

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, September 3, 2014

The Town of Rushford September 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: 8 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of the September Board meeting and possible Board quorum for meeting at the Town of Omro was posted at the Town Hall, the Waukau post office, the Town's web site and the corner of K & E in Eureka. Notices were mailed to Town Board members and the Zoning Administrator.

Sheriff's Department representative: Lt Pankratz was present to listen to concerns. Hendricks read an email she received from a resident who has noticed an increase of speeding vehicles on Cty Hwy K and other areas in the Township. He stated that on the way, he ticketed speeders on Co Hwy E. Tom asked about getting a speed trailer. Lt Pankratz will look into that for the Town. Kafer was wondering why the speed limit is 25 mph for such a long distance in Eureka and is 35 mph all the way through Waukau. This is a County Highway, so the County has jurisdiction.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the minutes as presented for the August 14, 2014 Town board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of August was \$221,783.92 in the general account. The balance at the end of August in the tax account was \$100.00. *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 September in the amount of \$33,056.60 from the general account for approval of payment. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay September 2014 bills as submitted. Motion carried.*

Public Input:

Larry McDermick inquired about a building permit that was granted for Sonya Bock. The runoff from the building will be going over their septic system and in their drain field is right under where the building is going up. They have concerns, especially in the spring. There is no place for the water to go except into their drain field. Tom Egan will go out and talk to them and get back to them. Possible solutions were discussed.

Communications & Correspondence:

- Tom Egan said he would talk to the County Highway Department about the speed limits in Eureka.
- Hendricks read an email from a resident concerned about someone baiting, trapping and shooting cats. She also read an email from Ellen Newman with her response from the email that was sent out to the zoning and Town Board members from the Clerk on this matter. Hendricks stated that her correspondence stated that the Town does not have a cat ordinance and before something could be done, proof would have to be shown. The Board agreed to have Planning & Zoning look into this the next time they meet. Chairman Egan did state that since we are in a rural area, he feels it will be hard to enforce something on cats that are roaming around outside and not on a leash.
- Hendricks received a call today from Advance Disposal on a dog that seems menacing on 8857 Wisconsin Street. A letter will be sent.

Discussion of Town hall maintenance/needs:

- It was suggested that a thank you note be sent to Rick Gehrke for the work he did with his brush hog on the property.

Marilyn Henke sent a picture of what she was thinking to do for the sign for the Town Hall. The overall thought was that the lettering should be larger and was wondering if it would be on both sides or not. A price

should be gotten. The drawing was very nice, but was thought to look a lot like one of our neighboring Townships. It was thought that a farming theme would be nice.

Discussion on Town Maintenance – Roads:

Tom Egan said the Town will be receiving a bill for a culvert on Liberty Street. The bill from Wisconsin Tubing should be forwarded to Phyllis Miller. The County is working on Liberty Street and ditching is still being done.

County Zoning Report – Dan Stokes: Dan reported that he attended the steering committee meeting at the Town of Omro. He also went to a workshop for the comprehensive plan for the County which should be done by 2016. They would like the Towns maps to correspond as much as possible to the County's. Dean Kaderabek will help us on the mapping. The Town will have to redo their Comprehensive plan. The State orders this to be done every 10 years.

Old Business: Blue Sky Nursery: Tom Egan went through the compliance monitoring and evaluation form from the Department of Natural Resources. They have closed the case for no licensing is required as it is an exempt material. Mr & Mrs. Richard Domke had a few questions and was told that no grass clippings should be present – only wood chips. Any other questions should be directed to Tom Davis, Land & Water department for Winnebago County. A copy of the letter from the DNR was given to the Domke's.

Hendricks was contacted by the District Attorney to see if the Town wanted restitution for the damage at Waukau Nature Center. This property is owned by the County, so the Town does not feel they should ask for restitution.

Attorney Update: Attorney Blazel requested more information that was sent for the Erdmann property. Building permits from 5/17/20013 and 7/29/2003 and a Conditional use permit from 9/21/2000. Attorney Sondalle will look at the Kasuboski property with the Board members.

New Business: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to sign the agreement for Larry Timm to serve as Town Assessor for the year 2015 for \$10,300. Motion carried.*

Building Reports:

Dianna Puckett, 7991 County Road E, Omro 685-0185
Sidewall insulation by "I Get around Remodeling" – 432 2nd St, Menasha
\$2400 August 22, 2014

Sonya Bock, 7395 Commercial St, 379-0955
022 0923 & 022 0924
30 x 72 pole storage shed, set back more than 10' from lot line
Metal roof & sides, concrete slab and wood framing
24,000 (?) August 13, 2014

Tom Schuster, 3204 Quarry Drive, 379-7000
Garage by self
\$8000 August 20, 2014

Diana Puckett, 7991 County Road E, 685-0185
18 Window replacements by The Wooden Post, 235 E Scott St, Fond du Lac
\$6325 August 24, 2014

James & Donna Laabs, 8531 Liberty School, 685-0442
New LP, furnace, water heater, LP tank by A-1 Heating and Garrow Gas
Parcel # 022 0069
\$10,000 August 22, 2014

County Report – Tom Egan: The County wants to go with the City of Oshkosh and the Oshkosh School district to have their own clinic. If this was done, a 3 year contract would have to be signed. There was discussion to redo the runway at the airport with a price tag of \$5 million.

Upcoming Meetings:

Fall & Village Workshop including Budget & Finance on September 23 at Ripon. Board members should contact the Clerk if they plan to attend so registration can be sent in.

67th Annual WI Towns Association Convention at Stevens Point on Oct 26 – Oct 28 – ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to send the Clerk and Treasurer to the Convention at the cost of \$75/day. Motion carried.***

Tom Egan discussed Blue Belle Farms Subdivision long term stormwater management and requested the topic be on the agenda for October.

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

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk