

Rushford Town Board Minutes  
Wednesday, March 6, 2013

The Town of Rushford March 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: 7 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 zoning meeting was posted at the Town Hall, the town web page, the Waukau post office and the corner of K & E in Eureka. In addition, the Zoning Public Hearing and the testing of election equipment for February 19<sup>th</sup> election was posted in the Oshkosh Northwestern. Notices were mailed to Town Board members and the Zoning Administrator.

**Clerks Report & Minutes:** *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the minutes as presented for the February 6<sup>th</sup> Town board meeting. Motion carried.*

**Treasurers Report** was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of February in the general account is \$48,510.54. The balance at the end of February in the tax account was \$292,426.99. *Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

**Payment of invoices:** Peggy Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for March in the amount of \$22,261.79 for approval of payment. *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to pay March's bills as submitted. Motion carried.*

**Communication & Correspondence:** The following correspondence was received:

- Mr Egan read a letter from Mark Harris, Winnebago Co Executive that was sent to Dean Rodgers, Omro Area Development Corporation stating that through the County's per capita funding program, the Towns of Rushford, Nepeuskun, Poygan, Utica and Omro had awarded the grant funding in the amount of \$8,674 to the City of Omro for its economic development activities.
- Peggy Hendricks read a letter from State Senator Rick Gudex from District 18 which offered his assistance to the Town.
- A letter from UW- Extension Community Development Educator with the dates of 2013 Winnebago Plan Commissioner Network meetings. They will be March 5, May 29, September 25 and October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Hendricks stated that in November, she had applied for a project request for the ECWRPC 2013 Work Program. This request was for ECWRPC to bring public awareness of the Fox WI Heritage Parkway to the Town of Rushford and the surrounding areas through informational meetings. In February we received a letter informing us we had been selected to receive free technical assistance for the Commission as part of its formally adopted 2013 Work Program and Budget. Of the 41 projects that were submitted, 32 were selected. Tom Egan stated that there are meetings on this subject, but we are the only ones that the ECWRPC will come to talk to the public.
- Mr Egan had also received a letter from Mr Gudux and Mr Schraa that extends to the Board letting us know that they are there for us.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **CSM for Donald Malson, parcel 022 073901(part), 022 0740 – Eureka Cemetery Association**

This was tabled from the February meeting. Tonight Wayne Resop and Wilbur Lewis are present to answer any questions on the CSM. Mr Wilbur Lewis explained that East of the dotted line on the CSM (1 1/2 A) will be added to the cemetery. Pat Kafer asked if they were thinking about moving the back driveway. Mr Lewis said, no they will not be moving the driveway. *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the CSM for Donald Malson for the Eureka Cemetery – part of parcel 022 073901& 022 0740. Motion carried.*

**Discussion of Hall Maintenance:** Peggy Hendricks stated that the microwave was not working. Al & Jean Youngbauer donated a microwave for the town hall.

Tom Egan thanked Tom & Nancy Jackson, Patsy Pomplun and Peggy Hendricks for the stripping and waxing of the Town Hall floors.

**Discussion of Town Maintenance:** Tom Egan stated that a Road Tour will be set up as soon as the snow and ice are gone.

Tom Egan stated that on the first part of May, the bridge will start coming down. Roger Yonke, construction project leader said that they are ready to have a meeting. Mr Egan would like to have this meeting before the middle of April, for that is when Mr. Yonke was thinking about. This meeting would be hosted at the Town Hall and surrounding Townships would be invited, for it will impact a lot of people. It was thought the end of March would be a good time. Mr Egan will contact the people who would be involved and set up a time and date for the last week of March. The 27<sup>th</sup> is the zoning meeting. Mr Kafer thought Saturday might be a good time. Tuesday and Thursday would also be good. Mr Kasten thought that a Saturday meeting would not bring a good turnout. It was decided that Mr Egan would check to see if March 26<sup>th</sup> would work out.

They plan on having the bridge done the end of October, but it could go into November depending on the weather. Lunda will be building the bridge. They are the same ones that did the bridge over Lake Winnebago.

**New Business:**

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Town of Rushford will be hosting the Unit Meeting for the WTA. Peggy Hendricks asked for suggestions on who should cater and ideas for the food to be served. It was suggested that LaSures, City Inn, Roggees, Moose Inn and Kodiak Jacks be contacted on prices.

