

The Town of Rush River held its regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 5:00pm at the Town Hall.

Those in attendance were Randy Stillings, David Jacobson and Sandi Hazer. Also in attendance were Mark Faymoville, Peter Pierre, Bill Wahlquist, Tim Erickson, Jake Crowley, Buck & Barb Nielson.

Minutes from the previous meetings were reviewed. Motion by Randy Stillings, seconded by David Jacobson to approve. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The financial statement was reviewed. Motion by Randy Stillings, seconded by David Jacobson to approve. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Bills that needed to be paid were reviewed. Motion by Randy Stillings, seconded by David Jacobson to approve. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding how animal control calls are handled. Bill Wahlquist was requesting that the Board rescind an invoice he received for animal control services as he didn't think his two calves being out posed a safety threat and that a passer by should be allowed to call animal control. After further discussion Randy Stillings made a motion to not rescind the invoice which was seconded by David Jacobson. All in Favor. Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding rezoning parcel 028-1038-40-005 (Tim Erickson) from Ag-1 to Ag-2. A note from Joel Schultz was presented regarding the poor quality of the 20 acres for crop production. Motion by Randy Stillings to approve the rezoning, seconded by David Jacobson. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion held on request for a variance to build a home on 18.96 acres on parcel 028-1034-90-010 for Peter Pierre. Peter Pierre informed the Board that Don Schumacher, former Town Chairman told him back in 2020 that he was good to go on building a house on his acreage and never mentioned needing a variance. The Board would like to have Don Schumacher at the next meeting to hear his side of the story. This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

More information has been gathered on the Town Hall parking lot. It is still somewhat undetermined as to who actually owns the parking lot but an agreement was made that the Town would maintain the parking lot regardless of who owns it. A quote will be obtained to resurface the entire parking lot.

Discussion was held on a 3-year road plan. Motion by Randy Stillings to reuse the previous road plan for the purposes of applying for the LRIP program, seconded by David Jacobson. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Chairman Jacobson informed the Board he is on the LRIP selection committee for St Croix County.

Motion by Randy Stillings to adjourn the Meeting at 5:34pm, seconded by David Jacobson. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Sandi Hazer, Clerk