



Town of Rome
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TOWN OF ROME BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024 **5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman 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 Finance Director/Treasurer Robbie Schaub-Ruemler, Administrator/Police Chief Jason Lauby and Attorney Nicholas Flanagan

3. Certify Posting of Meeting

Robbie Schaub-Ruemler certified that on, Friday, September 27, 2024, the Agenda for the Town of Rome Board meeting for Tuesday, October 1, 2024 was posted at:

<i>Posted at the Rome Town Hall</i>	<i>8:41 a.m.</i>
<i>Posted at Kwik Trip, LLC</i>	<i>8:49 a.m.</i>
<i>Posted at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank</i>	<i>8:55 a.m.</i>
<i>Emailed to the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune</i>	<i>9:08 a.m.</i>

4. Approve the Agenda

Motion by Minter/Gabriel to approve the agenda as presented. 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

Chairwoman Djumadi informed the attendees the Town Board will conduct this meeting using Robert's Rules of Order and reminded them that this is not a public hearing.

Lisa LaRoque-Williams, 1186 Fairway Trail, commented on state statute 19.59 and requested a response from the Town attorney regarding if this applies to current supervisors on the Board.

NO ACTION CONTEMPLATED EXCEPT POSSIBLE REFERRAL TO FUTURE AGENDA:

None

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Chairwoman Djumadi informed the attendees that curbside pickup would not be offered or mandated through the Town of Rome and if residents were interested, the Town of Rome has a list of contractors' they could share. The cost is estimated at \$30 to \$40 per month, dependent on your location.

7. Discussion and possible action –

a. Transfer Site operational update

Public Works Director Brad Martinson presented the Transfer Site Operations update, which will keep the current site operational with the required updates. Recommended costs are \$150,773.92 not to exceed \$164,773.92.

The Town Board members asked various questions regarding the information that the Public Works Director presented.

Chairman Djumadi informed the attendees they will be given two minutes for discussion and to give their name and address and this would not be counted as part of their two minutes to speak.

Robert Gomacki, 435 St. Andrews Trl., spoke on fees and determination of cost

Tom Etzel, 392 Woodbridge Way, spoke on single line entry, staffing, and fees

Peggy Heuer, 348 Huntington Ct., spoke on fees, equipment, and quotes

Lisa LaRoque-Williams, 1186 Fairway Trl., spoke on fencing, tippage fees, and Choose to Reuse

Cheri Choronz, 350 Huntington Ct., spoke on Sand Valley taxes

Theresa Janicki, 1476 Roma Woods Dr., spoke on behalf of the transfer site plan and the costs related

Brian Betz, 1021 Chester Ct., spoke on labor costs

Glen Janicki, 1476 Roma Woods Dr., spoke on federal grant funding and contractor

Kimberly Carlson, 1006 S. Archers Way, spoke on transparency, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, contractors, and fees.

Richard Ihlenfeldt, 907 Kings Way, spoke on contractor permits and stairs

Mike Bohn, 847 Kings Way, spoke on his previous residence transfer site and if the Town is looking into all the available options to ensure an orderly flow

Donna Hasdel, 241 Penhurst Way, spoke on fencing and single line entry

Marsha Pfingsten, 365 15th Ave., spoke on traffic flow at closing time and fees

Bill Forster, 1085 S. Archers Way, spoke on operation of the compactors

John Steiner, 292 Cranbrook Ct., spoke on eliminating dog treats and eliminating stairs

Mark Schriner, 940 Essex Ct., spoke on expected life of the compactors, budgeted maintenance, and the application process for the new fees

Chairwoman Djumadi called for a five-minute recess; resumed at 6:24 p.m.

b. Authorize the purchase and installation of compactor (s) at Transfer Site

The Town Board members asked various questions regarding funds available to proceed with this request.

Motion by Koll/Minter to authorize the Public Works Department to proceed with this proposal not to exceed \$150k that will be funded from the community room budget. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action – 2025 Solid Waste budget

The Finance Director gave an overview of the 2025 Solid Waste budget and the Town Board asked various questions related to revenues to be generated to cover additional costs needed for 2025.

Further discussion among the Board members regarding any substantial increases that would impact the overall budget, stickers, and contractor fees.

Motion by Minter/Koll to approve the 2025 Solid Waste budget as presented with the option that does not include the upgrades to the Transfer site which have been funded out of the 2024 budget community room upgrade funds. If further changes are needed, they would review at the final presentation. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action – Approval of Walden Park signs on CHT D, east and west of 9th Avenue as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Committee

Minter advised the Board that the Parks and Recreation Committee revisited their decision from their April meeting for the directional sign for Walden Park Kayak Area. They were informed that the Department of Transportation (DOT) regulates what can be on the sign. Included in the packet is what is the new proposed directional sign they wish to put in place.

Motion by Minter/Evenson for the Board to approve the installation of Walden Park Kayak Area signs on County Highway D, east and west of 9th Avenue. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action – Approval of a Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s license for the Tri-Norse Ski Club to sell fermented malt beverages and wine at their Colorama Event at 1001 County Road O on October 19, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Chairwoman Djumadi asked the Town Administrator if everything checked out with the applicant. Town Administrator stated yes.

Motion by Evenson/Koll for the approval of a Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s license for the Tri-Norse Ski Club to sell fermented malt beverages and wine at their Colorama Event on October 19, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Motion carried.

DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/MEETINGS

11. Next agenda items

➤ Set for October 3, 2024 Board Meeting

12. Next meeting date and time

October 3, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Djumadi adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Robbie Schaub-Ruemler

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Finance Director/Treasurer