**Town Zoning Report - Dan Stokes:** Dan Stokes reported that a public hearing was held for a conditional use permit for Daniel Fedderly to build an accessory building with a maximum time frame of 2 years before constructing a primary residential building. This would be used for storage and to house recreational vehicles. This would be at parcel #022 004903, 8439 Liberty School Road. This is located out by the old Enterprise School. The Zoning Committee recommends to the Town Board approval of the CSM.

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the Conditional use permit for Daniel and Sara Fedderly, parcel # 022 004903 to build an approximately 30x30' accessory building 2 years prior to the construction of the primary residence. Motion carried.***

**Discussion on Municipal Court for the Town of Rushford:** Mr Egan explained that the City of Omro had asked the Town of Rushford if we would be interested in Municipal Court for the Township. Details would have to be worked out, but the City of Omro Court system would handle any citations that would require a court date. It is thought this would save on attorney fees and be a good thing for the Town. A pamphlet was included with details on how to set up a Municipal Court. Peggy Hendricks stated that this pamphlet was on the Towns web site under NEWS. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer to work with the City of Omro with a possible Municipal Court for the Township. Motion carried.***

**Town Assessors Report:** Larry Timm handed out an updated 2012 sales in the Town of Rushford worksheet.

**Eureka Lock Lease:** A letter was received from Mike McMonigal which includes the original lease, amendment and map plus the recording confirmation for our records.

**Building Permit Report by Thomas Egan:**

Pat Kafer, 8922 Eureka Lock Rd, Omro, 68590282  
Steel roof at 3041 Union St, Eureka, WI  
\$2500 February 19, 2013

Pat Kafer, 8922 Eureka Lock Rd, Omro, 685-0282  
Deck at same address  
\$1200 February 19, 2013

Pat/Dorothy Kafer, 3323 N County Road K, Omro, WI 685-5095  
Steel roof on back of house and replacement shed roof  
\$5000 February 19, 2013

US Cellular, 5117 W Terrace Dr, Madison, WI 53718  
Agent: Randy Pridgeon, 4701 N 73<sup>rd</sup> St #6, Scottsdale, AZ, 808-896-8220  
Address of Construction: 7726 Archery Dr, Omro for US Cellular Antenna modification  
Built by Vertical Limit Construction, 825 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Wanamingo, MN 612-708-9246  
On the existing tower, they will add 3 antennas/coax at 197' with no increase in tower height or ground foot print  
Parcel # 022 0794  
\$15,000 February 27, 2013

**County Update by Thomas Egan:** Tom wanted everyone to know that the County's Public Health newsletter is available in the entry way and on the Towns Web site.

The County has purchased the 7 acres of land adjoining the airport. That was a million dollars. (corrected April - 70 acres)

As far as road work, they will be working on Hwy 44 down to the County line on M - cutting down some of the hills and straightening up some of the curves. They will be working with Fond du Lac County.

It was asked if Hwy 116 will be done. Mr Egan explained that this is a state road and the state decides when it will be done.

#### **Reports of Attended Meetings:**

Jerry Schoonover reported on the Omro Rushford Fire District meeting which was held on February 13<sup>th</sup>. People can sign up to have emergency texts or calls sent to them. This information is on the Town web site under NEWS. The department is almost done with the storage shed in the back. This will be used for storage and training. The department will be getting 42 radios. There will be extensive training on these and hopefully will be in use by June. It was mentioned that the radios so far has tested out very well. They have not found any dead spots with them yet. The street dance money will be used for a pickup truck for the department to use. In September, there will be more discussion on the new fire truck they want to purchase in 2015.

Peggy Hendricks reported that there were 53 voters for the February primary spring election.

#### **Upcoming Workshops & Meetings:**

WTA District meeting at Ripon on March 23 - ***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to pay \$45 registration to anyone who will be attending. Motion carried.*** Hendricks will have to know by March 15<sup>th</sup> who will be attending.

Spring Election on April 2

WTA Unit meeting at Town of Rushford hall on April 4

Annual meeting on April 17 - The Board suggested inviting Ernie Winters or John Groth from the Highway Department, the Bridge people, the Sheriff Department, Gudux or Schraa and Larry Timm.

Mr Egan stated that another company would like to bid on garbage and recycling pickup. This will have to go out for bid. Hendricks will find Veolia's contract to see when we can do this.

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to adjourn at 8:00. Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk