Town of Rome
Nekoosa, WI 54457
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TOWN OF ROME BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025 5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

   Chairwoman Lori Djumadi called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

   Present: Chairwoman Lori Djumadi; Supervisors Cheryl Evenson, Dan Minter, Jacki Koll and Tom Gabriel; also present Administrator/Police Chief Jason Lauby, Clerk Wendy Newsom, Finance Director/Treasurer Robbie Schaub-Ruemler

3. Certify Posting of Meeting

   Wendy Newsom certified that on, Wednesday, March 19, 2025, the Agenda for the Town of Rome Board meeting for Thursday, March 20, 2025 was posted at:

Posted at the Rome Town Hall	*4:05 p.m.*
Posted at Kwik Trip, LLC	*4:20 p.m.*
Posted at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank	*4:25 p.m.*
Emailed to the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune	*4:00 p.m.*

4. Approve the Agenda

   Motion by Minter/Evenson to approve the agenda with the change of moving item number 19 up to after item 11. Motion carried.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

6. Citizen Comments – During the Citizen Comment period of the agenda the Town Board welcomes comments from any town resident, not a member of the Town Board, on any item not on the agenda. Please know that pursuant to State law the Board cannot engage in conversation with you but may ask questions. The Board may refer the item to staff, a standing committee or a future board agenda for discussion and action. Each person wishing to speak will have up to 3 minutes to speak. Speakers are asked to submit a card to the Clerk providing their name, address and topic for discussion

   a. The board will also take comment from the public on agenda items as called by the Chair, but not during Citizen Comment. Please note that once the board begins discussion on an agenda item no further comment will be allowed from the public on that issue

   No comments

NO ACTION CONTEMPLATED EXCEPT POSSIBLE REFERRAL TO FUTURE AGENDA:

7. Information Updates, Meeting Recaps, Recent Correspondence, Current Events, Announcements

   Djumadi: The Rome Town Center Master Plan Open House will be held on April 10th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Up North Brewing Company, the public is encouraged to attend; the SWCHS Souper Spring Spectacular will be held on Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and is a fundraiser for the Humane Society; Nekoosa Walleye Days will be held from March 22 – April 13, 2025

8. Department and Committee Reports

☐ Administration	☐ Rome Police Department
☐ EMS District/Lifestar	☐ Rome Public Works Department
☐ Lester Public Library of Rome	☐ Rome Water Utility and Utility Committee
☐ Parks Committee	☐ Community Development Authority
☐ Police and Fire Commission	☐ Visit Rome, WI
☐ Rome Fire Department	☐ Zoning Department

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

9. Discussion and possible action – Approval of the February 20, 2025 meeting minutes

   Motion by Gabriel/Koll to approve the February 20, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action – Checks, Vouchers, Receipts and Journal Entries - approve checks #47245 – 47338 totaling $7,202,316.42; Auto-payments totaling $75,366.14; State / Social Security / Medicare / Withholdings totaling $40,456.88; Payroll Vouchers V23325 – V23439 totaling $101,614.29 and checks 21689 totaling $850.23; Receipts #26261 - 26334 totaling $303,309.58

    Motion by Gabriel/Evenson to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried.

11. Discussion only – Presentation by Nekoosa School District Representatives regarding the Referendum on the April 1, 2025 ballot

    Lynn Knight and Dr. Nathan Black gave a presentation and answered questions on the Referendum that the Nekoosa School District has on the April 1, 2025 ballot. There will be a community forum at the Nekoosa High School Commons on Wednesday, March 25th at 5:30 p.m.

12. Discussion and possible action – Approval of rescinding the fee for the Transfer Site and refunding all fees that have been collected to date

    Administrator Jason Lauby explained the background on why this is before the board.

    Motion by Minter/Gabriel to approve rescinding the fee for the Transfer Site and refunding all fees that have been collected to date within the next 30 days.

    Friendly amendment that the stickers will still be required in order enter the Transfer Site. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action – Authorize Town Chairwoman to sign the State Trunk Highway Connection Application for the Link the Lakes project

    Administrator Jason Lauby explained that the State Trunk Highway Connection Application is for the Link the Lakes Project.

