

Town of Rockbridge

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 16, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of the Town of Rockbridge was held on Thursday, October 16, 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 was Scott Banker, Austin Clary, Leonard Frye, Kevin Burkhamer, and Matt Williams.

3. Approve Agenda: Jeff made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to move the Brewer Ln. and Sand storage to follow the Bills. Doug seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting: The last monthly meeting minutes were reviewed in lieu of reading. Nick made a motion to approve with amendment to the Budget Preparation meeting at 5:00 p.m. Doug seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried.

5. Driveway and Zoning Permits: No driveway or zoning permits to report by Scott Banker.

6. Rural Fire District Report: There were no fires in the town of Rockbridge to report. There has been a total of ten so far in 2025.

7. Financial Report: The treasure Beth Kepler presented the financial report to the board with an ending balance of \$138,310.54. The only check still out is check #1481 to the Towns Association of which the clerk will check on. Doug moved to approve the financial report. Jeff seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried.

8. Bills: The clerk gave the bills report with a total of \$21,982.32. A motion was made by Jeff to approve the bills and Doug seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried.

9. Road Maintenance: Loader was tabled for next meeting. Loose gravel signs will now come down. Cement blocks have not been purchased yet for sand storage. It was decided to try the sand storage inside for one year and see how it goes. Austin and Dave have been ditching Fiddler's green per landowner request. There was discussion by Kevin Burkhamer and Matt Williams for Kui Wang on the closing of Brewer Ln. They will get with the owner and the neighbor first due to easement issue then come in front of the board. It must go through the legal process.

10. Equipment: The board has been looking at a 4-wheel drive Kodiak 1 ½ ton dump truck with all the specials, plow, sander, mulcher, gas engine etc. located south of Minneapolis a 2005 \$35,000.00. Doug moved to approve the purchase of a small truck up to \$40,000.00, Jeff seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried. Jeff will drive to Minneapolis to look at the truck.

11. Town Website: The town website is complete. Town of Rockbridge.wi.gov. Nick has applied to the State of Wisconsin for a grant for \$600.00, which would cover the start up fee of \$500.00.

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

13. Building Inspector Proposal: Nick suggested using General Engineering Company out of Portage. The residents would pay for the inspection. Tabled for the November meeting.

14. Ordinance Violations: The board will be moving forward with second notice to Davis and Larson in Rockbridge. Been dealing with this problem since October of 2023. Doug moved to send out the second notice and Jeff seconded the motion. All in favor; aye, motion carried. Attention was brought to the Jamie and Christina Koch conditional use permit as a violation. They may be renting the 14X80 mobile home at 20203 Hustlers Ridge. This will be tabled for a follow-up investigation. Also, they have built a grain bin on the property without a permit. Doug moved to send a letter for the permit violation and Jeff seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried.

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, Tim Perry- 2years, Bernie Hines- 1year, Tom Perry- 3 years, and Steve Kalish- 2years, Beth Kepler is

Alternate. **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. Garbage and Recycling Collection Fee: There are 339 households in the town of Rockbridge. The current fee is \$180.60 per household. It is necessary to add \$9.00 more to the charge to cover recycling tonnage costs. Nick moved to approve, Doug seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried.

17. EMS Service Contract: The county will be covering the costs of the EMS until March 21st 2026, using the same contract until then.

18. Citizen Comments: Linda Kalish inquired as to road blockage by Steve Davidson's auto body business in Rockbridge making it hard for emergency vehicles to get through when needed, and as to his business spreading across the street to the Ellen Klock property, which is zoned residential and not commercial, making visibility difficult from the stop sign and therefore dangerous. She also questioned why the town was paying JoAnne Klingaman to mow property owned by the County and what was being done to clean up the properties of John Cichoki and Davis-Larson. Nick asked that she write out her complaint and give it to the clerk, then we would be able to better address it.

19. Set Next Monthly Meeting: The next meeting will be held, November 20th, at 6:00 p.m. Preceded by the Budget Approval at 5:30 pm.

14: Adjournment: Nick moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and Jeff seconded. All in favor; aye, motion carried.

Sharon Miller, Clerk