Town of Rome
Nekoosa, WI 54457
www.romewi.com

TOWN OF ROME BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022 5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

   Chairman Carl Hasdal called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

   Present: Chairman Carl Hasdal; Supervisors Bob Baurhyte, Lori Djumadi and Daniel Minter; Administrator Jami Gebert; Clerk/Treasurer Amy Reuteman; Excused: Dan Gohmann

3. Certify Posting of Meeting

   Amy Reuteman certified that on, Monday, December 12, 2022, the Agenda for the Town of Rome Board meeting for Thursday, December 15, 2022 was posted at:

Emailed to the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune	*3:13 p.m.*
Posted at the Rome Town Hall	*3:20 p.m.*
Posted at Kwik Trip, LLC	*4:00 p.m.*
Posted at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank	*3:55 p.m.*

4. Approve the Agenda

   Motion by Baurhyte/Minter 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/Treasurer providing their name, address and topic for discussion

   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

Supervisor Djumadi thanked everyone who participated in Christmas in Rome last weekend. Supervisor Minter thanked Bill Lindroth and Jeanne Osgood for their service to the Lester Public Library Board over the years. He also thanked all of the citizen members of our committees, boards and commissions. Supervisor Baurhyte announced that he completed the WEDC portion of a grant and turned it over to the Grants Committee. Chairman Hasdal also thanked all who participated in Christmas in Rome and announced that Tri-Lakes has received information that the Town qualified for treatments in the lakes. Administrator Gebert announced that the Wisconsin Towns Association turned 75 years old this year. She also stated that the Town's new website is now live and reminded everyone that the Town Hall will be closed on December 23 and 26 and January 2. She also stated that the Transfer Site will be closed on Christmas Day. Supervisor Djumadi announced the dates and times for payment of taxes.

8. Department and Committee Reports

- □ Administration
- □ EMS District/Lifestar
- □ Lester Public Library of Rome
- □ 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 action – Approval of the December 1, 2022 meeting minutes

   Motion by Baurhyte/Djumadi to approve the December 1, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and action – Checks, Vouchers, Receipts and Journal Entries - approve checks #44761 – 44850 totaling $516,327.93; Auto-payments totaling $196,252.51; State / Social Security / Medicare / Withholdings totaling $33,085.27; Payroll Vouchers V19634 – V19770 totaling $89,740.30 and checks 21651 - 21652 totaling $142.96; Receipts #24085 - 24159 totaling $611,062.09

    Motion by Minter/Baurhyte to approve as presented. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action – Annual Visit Rome, WI Report

    Lisa Kubis, Director for Visit Rome, WI gave a Powerpoint presentation on the 2022 Visit Rome annual report and a projected spending breakdown of the tourism dollars that are brought in from room tax.

12. Discussion and possible action – Approval of Ordinance No. 22-09, Recommendation from the Plan Commission on consideration of the proposed Comprehensive Plan map 9 amendment from the classifications of Preservation, Forestry, and Residential to Rural Residential and Zoning Map amendment from CV (Conservancy District) and R-2 (One- and Two-Family and Manufactured Dwelling Residence District) to R-4 (Rural Residence District) relating to the properties owned by the City of Adams, described as follows: Part of parcel numbers 030-00964-0000, 030-00960-0000, & 030-00961-0000, all parcels also described as part of Section 27, Town 20N, Range 06E, Town of Rome, Adams County, WI, total area of the section proposed to be rezoned is 19 acres

    Attorney Nicholas Flanagan provided background information on this item. It relates to 1100 acres owned by the City of Adams. A buyer of the parcel has a contingent offer on the property and the buyer

would like to build a home on 19 acres. A public hearing was held and the recommendation from the Plan Commission was made for approval with conditions. The approval of the CSM is contingent on the property owner entering into an agreement that the other part of the land not be further subdivided. Administrator Gebert explained that the odd shape of the CSM is because it is the high ground.

Motion by Minter/Baurhyte to approve Ordinance No. 22-09, Recommendation from the Plan Commission on consideration of the proposed Comprehensive Plan map 9 amendment from the classifications of Preservation, Forestry, and Residential to Rural Residential and Zoning Map amendment from CV (Conservancy District) and R-2 (One- and Two-Family and Manufactured Dwelling Residence District) to R-4 (Rural Residence District) relating to the properties owned by the City of Adams, described as follows: Part of parcel numbers 030-00964-0000, 030-00960-0000, & 030-00961-0000, all parcels also described as part of Section 27, Town 20N, Range 06E, Town of Rome, Adams County, WI, total area of the section proposed to be rezoned is 19 acres with the recommended conditions from the Plan Commission of the land not being further subdivided. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action – Approval of Ordinance No. 22-10, Recommendation from the Plan Commission on Comprehensive Plan map 9 amendment from Forestry to Residential and Zoning Map amendment from FR (Forest & Outdoor Recreation) to R-1 (Single-Family Residence District) relating to the properties owned by T & S Land Investments, described as follows: parcel numbers 030-00631-0000 and 030-00632-0000, all parcels also described as part of Section 07, Town 20N, Range 06E, Town of Rome, Adams County, WI, total area 79 acres