Motion by Koll/Evenson to authorize the Town Chairwoman to sign the State Trunk Highway Connection application for the Link the Lakes project. Motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action – Approval of the Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative Lump Sum agreement for utility relocation to be billed to the Town of Rome and paid for by Visit Rome, WI as stated in the Visit Rome Commitment Letter

    Administrator Lauby explained that Visit Rome, WI has already given the Town the check to pay for this.

    Motion by Evenson/Minter to approve the Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative Lump Sum agreement for the utility relocation to be billed to the Town of Rome and paid for by Visit Rome, WI as stated in the Visit Rome Commitment Letter. Motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action – Approval of Visit Rome, WI Link the Lakes project final project plan

    Motion by Koll/Gabriel to approve the Visit Rome, WI Link the Lakes project final project plan. Motion carried.

16. Discussion and possible action - Recommendation from Plan Commission regarding Consideration of a Preliminary Plat for Lake Side Haven, to be located on an 11.663-acre parcel owned by Ruesch Land Development LLC, described as follows: all of outlot 2 of CSM 6703, and all of Lot 3, of CSM 6760, part of Gov Lot 7, of Section 02, Town 20N, Range 5E, Town of Rome, Adams County, WI with a parcel number of 030-00047-0100

    Chairwoman Djumadi gave an overview of the Findings of Fact recommendation from the Plan Commission and recommended that the Town Board add that the easements are added to the Findings of Fact.

    Philip McLaughlin, 224 14th Avenue, Nekoosa, WI asked if there is a driveway permit from the County for these parcels and wants to make sure that all the structures being built will be able to use the driveways.

    Mike Donigain, 1609 Homestead Trl, has a concern with the traffic flow on Highway Z.

    Motion by Minter/Gabriel to approve the recommendation from the Plan Commission regarding consideration of a preliminary plat for Lake Side Haven, to be located on a 11.663-acre parcel owned by Ruesch Land Development LLC, described as follows: all of outlot 2 of CSM 6703 and all of Lot 3 of CSM 6760, part of Gov Lot 7, of Section 02, Town 20N, Range 5E, Town of Rome, Adams County, WI with a parcel number of 030-00047-0100 with the addition
    1. *Must obtain approval from Adams County for the five proposed sanitary systems*
    2. *Must obtain easement agreement between all the proposed properties and the agreements must be on file in all appropriate Town land records*
    3. *That in the wetland area, storm water management permits must be obtained for the five lots from Adams County*
    4. *The developer must obtain approval from Adams County to allow the use of the two existing driveway accesses for off of Highway Z for the five proposed lots*
    5. *The Zoning Administrator review the impact the fee for the Parks*

    Motion carried.

17. Discussion and possible action – Approval of Resolution No. 25 – 06; Amending the Town of Rome Fee Schedule

    Motion by Evenson/Koll to approve Resolution No. 25 – 06; Amending the Town of Rome Fee Schedule. Motion carried.

18. Discussion and possible action – Approval of Ordinance No. 25 – 05; Amendment to the Town of Rome Code Chapter 216 Article III – Refuse Disposal

    Administrator Lauby explained that this is brought forward adding a loitering phrase to the ordinance.

    Motion by Gabriel/Evenson to approve Ordinance No. 25 – 05; Amendment to the Town of Rome Code Chapter 216 Article III – Refuse Disposal. Motion carried.

19. Discussion and possible action – Approval of recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Committee for the sign for the Bandshell

    Supervisor Minter stated that this is the recommendation for the final sign for the bandshell.

    Motion by Minter/Evenson to approve the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Committee for the sign for the Bandshell with the change to remove the word Major and say "Thank you to all our Donors". Motion carried with Koll voting no.

DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/MEETINGS

20. Next agenda items

    - *Road Bids*
    - *Financial Information from Ehlers*

21. Next meeting date and time

    Thursday, April 3, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Djumadi adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Newsom
Town of Rome Clerk