

Town of Rockbridge
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 19, 2024 *2025*

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of the Town of Rockbridge was held on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at the Rockbridge Town Hall.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Perna called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., noting it had been properly posted.

2. Roll Call: Nick Perna, Doug Duhr, Jeff Falk, Beth Kepler, and Sharon Miller were all present. Also, present were Scott Banker, Austin Clary, Dean Berry, Jamie and Christina Koch.

3. Approve Agenda: Doug made a motion to approve the agenda and Jeff seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting: The last monthly meeting minutes were reviewed in lieu of reading. Doug made a motion to approve, Jeff seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried.

5. Driveway and Zoning Permits: Scott had no driveway permit applications for approval by the board. He will answer an email to Payton Planners about work on an existing tower on the township. Chairman Perna inquired about the fee charged to Allen Coy for a new deck placed in place of an old deck to be torn down.

6. Rural Fire District Report: There were no fires in the town of Rockbridge to report, and fire assessments were handed out to the board.

7. Financial Report: The treasure Beth Kepler presented the financial report to the board with an ending balance of \$161,785.80. We received a recycling grant of \$3,138.53, and August Settlement of \$51,743.45 for the month of August. Nick moved to approve the financial report with an adjusted date to August 31 from August 1, and void of the Command Central Check 1363. Doug seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried.

8. Bills: The clerk gave the bills report with a total of \$18,035.66. A motion was made by Nick to approve the bills and Doug seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried.

9. Items For Discussion: Chairman Perna moved to adjourn the open meeting at 6:10 p.m. Supervisor Falk seconded the motion. All in favor; aye, motion carried. Nick called to go into closed session for discussion of the employee handbook and discussion with Patrolman Austin Clary at 6:14 p.m.

10. Closed Session: Discussion, Austin inquired about flexible hours not wanting to lose that privilege due to his need to run his farm and finding daycare for his children. He was willing to give up all the previous things he had been asking for like health care reimbursement, and extra holiday pay. Jeff remarked, "less hours less pay by the township". Doug brought up that there may be a minimum of hours required to be considered a full-time employee. That will be checked on by the clerk. Austin was told that he would need to put in 1200 hrs. to be qualified for the Wisconsin Retirement Fund. Austin signed the employee handbook at this time.

11. Road Maintenance: There was discussion on **sand storage**. The DNR requirement is it must have less than 5% salt to be stored outside. The board discussed needing to tarp it in the Spring if it was stored outside. There was discussion about storing it in the old recycling building, which would require cement blocks to contain it. Jeff noted, only doors have ever rotted from the salt when being stored. It was decided to **purchase nine cement blocks at \$60.00** each whether we store it inside or not. Jeff offered to haul them for the township. Nick moved to purchase, and Jeff seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried. There was a complaint from address **25550, Fiddlers Green** as to a full ditch, culvert packed, water running down the resident's driveway. Jeff told Austin he would need to take care of this call.

Nick moved to approve the **local road certification** and Jeff seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried. There are 33.24 miles of road in our township.

12. Equipment: The **town truck** has been sold and picked up. The check has been received. There was a short discussion about **tools**, some have now been purchased.

13. Town Website: The town website is complete. Town of Rockbridge.wi.gov

14. Town Ordinances: Tabled, the Larson/Davis property. There needs to be more research.

15. Planning Commission, Board of Appeals and Hub-Rock appointments: Planning Commission Appointments, Paul Coenen-3 years, Al Sherwood- 2 years, Scott Banker- 1 year, Al Rippchen- 2 years, and Jerry Stibbe- 2-years. Board of Appeals appointments, Leonard Frye- 3 years, Bernie Hines- 1year, Tim Perry- 2 years. Hub-Rock appointments, Dean Berry- 6 years, Terri Spencer- 6 years, Sue Jones- 6 years Nick moved to accept the list of all new appointed members. Doug seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried.

16. Budget Preparation Meeting Set: The budget preparation meeting has been set for October 9th, 2025, at ~~6:00~~ p.m. Nick moved to approve, Jeff seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried. 5:30 PM

17. Garbage Collection: Several names have been added to the garbage collection fee of \$180.60 to the 2025 taxes. Brad Schmaucher, Steve Miller (not my husband), Greg Nedlund, and Nancy Schoepp. This item will be tabled until the October meeting.

18. Citizen Comments: Jamie and Christina Koch inquired as to whether their conditional use was good for three years. After looking back at the original minutes, that is correct.

19. Set Next Monthly Meeting: The next meeting will be held, October 16th at 6:00 p.m.

14: Adjournment: Nick moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. and Doug seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried.

Sharon Miller, Clerk