    Attorney Flanagan stated that this item relates to subdividing 79 acres into Alpine Estates Subdivision. Attorney Flanagan explained this is a bit unusual because the Plan Commission wants the preliminary plat to also be approved. He further stated that a public hearing was held with a comprehensive plan map amendment and a rezone at the November 9, 2022 Plan Commission meeting. Then a public hearing was held on December 13, 2022 on the preliminary plat approval with two conditions. Roads must be built to Town standards and built before permits for houses are issued and approval is conditioned on the final approval of the rezoning.

    Motion by Baurhyte/Hasdal to approve Ordinance No. 22-10, Recommendation from the Plan Commission on Comprehensive Plan map 9 amendment from Forestry to Residential and Zoning Map amendment from FR (Forest & Outdoor Recreation) to R-1 (Single-Family Residence District) relating to the properties owned by T & S Land Investments, described as follows: parcel numbers 030-00631-0000 and 030-00632-0000, all parcels also described as part of Section 07, Town 20N, Range 06E, Town of Rome, Adams County, WI, total area 79 acres with the recommendation from the Plan Commission for the Comprehensive Plan amendment and the rezone from FR to R1. Motion carried with Djumadi opposed.

14. Discussion and possible action – Recommendation from the Plan Commission regarding consideration of a preliminary plat for the Alpine Estates subdivision to be located on a 79-acre parcel owned by T & S Land Investments, described as follows: parcel numbers 030-00631-0000 and 030-00632-0000, all parcels also described as part of Section 07, Town 20N, Range 06E, Town of Rome, Adams County, WI

    Attorney Flanagan reminded them that this is recommended from the Plan Commission with approval with the two conditions mentioned in item number 13.

    Motion by Baurhyte/Minter to approve the Recommendation from the Plan Commission regarding consideration of a preliminary plat for the Alpine Estates subdivision to be located on a 79-acre parcel owned by T & S Land Investments, described as follows: parcel numbers 030-00631-0000 and 030-

00632-0000, all parcels also described as part of Section 07, Town 20N, Range 06E, Town of Rome, Adams County, WI. Motion carried with Djumadi opposed.

15. Discussion and possible action – Resolution No. 22-16; Approval of application to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Vibrant Space Grant for improvements to Rome Town Center and continued development of the park project

    Motion by Minter/Baurhyte to approve Resolution No. 22-16; Approval of application to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Vibrant Space Grant for improvements to Rome Town Center and continued development of the park project. Motion carried.

16. Discussion and possible action – Approval of Resolution No. 22-17, Amendment to the General, Personnel & Benefits Policy Manual, Policy No. 2.19 & 3.01 Special Skills/Reemployment Policy

    Attorney Flanagan stated that this relates to previous discussions the Board has had regarding benefits and the WRS eligibility.

    Motion by Djumadi/Baurhyte to approve Resolution No. 22-17, Amendment to the General, Personnel & Benefits Policy Manual, Policy No. 2.19 & 3.01 Special Skills/Reemployment Policy with the recommended changes from the Board. Motion carried.

17. Discussion and possible action – approve carryover of six (6) days of accrued vacation for the Town Administrator

    Motion by Djumadi/Minter to approve with the recommendation that the Administrator start to use her vacation. Motion carried.

18. The Board may go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, for the purposes of Town Administrator 12-month evaluation

    Motion at 6:14 p.m. by Minter/Baurhyte to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, for the purposes of Town Administrator 12-month evaluation. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

    Administrator Gebert exited closed session at 6:47 p.m.

    The Board exited closed session at 7:02 p.m.

19. The Board reserves the right to enter into open session authorized by Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(2) to possibly take action from the closed session and continue with the agenda

    Motion at 7:04 p.m. by Minter/Baurhyte to return to open session authorized by Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(2) to possibly take action from the closed session and continue with the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

    No action was taken from closed session.

DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/MEETINGS

20. Next agenda items
    Reintroduce wake manipulating device discussion
    Introduction of Bill Zeinert regarding the update to the Town Strategic Plan
    WE Energies update, if available

21. Next meeting date and time

    January 5, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Minter/Djumadi to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Reuteman
Clerk/Treasurer