

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 5, 2014

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

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of March Board meeting & agenda was posted at the Town Hall, the Waukau post office, the Towns web site and the corner of K & E in Eureka. In addition, voting by absentee ballot for the April 1, 2014 election was published 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 February Town board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of February was \$75,879.69 in the general account. The balance at the end of February in the tax account was \$161,084.48. *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 March in the amount of \$24,427.59 from the general account for approval of payment. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay March, 2014 bills as submitted. Motion carried.*

Communications & Correspondence: Tom Egan reviewed the following correspondence:

- A letter from Jerry Bougie, Winnebago Planning Director, explaining recent legislation (Wisconsin Act 74). This new legislation may impact the Town's approval process for any development projects.
- Application from Century Link regarding construction in our area for the 2014-2015 season. This application grants CenturyLink permission to construct and maintain telephone facilities in the Town. *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to sign the application to grant consent to and permit for construction, operation and maintenance of telephone lines on and along the Town of Rushford Town roads. Motion carried.*
- A letter from Contech, Engineered Solutions concerning a seminar on March 11 at La Sure's banquet hall from 8:30 - 12:30 concerning culverts and local County Highway projects and updates.
- Address change for Dennis Trabbold for 3512 Delhi Rd from 3502 Delhi Rd, and new assigned address for 9191 Ivy Lane.
- A letter from Oshkosh Housing Authority stating that Winnebago County has been awarded funding to assist in an estimated 7 - 12 housing rehabilitation and accessibility improvement projects.
- The Habitat for Humanity ReStore will be hosting a free electronic recycling event on April 12 from 10 - 3 at the Timber Rattlers Stadium in Appleton.

Discussion of Town hall maintenance/needs: Hendricks stated she purchased the supplies for the Town hall floor repair. The tiles are on special order from Menards.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: Tom Egan stated that with the harsh winter we have had, he feels that the roads will need much work. Mr Egan did contact the Highway department concerning the grant we received for road work down by Bill & Stels. He is afraid we will not have enough money for the project, for more will be needed for the Town roads. They stated that as long as we are approved for the grant, the money will stay there until we do the project. As soon as the snow is gone, a road tour will be conducted. The town tries to do 5 miles of road/year, but it is anticipated that more patching and repair will need to be done because of the frost level in the ground.

Old Business: Tom Egan read the emails from Attorney Blazel dated February 7th and March 2, 2014 concerning the Roger Kasuboski property. Mr Egan understands the letter to read that the attorney proposed to give a two week deadline to remedy the violations by removing any property that violates the general farming restriction and either remove the storage structure or apply for a Conditional use permit. Mr Egan says that plowing is the only work that has been done to the site since our last communication with

Kasuboski. Tom said he will personally contact Attorney Blazel on Thursday, March 6th to make sure the two week notice has been sent and if not, to send it out. The Board will then wait two weeks and call a special meeting if conditions are not met to decide how to proceed.

The next discussion was on the Erdmann property on Edgewater Ridge. The Attorney stated that the property had not been foreclosed on and his name is listed for ownership, The Attorney recommended giving him a deadline to comply and then decide if daily fines, a larger fine or a lawsuit would be the best way to continue. Mr Egan will confer with the Attorney. It was thought to give him two weeks to comply and if nothing is done, the Board can also discuss this property at the Special meeting if one is needed. It was decided it would be best to have the special meeting at the Attorneys office. This will tentatively be planned for the week of March 17th. Dean Kaderabek from Winnebago GIS office stated that taxes had not been paid on this parcel since 2009.

Winnebago Co Sheriffs Report: Officer Duane Luker was present to answer any questions or concerns from the residents.

New Business: Tom Egan read a letter from ECWRPC concerning the Albright Bros Mine Expansion Area. They also sent a map with the proposed expansion. The Town has not been contacted by Albright Bros as of this time. A conditional permit would be required for the expansion. His reclamation plan will also have to be modified.

The Town received the EMS funding assistance program municipal signature and population verification page that needs to be signed to allow ambulance service for the Town of Rushford. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to sign and send in the verification page. Motion carried.***

Building Report – Tom Egan:

Dylan & Heather Malson, 3966 County Road K, 858-9702
Remodel with drywall, carpet and laminate floor by self
Parcel # 022 031204
\$3000 Feb 18, 2014

County Report: Tom Egan started with the Planning & Zoning department. The property lister for Winnebago County has been on medical leave. Her associate has received a different job and has left the office. At this time, fill in personal is being used to get the work done. A hired associate was approved by the County. Dean Kaderabek stated that the office was 2.5 people and it is now operating at .5 person.

The DOT stated that on the state highways, no more than 100# of salt/mile can be used. Hwy 41 and 441 are the only highways that have to be kept bare.

Future DOT & Winnebago County projects that will affect the Town of Rushford area:

- 2017: Resurfacing of State Hwy 91 from Berlin to Oshkosh for approximately \$249,000
- 2015: Reconstruct STH 116 - East River Drive in the City of Omro
- 2016: Reconstruct STH 116 – Waukau to Omro and STH 91 to CTH K
- 2016: Resurface STH 116 from the City of Omro to Village of Winneconne
- Majority of DOT 2014 Selected Project Funds Distribution will be for Crack Sealing in Winnebago County.
- June 2014 – fall 2019: WIS 441 Tri-County Project
- March 2014 – August 2014: County GG and County Y overpass

There is the possibility of a roundabout for the intersection of WIS 21/Spruce Street in Omro. There was a discussion with Officer Luker on the correct way to drive roundabouts.

Reports of Attended Meetings: Jerry Schoonover reported on the Fire District Meeting which was held February 12, 2014. The Town had 10 fire runs with over 20,500 gallons of water used. A committee will be formed for the projected fire truck replacement for 2015. Tom Jackson stated the committee has been formed and they have met. There was a representative from Edward Jones for information pertaining to investing extra budget monies. Pat Kafer & Tom Jackson explained LOSA monies which is the retirement plan for the fire department. A representative was at the meeting to answer questions concerning the LOSA program. Mr. Kafer commented that the Edward Jones presentation was informational, but he thinks we

should hold off investing monies until after the purchase of the fire truck. Tom Jackson said that the new radios are being used by the fire and police departments. There is a learning curve and they are good at eliminating all back ground noise. They have not found "dead zones" with the new radios. There is an emergency button on the radios in case an officer goes down, the radio will stay open.

Peggy Hendricks reported that we had 55 voters for the Spring primary. A G.A.B. representative conducted an accessibility compliance survey on Election Day.

Dan Stokes reported on the open house that was held on February 20th for the review of the proposed Zoning Ordinances. Dean Kaderabek had a nice presentation planned and this will be given at the Town Annual Meeting which will be April 16th. Dean asked permission to send the proposed rewrite to the County Zoning Committee. After that, it should go to the Town Attorney. Hendricks stated she already sent it to the Attorney. Tom Egan will inform the Attorney he should hold off looking at the rewrite until the County looks at it. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to have Dean Kaderabek turn the rewrite over to Winnebago County Zoning for approval. Motion carried.***

Upcoming Workshops and Meetings:

1. WTA District Meeting at Royal Ridges on Friday, March 14
2. Spring Election on April 1
3. Annual Meeting on April 16, 2014 at 7:00

Suggested guest to be invited: Dean Kaderabek, Omro/Rushford Fire Department – Jay Treleven, Advanced Disposal - Dave Tellock, & Freund Excavating – Dennis Freund.

4. 2014 Winnebago Plan Commissioner network meeting dates –
 - a. May 28, September 24, October 29

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

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk