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

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE TOWN ANNUAL MEETING

1. Call to Order

   Chairman Carl Hasdal called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

2. Roll Call

   Present: Chairman Carl Hasdal; Supervisors Cheryl Evenson, Tom Gabriel and Mark Samelstad; also present Clerk Wendy Newsom, Finance Director/Treasurer Robbie Schaub-Ruemler and Administrator/Police Chief Jason Lauby; excused Vito Giardino

3. Certify Posting of Meeting

   Wendy Newsom certified that on, Friday, April 11, 2025, the Agenda for the Town of Rome Board meeting for Thursday, April 17, 2025 was posted at:

Rome Town Hall	*3:56 p.m.*
Kwik Trip, LLC	*4:10 p.m.*
Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank	*4:15 p.m.*
Emailed to the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune:	*4:01 p.m.*

4. Approve the Agenda

   Motion by Samelstad/Evenson to approve the agenda. 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 citizen comments.

NO ACTION CONTEMPLATED EXCEPT POSSIBLE REFERRAL TO FUTURE AGENDA:

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

Hasdal: Stated that he is looking to the customers of the Town of Rome for ideas on how to expand communications. Please let us know if you have any thoughts on this.

Samelstad: Stated that he is new as a Town of Rome Supervisor and he recently was appointed to the County Board.

8. Department and Committee Reports

- □ Administration
- □ EMS District/Lifestar
- □ Lester Public Library of Rome
- □ Park & Recreation Committee
- □ Police and Fire Commission
- □ Rome Fire Department
- □ Rome Police Department
- □ Rome Public Works Department
- □ Rome Water Utility
- □ Visit Rome, WI
- □ Zoning Department

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

9. Discussion and possible action – Approval of the April 3, 2025 meeting minutes

Motion by Gabriel/Samelstad to approve the April 3, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action – Checks, Vouchers, Receipts and Journal Entries - approve checks #47339 – 47475 totaling $2,528,717.69; Auto-payments totaling $253,476.06; State / Social Security / Medicare / Withholdings totaling $36,619.46; Payroll Vouchers V23440 – V23550 totaling $100,391.84; Receipts #26335 - 26397 totaling $208,128.58

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

11. Discussion and possible action – Finance options from Ehlers

Greg Johnson from Ehlers presented three financing options for the road projects to the Town Board. Option one borrows a total of $2,584,365 principal and interest to be amortized over 10 years. Option two borrows $2,846,584 principal and interest to be amortized over 15 years and option three borrows $3,169,337 in principal and interest amortized over 20 years.

Chairman Hasdal stated that he would prefer the 10-year loan.

Chairman Hasdal thanked Mr. Johnson for his assistance and stated that the Town Board will be discussing this further.

12. Discussion and possible action – Recommendation from the Plan Commission for the approval of a Site Plan and Plan of Operation for Change of Seasons Storage & Rental LLC for the addition of a new business to the site, and new additions to the property. The property utilizes a portion of parcel numbers 030-00626-0008, 030-00626-0002, 030-00626-0003, all parcels are also described as follows; Part of Section 7, Town 20N, Range 06E, Town of Rome, Adams County, WI; total utilized parcel area 3.66 acres. Recommendation to include the Findings of Fact as presented

Motion by Gabriel/Evenson to approve the recommendation from the Plan Commission for the approval of a Site Plan and Plan of Operation for Change of Seasons Storage & Rental LLC for the

addition of a new business to the site, and new additions to the property. The property utilizes a portion of parcel numbers 030-00626-0008, 030-00626-0002, 030-00626-0003, all parcels are also described as follows; Part of Section 7, Town 20N, Range 06E, Town of Rome, Adams County, WI; total utilized parcel area 3.66 acres. Recommendation to include the Findings of Fact as presented.

Supervisor Gabriel would like a condition added that before any new signs can be erected a sign permit must be obtained.

Friendly amendment by Supervisor Gabriel/Evenson to approve with the addition to the Finding of Facts that before any signs are erected they obtain a sign permit from the Town. Motion carried

13. Discussion and possible action – Approval of Zoning Hub software license

    Chairman Hasdal asked if there is a due date on that, what it is used for and what the cost is. Administrator Lauby stated that it is due immediately and the cost is $1,540.00 per year.

    Motion by Gabriel/Samelstad to approve the Zoning Hub software license. Motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action – Approval of Lexipol software license

    This is for the General Government portion of the policy.

    Motion by Evenson/Samelstad to approve the Lexipol software license. Motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action – Consideration of the Town Administrator position

    Chairman Hasdal stated that they will be looking to hire a full time Administrator.

    Motion by Evenson/Samelstad to move forward with hiring a full time Town Administrator. Motion carried.

16. Discussion and possible action – Board approval to allow the Assessor to review and reassess properties at his discretion

    Motion by Samelstad/Evenson to allow the Assessor to review and reassess properties at his discretion in the Town of Rome. Motion carried.

17. Discussion and possible action – Rome Town Center flag program

    Clerk Newsom stated that this is a costly venture and there were only 11 participants in the last round. Chairman Hasdal would like the policy brought forward to the next Board meeting.

18. Discussion and possible action – Traffic flow for Farmer's Market in the Rome Town Center

    Supervisor Gabriel asked that Snow Pass be left open with a right turn only sign to help the traffic to flow better.

    Motion by Evenson/Gabriel to put up a right turn only sign on Matterhorn and Snow Pass during the Farmers Market. Motion carried

19. Discussion and possible action – Waive Transfer Site fees for any group involved with road cleanup within the Town of Rome

    Motion by Gabriel/Samelstad to waive the Transfer Site fees for any group involved with road cleanup within the Town of Rome. Motion carried.

20. Discussion and possible action – Approval of a Temporary "Class B" Beer and Wine license for the Rome Sno-Bandits Classic Car Show on June 14, 2025 at the Gazebo in the Rome Town Center

    Motion by Evenson/Samelstad to approve the Temporary "Class B" Beer and Wine license for the Rome Sno-Bandits Classic Car Show on June 14, 2025 at the Gazebo in the Rome Town Center.

    Motion withdrawn due to lack of a quorum vote.

    Motion tabled to the May 1st meeting.

21. Discussion and possible action – Approval of waiver of fees for use of the Gazebo by the Rome Sno-Bandits for the Classic Car Show on June 14, 2025

    Motion tabled to the next meeting due to lack of a quorum vote.

DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/MEETINGS

22. Next agenda items

    - *14 Mile Creek Watershed State of the Lakes Sponsorship*
    - *Approval of payment of the Wisconsin Towns Association TAC membership dues*
    - *Request from Lake Sherwood Lodge for Fireworks display donation*
    - *Outdoor Motorized Recreational Trail Aids Resolution*
    - *Sno-Bandits 2 items*
    - *Town Administrator discussion*
    - *RTC Sub-Committee presentation*

23. Next meeting date and time

    May 1, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gabriel/Evenson to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Newsom
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Clerk