

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK, GRANT COUNTY, WI
Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 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.

Minutes of last meeting. The Clerk presented the minutes of the last meetings to the Board. Motion by Foreman and second by Hrubes to accept the minutes of the previous meetings; 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 Hrubes and second by Foreman to pay the bills including the routine bills coming in after this meeting; motion carried voice vote.

There were no public appearances. There was discussion on the 2024 preliminary budget: General government expenses higher due to four elections in 2024, Fire Department and EMS budget expenses will be higher, Bridge replacement expenses necessitate higher funding, Property tax levy will increase \$25,000, State shared revenue will increase for the first time in many years. The Clerk was asked to assist the Board with the final budget proposal.

Motion by Foreman, second by Hrubes, that the Treasurer transfer \$20,000 from general funds to the Capital Projects Fund for bridge replacement; motion carried voice vote.

There was discussion on damaged sections of Spring Valley Road presumably from farm machinery; Chairman Johnsrud was asked to talk to the farmers there about cost sharing the repair costs. There was discussion on other Town roads in need of repairs: Cedar Rock, Crow Valley, and Everson Road. Supervisor Foreman reported on mower replacement as the present mower is again in need of more repairs. He has contacted mower vendors/salespeople in an attempt to find a suitable replacement. He said that mowers are out there, but often have significant shortcomings when it comes to mowing Town road shoulders and that the Town should try one out before making a purchase.

Next meeting. Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6:00 PM. Preceded by a Budget Hearing

Adjournment. There was no further business to transact. Motion by Foreman and second by Hrubes to adjourn; the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7 PM.

Lavern Hrubes, Town Clerk