

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, October 1, 2014

The Town of Rushford October 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: 9 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of the October Board, meeting with Attorney Sondalle and the Omro/Rushford Fire Department District Meeting was posted at the Town Hall, the Waukau post office, the Towns web site and the corner of K & E in Eureka. 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 September 3, 2014 Town board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of September was \$184,627.99 in the general account. The balance at the end of September in the tax account was \$100.00. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of invoices: Peggy Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for October in the approximate amount of \$10,730.90 from the general account for approval of payment. She stated since it is October 1st, not all the bills have been sent out yet. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay October 2014 bills as submitted, including the actual amounts of Advance Disposal and Alliant Energy as they come in. Motion carried.*

Public Input:

Ellen Newman asked who should be contacted about the damage on Liberty School Road due to heavy farm equipment. Tom Egan said he will take care of this, for Omro Dairy has been very good about taking care of repairs that are needed from their equipment.

Steve Elza, 8821 Ann St, stated he lives across from the old town hall and he would like information about putting a fence on the property line. Tom Egan said this will be discussed later on in the meeting, for it is an agenda item.

CSM approval for Parcel #022 014803 and #022 014802 - Kirk Farm: Tom Nolan, Marion WI, was present to answer any questions on the proposed CSM. The farm has been sold into 3 - approximate 40 acre parcels and one - 113 acre parcel. There will be 4 different owners. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the CSM for parcel #022 014803 & 022 014802. Motion carried.* Mr Nolan will get the hard copies that are needed for signature.

Communications & Correspondence:

- Peggy Hendricks went through information on implements of husbandry laws from Ernest Winters. Tom Egan said the main concern is the weight limits and the Town should come up with a recommendation for the Town. This will be discussed more at the Wisconsin Town Association Unit meeting tomorrow night. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to table this discussion for a later date so the board members can go through the information. Motion carried.* Steve Wolff expressed concerns on manure haulers and the roads.
- Peggy Hendricks read an email from Matthew Neitzke, 3106 County Rd E in Eureka concerning equipment noise, vehicles entering/exiting, and loud vehicles on 3087 Cty Rd E. The property is owned by McClelland's and a business is being operated there. Tom Egan said this is the first complaint that he has heard. The property is zoned commercial and our constable should be contacted with complaints so he can go talk to the owners. Tom Egan will talk to Mr. Neitzke and suggested to get permission to give out Sean Edingers cell phone number, for he does not have a land line. Tom Egan said we do have a 10:00 pm noise ordinance.
- Hendricks read an email from a concerned resident about a fence being built at 8821 Ann St that would be in violation of the fencing code for the Town of Rushford. Steven & Jill Elza are

the owners and Mr Elza is present for the meeting. Jerry Schoonover and Tom Egan went to look at the property and it does look like the steel posts are on the property line, where our ordinance states there has to be a 2 foot setback. Fred Kasten said he could apply for a variance. Steve Elza asked if it made a difference if it was a permanent (wood & concrete) or a temporary fence (cyclone), since most cities allow fences on the property line. Fred Kasten said the Town of Rushford has a 2 foot setback for maintenance. Ellen Newman asked if there was a difference between the present and proposed ordinances for fencing. Peggy Hendricks read off the ordinance as written in our present ordinances and from the proposed. They are both identical.

- Tom Egan had communication with Mary Poehlman who said they cannot get though the property because of items from neighbors. Tom and Jerry went down to look and there is a pole in the way, but it is on her side, not the neighbors. Tom Egan will contact Ms. Poehlman.
- Hendricks read an email from Rob Keller, Town of Black Wolf asking the procedure of rotation of the Zoning Board. She sent him the procedure as stated in the Town Ordinances.

Discussion of Town hall maintenance/needs:

Jerry Schoonover inquired about the sign for the hall. Marilyn is working on another design, for the one submitted was similar to a neighboring Township. She is having carpal tunnel surgery in October, so there will be a delay.

Discussion on Town Maintenance – Roads:

Tom Egan said they have started working on Liberty Street in Eureka. The County is looking for places to take fill from ditching, etc Tom inquired if it would be beneficial at Eureka Trails or the park. Patsy Pomplun said there is an area that could be filled. Peggy Hendricks said that she would be able to take some. Friends is doing ditching and mowing by Ripon Truck. There is a broken stop sign by Edingers that will need to be put up and on 2nd St & Cty Road E. The sign on 2nd St & CTY E could have been done by the mowers. Kafer requested that Hendricks contact Ripon Truck to receive a more detailed billing. Egan said that Chairman Noe from Omro said that they are doing the wrong side of 2nd Street. If this needs to be changed, it should be changed on the WISLR (Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads) mapping that the Board does every year. A time should be scheduled with the Board to get this done. When the County is done with Liberty, there are other roads scheduled. Banner Hill is one that needs to be done as soon as possible.

Hendricks received a call from Phyllis Miller pertaining to the culvert bill she received. She was told it would be \$420, but the bill was \$566.40. Pat Kafer will look into this.

Old Business: Tom Egan went though the Update to Winnebago County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Tom agreed to participation in the preparation and review of a countywide plan update.

New Business:

Blue Belle Farms Subdivision Long-term stormwater management: Tom did not get a hold of anyone from there. Before voting on this, he feels a letter should be sent to each owner explaining the provision and the importance of establishing a homeowners association. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to send a letter to the homeowners of Blue Belle Subdivision and to invite them to the Board meeting in November. Motion carried.***

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to sign the Joint Powers agreement which is required by State Statutes 256.35(9) for the annual renewal of the agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the picnic license for Waukau Community Center for a benefit for Sue Metko. Motion carried.

Animal Report: Chuck Mier had a boa snake and mileage for the month of September.

Building Reports:

Jay Kallas, 3290 Quarry Drive, Omro, WI 920-369-8351

Utility Building built by self
\$2000

September 8, 2014

Pat Kafer, 8922 Eureka Lock Road, Omro 685-0282
16 x 24 Concrete Deck/ sunroom built by Self
\$10,000 September 19, 2014

County Report – Tom Egan: There is a plan to redesign the courthouse which would include a heated garage for the judges, personal elevators, & new clerk of courts office. There is still discussion on the airport terminal. The Highway department is trying to get things done before winter. Salt prices have gone up.

Reports of Attended Meetings:

- Meeting with Attorney Sondalle on September 12: Tom met with Attorney Sondalle to view the Kasuboski property. There is concern that he is staying in the trailer that is on the property. There are horses on the property. He has not received a report back at this time.
- Omro Rushford District Meeting on September 17: Kafer reported that they want a new fire truck and bids will be opened in November. The average price from 3 vendors is \$351,000. The budget was approved. The cost of maintenance on the radios is a concern and an unknown cost.
- Fall & Village Workshop including Budget & Finance: Hendricks said it was a very good meeting which went over CT form that is completed by the clerks for the DOR and budget planning.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Winnebago Co Unit meeting October 2 at Town of Algoma at 6:30
- November 4th Partisan Office & Referendum Vote. Hendricks explained that the Wisconsin Town Association recommends that voters vote YES on the referendum pertaining to the Creation of Transportation Fund. This will require that transportation fund be used exclusively for the purpose of funding Wisconsin's transportation systems and prohibits money being used for any other purpose.

Books were audited.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to adjourn at 9:15. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk