

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, November 7, 2012

The Town of Rushford November Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Thomas Egan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Tom Egan, Jerry Schoonover, Patrick Kafer, Kathryn Lewis and Peggy Hendricks present. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 5 additional persons per attendance record on file, although several others were present, but did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of this meeting and the budget workshop was posted at the Town Hall, the town web page, the Waukau post office and the corner of K&E in Eureka. In addition, election equipment testing and the upcoming Public hearing and Meeting of the electors was posted in the Oshkosh Northwestern. Notices were mailed to Town Board members and the Zoning Administrator.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the minutes as presented for the October Town board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of October in the general account is \$290,720.96. *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to accept the treasurer's report.*

Payment of invoices: Peggy Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for November in the amount of \$25,928.99 for approval of payment. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay Novembers bills as submitted.*

Chairman Egan extended sympathy in behalf of the Town Board to Kathryn Lewis's family on the passing of her mother-in-law.

Public Input: Wendy Laverenz stated that there is still a road sign down on Eureka Lock Road. Mr. Egan said that the County has been notified. She was also concerned about a postcard she received in the mail from Veolia. Mr. Schoonover stated that the Town has a contract with Veolia, and he also received a post card.

Communications & Correspondence: Peggy Hendricks read an email from Scott Littell concerning replacing the antennas on the communication tower at 7713 Archery Road. There was an email from a resident concerning the solar sign on River Road which is missing. A Notice of Complete application from the Department of Natural Resources was sent pertaining to proposed riprap repair on the Fox River for Fred Rideout.

Mr. Kafer said that we should call Julie Quinn from the Omro Herald to see if she would do an article on the missing sign on River road. The sign was put up because of the accidents and fatalities that have happened there. The sign is very expensive and it looks like it was stolen.

Discussion of Hall maintenance: Peggy Hendricks said that the Eureka Women's Ministry wanted to thank the Board for the rental of the Town Hall. It is working out very well for them. Tom Egan said it looks like the floor tile is starting to crack apart around the walls.

Discussion of Town Maintenance: The Bond for the Zillges Pit on Morrow Road was received. Pat Kafer stated we will have to contact Zillges, for on the License Bond, the address reads Eureka Lock Road, not Morrow Road. A Notice of revision to manufacturing person property assessment for Michaels Pit was received from the Department of Revenue. Tom Egan stated he thought the County was done blacktopping for the year, but they are still doing some edging. All the mowing is done in the Town. They have stump removal to do yet. There is some patching to do on Liberty and Edgewater. Friends will be contacted.

New Business: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to renew and sign the annual contract for Traxlers Kennel and Pet Shop. Motion carried.*

Tom Egan pointed out a bill we received from Traxlers where the humane officer took a cat in. The cat was then taken to the vet to be put down. He had talked to other Townships in the area and they do not have anything to do with cats. He does not feel we should have to pay to have cats put down. Mr Egan said we will have to check into this legally, for the humane officer stated that he has to take animals in according to the law. Mr Egan does not agree with this.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to sign the contract with Larry Timm to serve as assessor for the Town of Rushford for 2013 for the amount of \$10,000 plus expenses. Motion carried.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to sign the Winnebago County 911 Emergency System Joint Powers agreement which is required by State Statutes 146.70 for the annual renewal. Motion carried.

Tom Egan stated the Pompluns have moved from the Township to Oshkosh. Patsy Pomplun was the alternate for the Zoning and Planning Committee. Tom Egan would like to appoint Ryan Helmuth to serve.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve Chairman Egans appointment of Ryan Helmuth to serve as alternate for the Zoning and Planning Committee. Motion carried.

Hendricks requested approval for the payroll addition for Quickbooks. Last year she paid this out of her own pocket, for it saved a lot of time with payroll, federal and state quarterly reports, yearly reports, W-2's, 1099's, etc. Renewal will be coming up in January. Updates to the software is included in the fee.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the annual fee of \$343.20 for Quickbooks payroll software. Motion carried.

Old Business: Concerns have been brought to the Town's attention on 8858 Edgewater Ridge. The last communication we had was a letter the attorney sent to Mr. Erdmann on June 20, 2012. The letter gave Mr. Erdmann several options. He has not contacted the Town on how he was going to proceed. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to contact the attorney to pursue action on 8858 Edgewater Ridge.***

DISCUSSION: Tom Egan read the letter that stated Mr. Erdmann's options were to prove his home is an earth home by having an inspector view the property, to apply for a building permit and complete the home, or to apply for a Conditional Use permit. The Conditional use permit would only be a temporary measure and the Town does not have to grant it if they feel it is not appropriate. Mr. Erdmann has not contacted the Attorney or the Town with a decision. Mr. Egan stated we have been dealing with this for years. He feels since we have ordinances, they should be enforced. Fred Kasten stated there is another alternative. They can excavate the property. If it is not paid for, it will go on the tax bill. Jerry Schoonover stated there are children living there and it could be hazardous. Pat Kafer and Tom Egan have been to the property but was never inside the dwelling. It was pointed out that a state inspector, not the Town inspector would have to inspect the home. Pat Kafer said the Town has given him many chances to come to the Town, but nothing was ever done. He does not know if condemning and tearing it down is an option or not.

Motion carried.

Dog, Constable Report: Mr. Mier took a cat to Traxlers and Traxlers transported the cat to the vet.

County Update by Chairman Egan: The Budget is passed. They got the land though for the airport. The mill rate is little lower than last year.

Tom Egan spoke on the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway. This is a concern for many people. East Central has been working on this. Chairman Egan suggested having East Central come and speak on FWHP and to answer any questions and concerns. We could invite neighboring Townships. The board thought this was a good idea and we should plan a meeting after the first of the year.

Reports of Attended Meetings:

1. Election equipment testing on October 29
2. Town Board Budget Workshop and Road Certification on October 30 – Pat Kafer reported the board went through the budget and did the road certification which is an annual report for the Department of Transportation.
3. 2012 chief Inspector & Clerk baseline training course at Omro on October 31. Ellen Mueller, Mary Allen, Sandy Craig and Peggy Hendricks attended. This will count towards certification for 2014-2015.
4. November 6th Election results – We had 880 voters. Hendricks read the election results for the Town. It was asked why the TSX ran out of paper. Hendricks said she was at parent-teacher conference at school. She was called and came right back to change the paper roll and voting got back underway on that machine. Even though the poll workers are trained to change paper rolls, she prefers to do it just in case something would happen. Mr. Pat Schoonover inquired about

purchasing another TSX machine. Hendricks will check into the price, but warned they are very expensive.

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings:

1. Special Meeting of the Electors and Public Hearing for proposed Budget and Levy on November 14 at 6 pm. **Tom Egan stated the time will have to be changed from 6 to 7, for he has a special County meeting. Hendricks will change all the postings.**
2. WMCA Joint 6 & 7 District Meeting at Grand Chute Town Hall on November 30, 2012. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve \$15 for the registration cost for the clerk if she chooses to attend. Motion carried.***

Tom Egan stated the Planning and Zoning Committee should meet this month. Pat Kafer asked for an update on the bridge. Mr Egan said that bids would be going out after the first of the year and is planned tentatively for June 1, 2013.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn at 8:15. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk