

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK, GRANT COUNTY, WI
Monday, August 8, 2022, 6:00 PM
Town Hall, 15070 County G, Muscoda WI**

Present: Chairman Brian Johnsrud, Supervisor Randall Foreman, Supervisor Donald Hrubes.

Call to order. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was opening the bids for the sealcoating of Shemak Road as part of the Wisconsin State LRIP project. The bid from Fahrner was for \$107,370, and the bid from Scott was for \$98,000. The Board reviewed and discussed the bids. Motion by Hrubes, second by Foreman to accept the bid from Scott Construction; motion carried voice vote. A representative from Scott Construction was present for the opening of the bids, and he thought the work could be done around September 1.

Minutes of last meeting. The Clerk presented the minutes of the last meeting to the Board. Motion by Foreman and second by Hrubes to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; motion carried voice vote.

Treasurer's report. The Treasurer presented a financial report. Motion by Hrubes and second by Foreman to accept the Treasurer's financial report; motion carried voice vote.

Paying bills. The Town Board examined the bills presented for payment. Motion by Foreman and second by Hrubes to pay the bills; motion carried voice vote.

There was discussion on various road issues. After the last storm there were down trees that were taken care of. It was reported that there was road damage on Everson Road probably done by the electrical construction crews working on new power lines at the substation there. Roadside mowing is done for now, and a mower wheel had to be replaced.

There was discussion on the mower condition. As the mower was purchased around 2012 and has had 2 major welds and a new wheel recently, it may have seen its better days. A new replacement mower from Woods or Land Pride would be in the ball park of \$25,000. No action was taken.

There was discussion on Town finances. Clerk Hrubes mentioned that the road spending this year will soon be over the budget and that the budget will have to be amended to pay for the Shemak Road sealcoating. Supervisor Foreman commented that the Board has to look at a higher than usual tax levy increase to keep up the Town Roads. This is not a problem unique to Castle Rock; all Townships in the area are struggling to keep up their roads with limited finances.

Clerk Hrubes said generally that the state allowed tax levy increase is tied to the Consumer Price Index when a Township has an insignificant amount of new home and farm building construction. In 2008 the Township went from a tax levy of about \$75,000 to about \$100,000 and has gone with the State allowed tax levy increase since and that we are at about \$130,000 today. Hrubes outlined generally the procedure for a tax levy increase over the state allowed levy increase: The Board passes a resolution for a certain tax levy increase and then calls for a Special Town Meeting for a vote on the proposed increase. Clerk Hrubes urged the Board to start work on the 2023 budget soon as there are many time tables to follow. Treasurer Drews urged for the December tax bills not to be late or held up. No action was taken.

Next meeting.

Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 6:00 PM for budgeting.

Tuesday, September 13 or possibly September 20, 2022 for the regular monthly meeting and Board of Review.

Adjournment.

There was no further business to transact. Motion by Foreman and second by Hrubes to adjourn; the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Lavern Hrubes, Town Clerk