

Rushford Annual Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, April 16, 2014

The Town of Rushford 2014 Annual meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on April 16th, 2014 by Chairman Tom Egan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for all or part of the meeting was 11 persons per attendance record on file, although several others were present, but did not sign in.

Guest Speakers:

- **Lt. Steve Bewer & Deputy Kyle Schoonover, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office:** The floor was open for questions, for they did not have anything particular to discuss. Fred Kasten brought up concerns with kids being in the Waukau Nature Center. There was damage done and he was wondering if any citations were issued. The area was rutted up and will have to be repaired. According to the Omro Herald, 3-4 people were apprehended. Pat Kafer inquired about solar signs that have been stolen from the Township. On the road tour, it was discovered that some signs are missing and have been sprayed painted. It was thought these were in evidence at Green Lake County. The Town would like to get these back. Jerry Schoonover will check on this. Tom Egan inquired on the K-9 dog. The dog rides with Deputy Schoonover. The dog is trained in Germany, and then trained with the officer. The dogs go for recertification a number of times during the year. Pat Kafer asked if Eureka Lock road could be policed more in the spring when there are a lot of fishermen in the area. Dean Kaderabek asked how the new radios were working out. The Officers stated that it is a work in progress.
- **Dave Tellock, Advanced Disposal:** The new service started January 1st of this year and is working well. Since they have started the recycling every week, it has increased by 20%.
- **Jay Treleven, Omro-Rushford Fire Department** – With the raffles and street dance, they are finishing up the training facility. This will provide room for storage of the older fire trucks and a three story training area. The street dance will be June 13, 2014. There has been a committee formed to set specs for a new fire engine. They are meeting with vendors and will have preliminary numbers at the September Fire Board meeting. They will then send out for bids. A June – July, 2015 is the estimated delivery date. \$433,000 was spent on the last truck in 2008. The new truck will be a support truck, so it will not be as expensive as the last two and should be below \$500,000. The gun raffle and street dance funds will go for a utility vehicle – a pickup truck. Tom Egan asked if Rushford Trails could be on the agenda for a spring burn. Mike Carpenter will call to set that up. Jerry Schoonover asked about the number of vendors they contact for the fire truck. Rosenbauer in North Dakota, Pierce & Wisconsin Darling are a few that have been contacted. At the last barn fire, mutual aid was received from Berlin and Winneconne.
- **Dennis Freund, Freund Excavating:** This past winter has been very severe and they learned a lot. Jay Treleven mentioned that by Waukau Creek, Friends went out and beyond during the bad ice storm. Jerry Schoonover asked about filling in the pot holes. The North side of State Hwy 21 and the River Road is done. Because of the weather, these areas should be rechecked and redone if necessary. Friends stated that they salt the hills, corners and intersections. They only salt the roads if they are all ice. This winter, ice would form over the salt. Tom Egan

commented that they did an excellent job for their first year especially with the severe conditions we had.

- **Dean Kaderabek:** Dean gave a nice presentation of the progress of the rewrite of the Town Ordinances. This is being done because it has been since 2006 when the last comprehensive plan was done. The Zoning Ordinances is a tool for the Town to use. Tom Egan asked when it would come to the Town Board. At this time, the County is looking it over and hopefully it will be around 3 weeks. It will then go to the Town Attorney for review. Hopefully within the next two months, the Town will be able to take action.

Peggy Hendricks went through the 2014 Annual Report Booklet that she prepared. This includes the financial annual report, 2013 annual meeting minutes, informational pages, 2014 Budget Summary and a recycling calendar. Jerry Schoonover inquired about a Waukau Assessors plat. It was on the agenda last year, but only a couple of residents from Waukau were present and they were not in favor of an assessors plat.

Motion by Pat Kafer, 2nd by Daniel Stokes to approve the Town of Rushford 2013 annual report and the 2013 Annual meeting minutes. Motion carried. Jerry Schoonover thanked the clerk for the Annual Report Booklet.

Motion by Pat Kafer, 2nd by Jerry Schoonover to retain Attorney Blazel as the Town Attorney for Rushford for 2014-April, 2015. Motion carried.

A meeting is scheduled with Attorney Blazel tomorrow to discuss the Kasuboski property, the Erdmann property & the closure of Liberty Street in Eureka.

Tom mentioned that a lot of boat trailers are parked on Liberty Street so they do not have to pay the boat launching fee. There is no room for parking for the establishments in Eureka and could be a dangerous situation. He feels there should be "No Trailer Parking" signs on Liberty Street. The park is County owned so citations could be written. Liberty Street will need asphalt bids, it should be widen, overlay, drain tiles, and culverts put in.

Motion by Fred Kasten, 2nd by Dan Stokes to have restricted parking signs on Liberty Street where it would be Vehicles Only – No trailer parking. Motion carried.

Fred Kasten asked about tree trimming, for Senn Road is real bad with lots of dead trees. The Board did notice this on the Road Tour today

A special meeting might have to be called to ask for more money for roads. There is a lot of ditching that has to be done.

Fred Kasten said there is a culvert at Rushford Trails Inn where the water runs over the road. The ditch will have to be opened.

Peggy Hendricks suggested putting wood wainscoting on the bottom half of the walls for it would help protect the walls. It was suggested to ask Jim Wesner. Tom didn't know if the Town could afford it at this time. She thought it would be good to get bids and bring up at the Budget hearing.

She would like permission to put different material on the playground equipment for the material rips with the high winds we get.

Jerry Schoonover commented that the Annual Report booklet was very nice and thanked the clerk for the work that was put into it.

The Annual meeting will be set for April 15, 2015 at 7:00 at the Rushford Town Hall.

Motion by Fred Kasten, 2nd by Russell Lee to adjourn the meeting at 8:25. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk