

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Thursday, August 15, 2013

The Town of Rushford August 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 Thomas Egan, Gerald Schoonover, Patrick Kafer, Kathryn Lewis and Peggy Hendricks present. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 4 additional persons per attendance record on file.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of the zoning meeting for August 28th was posted on the Town Hall door, the Waukau post office and the corner of K & E in Eureka. In addition, this meeting with the meeting date change and the Public zoning hearing to be held on August 28th was posted in the Oshkosh Northwestern. Notices were mailed to Town Board members and the Zoning Administrator.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the minutes as presented for the July 3rd Town board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of July in the general account is \$232,184.41. The balance at the end of July in the tax account was \$323.59. *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of invoices: Peggy Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for August in the amount of \$45,371.63 for approval of payment. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay August bills as submitted. Motion carried.* Hendricks explained that the bike rack that was purchased was sent back, but the town had to pay the shipping. The Board thanked Tom & Nancy Jackson for the donated bike rack.

Public Input: Linda Mueller, 8765 Edgewater Ridge, inquired about the number of animal units that are allowed on a smaller parcel. It was explained that the town ordinances are being rewritten. Mr Lee, who is on the zoning committee, stated that he does not have the numbers of animal units that are allowed at this time. Mr Kafer said that once the ordinances are done, there will be a chart that will easily explain. Mr Egan stated that there will be public meetings held before the passing of the re-written ordinances.

Discussion of Town hall maintenance/needs:

Hendricks stated that the clerk's printer is only printing "blue" and a new printer might have to be purchased. She did call the company today, since the printer is under warranty and hopefully the new parts will fix the problem.

The lights have been put up on the hall and the flag. Motion lights have been installed in the bathrooms. An outside outlet was installed on the building. Mr Egan commented on the mowing being done by Jake Kafer. Kathryn Lewis said that Rick Gehrke mowed between the Lewis field and the hall property. Pat Kafer reported he has to bring down black dirt for the project that Ellen Newman, Patsy Pomplun and he is on.

Pat Kafer mentioned that when the sign is designed, it should be large enough for a possible digital sign to be added underneath. Hendricks contacted Marilyn Fredrick and she will get some designs to us.

Discussion of Town Maintenance: Tom Egan said the County is mostly done. Jerry stated that parts of Archery are not completed yet. Tom feels Ripon Truck should cut back further on Edgewater Ridge. Jerry asked how much more chipping Friends should do. Peggy will call the County to see if they are done and get the rest of the bills to see how much money is left in the budget.

The Board reviewed the Abandoned Mine Site Inventory by East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to sign and approve the Contract between the Town of Rushford and the City of Oshkosh for providing paramedic ambulance service. Motion carried.

Old Business: Tom Egan heard that Blue Bell Subdivision has been taken back by the Bank. They think the Town should take it over. Tom asked if they were going to give the Town the land and also asked why the Town should take it over. He does not know which Bank took it over. They feel that the Town should fix the roads, mow the road sides, mow the empty lots, snowplow, etc. Tom feels we will be contacted by the family

that lives in the subdivision. He feels we should contact the attorney to see what happens from here, for Mr Egan feels we should not have to take it over. Pat said that there should be a bond for the road. The road was not done correctly and will be very expensive. Peggy will find the file and send information to the Town attorney so he can review it before we are contacted.

New Business: County Resolution for Text Amendment to Chapter 26, Floodplain

Tom Egan explained that he is not familiar with this for he missed the meetings due to the fair, but it is a zoning amendment which is to be signed by the Town. It is not something that will affect the Town of Rushford. This is more for up by Wolf River. They have some streets that is along the waterway. They have been repairing and adding on, but the DNR said that they could no longer do this. The DNR is going to take over. The County would like this text amendment to be approved to be put into the County's Zoning Code. Hendricks stated there is a public hearing on August 27th for this. The form has to be received by the County by August 27th. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to NOT approve the County Resolution for Text Amendment to Chapter 26, Floodplain.*** Discussion: Kafer stated that there is not enough information and when it comes to the DNR, they supersede the County. Even though this does not affect the Town of Rushford now, the time might come where it would. ***Motion carried – 2 ayes, 1 abstain.***

Animal Report: Tom Egan stated that he received a report on an animal bite over on Morrow Road and CTH K. Some people were out walking their dog and 2 pit bulls came out and attacked the dog. Tom was called by the husband of the wife that was walking the dog. The Sheriff's department was out. They quarantined the dogs until proof is shown that they have had their shots. The dogs must be inside and only outside on a leash. Tom does not know if County fines will be issued. The husband was wondering if there was something the Town could do. Our Humane officer was not notified that the Board knows of. Tom does not know if they are the same dogs that the Town had problems with before. He does not believe the dogs are licensed. It is questionable if any of the dogs involved were licensed. It was also questioned where the attack was – if it was on the other side of the road or in the center towards the property owners side. Tom was wondering what the Board should do or if it should be left in the Sheriffs hands. He stated there are children in the area. He feels the minimum that should be done is a letter should be sent stating that the dogs have to be licensed. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to find out the ownership of the animals, contact the attorney, explain the situation, and have him advise. If there are fines that should be issued, they should be sent out.*** Discussion: It was thought the sheriff's department has been called numerous times on these dogs. ***Motion carried.*** Mr Egan advised if anyone asks the details on this, inform them that it is in the attorneys hands.

County Report – Tom Egan: Tom presented a Contract Modification Justification from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the CTH K Bridge for the Towns files. Basically there will be an additional \$13,500 for excavation and fill under the seal. Lunda stated that they are just a couple of days behind schedule at this time. Road work can start on the 26th of August. Pat said that 5 of the pilings would not go down all the way. They have to get approval from the DOT, for they hit possible pilings from older bridges.

Building Permit Report by Thomas Egan:

Merle Carpenter, 8312 Edgewater Ridge, Omro, 685-5109
Vinyl siding done by self parcel # 022 0280
\$5000.00 June 18, 2013

David Schonscheck, 4435 Poygan Ave, Omro, 312-0438
Windows and doors by AHT Windows Parcel # 022 0196
\$10,448 July 19, 2013

Ellen Newman, 4552 Poygan Ave, Omro, WI, 685-6210
Pole Building built by self and Amish Parcel # 022 0031
\$10,000 July 19, 2013

Reports of Attended Meetings:

Peggy Hendricks reported on the Winnebago Towns Association Unit meeting which was held on July 11th at the Town of Utica. The subject was "Managing Your Town's Largest Asset – Your Roads" by Mike Siewert from Martenson & Eisele. Elections of Officers were held.

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings:

1. County Public Hearing for Txt Amendment to Co Floodplain Zoning Code on August 27 in the Lounge Room of the Courthouse at 6:30
2. Zoning Committee Meeting on August 28th and public hearing
3. Budget and Finance Meeting at Ripon on September 24; ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay \$65 registration fee and travel for anyone who wishes to go. Motion carried.***
4. WTA Annual Convention in Middleton on October 27-29; ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay registration fee and travel for anyone who wishes to go. Motion carried.***

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn at 8:05. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk