. Wood County would have to do it if no one else was contracted, but that also has the potential for additional wait time for residents. Pankratz Trucking agreed to do the plowing and salting and the Town of Lincoln would be a backup on the snow removal if necessary. The Board designated both Dave Cattanach and Mark Katzenberger to confer and then make the call to Cole on when to go out in each instance.

The **Accounts Payable** were examined by the board. Harry Wallis gave a detailed explanation of what he did to repair the tanks at the Town Hall. Dave Cattanach moved to certify the bills for payment; Mark Katzenberger seconded the motion; motion carried.

New Business: Cole Pankratz would like to hire someone to trim branches around the township stop signs. A couple intersections of concern are Hwy 10 & Robin Road and Bluff Drive & Falcon.

Old Business: The possibility of having a special town meeting in October to address a possible levy increase for the road fund was discussed. It was tentatively scheduled for 6:30 p.m. the evening of the next town board meeting.

The 1 1/2" blacktop mat on Falcon Road between Patton Drive & Bluff Drive is tentatively scheduled to be done around the week of September 20th. An estimate from Becker Trucking & Excavating for shouldering the same stretch of road is \$15/ton. Mark Katzenberger moved to accept the shouldering quote from Becker Trucking & Excavating; Jason Beier seconded the motion; motion carried.

Correspondence: The clerk shared various items received in the mail with the Board, including upcoming workshop information and election audit results.

Adjournment: Dave Cattanach moved to adjourn the meeting; Darcy Krenn seconded the motion; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Wensch, Town Clerk

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2013 7:30 p.m.