

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, February 4, 2015

The Town of Rushford February Board meeting was called to order 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: 3 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of the February Board meeting and Certification of Candidates for spring election were posted on the Town hall door, the corner of K & E in Eureka and the Waukau Post Office. Notices were emailed 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 January 7, 2015 Town board meeting. Motion carried.* Tom Egan stated that for the record, an unnamed person informed him that a motion was not made to allow people to attend the UW-Extension meeting in the Town of Winchester on January 29, 2015.

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of January, 2015 was \$30,712.76. The balance in the tax account was \$838,581.86 *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 February in the amount of \$55,187.87 from the general account for approval of payment. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay February 2015 bills from the general account as submitted. Motion carried. Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve \$737,212.88 from the tax account to pay tax settlements and real estate overpayment. Motion carried.*

Assessors Report – Larry Timm: Mr. Timm reported he sent out about 70 personal property tax bills. He is ready to start looking at new construction in the Town of Rushford. There are new laws for the Board of Review. Tom Egan asked about a semi-trailer that has been sitting on a parcel and was wondering if it was taxed. Mr. Timm said that was assessed. Tom also asked if a garage that has been separated from a homestead through a CSM will be taxed any different than it was when it was with the home. Mr. Timm said if it is being used as a residential garage, it would not be assessed any different. If it is found out it is not being used as a residential garage, it will be assessed differently. Even though the property is zoned commercial, it will be assessed on its use.

Public Input: Dave Weiss inquired what the Eureka Church could do to help the town with recycling. 90% of the items in the dumpster could be recycled. It was suggested to contact Advanced Disposal since they use dumpsters. Dave Tellock should be able to tell them what they can do. Tom Egan said that he would call Mr. Tellock if Mr. Weiss preferred. The Town receives grants from the state according to the tonnage that the Town recycles.

Communications & Correspondence:

- Winnebago Co Zoning meetings will be held on the 4th floor at 112 Otter Ave, Oshkosh.
- The Property Lister office will be moved to the 3rd floor. Hendricks stated an email was received today saying that this move is on hold for the time being.
- Tom Egan read the letter from the UW Extension office that told the dates for the 2015 Network Meetings. The first one will be February 25th at the Coughlin Center from 6:30 to 8 pm with the topic of Zoning Code Enforcement.
- The Town of Omro Planning Committee invited the Town of Rushford to their Comprehensive Plan review. Dan Stokes and Fred Kasten plan on attending.
- Hendricks stated that published articles regarding the 2014 Wind Siting Council Report was sent to the Town and is in the Clerk's office.

Discussion of Town hall maintenance/needs:

There was discussion on hall cleaning since it was bought up at the previous Town Board meeting. Peggy Hendricks has been cleaning the hall at this time. Tom Egan wondered if hall cleaning and the outside yard work should be put out for bids or if we should leave as is. There was an individual interested in cleaning the hall and a couple of years ago someone expressed interest in mowing the grounds. Fred Kasten suggested that pricing out someone buffing the floors should be considered. Prices for hall cleaning could also be obtained. Tom was wondering if you put the general cleaning of the hall out for bids, how it would be done. There are times the hall is rented out every week and other times where it is not used that much during the month. There would not be any set hours for days for cleaning. Buffing the floors could be set to be done bi-monthly or whatever was decided. Pat Kafer suggested writing to the Clerks List and see what other Townships do. Kafer and Schoonover said they are content to leave things as they are if the parties are agreeable. Tom Egan said that this will be tabled for one month.

Town & County Zoning – Dan Stokes: Dan Stokes stated that there was not a meeting held last month, for Dean Kaderabek was still working a couple of items pertaining to Town lights. A meeting will be scheduled for February.

Discussion on Town Maintenance – Roads: Tom Egan said that there is money left from the grant that the town applied for. There is \$5,600 coming from them for blacktop on Liberty Street. There is \$22,000 left to be spent on asphalt only on Liberty Street and Bell School Road. We would have to spend \$44,000 in asphalt. Tom Egan talked to Freund Excavating about a couple complaints on salting on Eureka Road and Liberty School Road.

Old Business:

Update on Erdmann property: Tom Egan read a letter sent by Attorney Blazel which included an affidavit to be signed by the Town Chairman and the Zoning Administrator so a special inspection warrant can be requested to obtain access to the premises to confirm it complies with the building code. This matter is set for a 15 minute court hearing on February 2015.

New Business:

- ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve to sign the Winnebago Co Erosion Control & Stormwater management application form to receive the permit to do ditch work on the Town Roads. Motion carried.***
- Hendricks read a notice from Winnebago Co Treasurer pertaining to property owned by the County due to nonpayment of 2009 and/or 2010 real estate taxes. There were 3 parcels and the Town could purchase the property from Winnebago County for the amount of taxes owed. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer NOT to purchase any of the properties from the County. Motion carried.***

Building Report – Thomas Egan:

Jackie Lambert, 3098 Cty Road E, Berlin, parcel #022 149 for remodeling by self for \$5000.

County Report – Thomas Egan:

- All members will be receiving i-pads.
- Additional parking at Parkview for \$209,000. It was turned down to take from the bond fund and will be taken from general monies.
- They are starting to have problems with the 911 system. They plan on bonding for \$204,000 in 2015 to a 911 telephone system.
- The jail is starting to leak and it went out for bids, for the company who originally did the work is no longer in business. \$52,000 was approved and transferred for sealant.

Reports of Attended Meetings:

- Fred Kasten reported on the Winnebago Co Unit meeting at the Town of Black Wolf on January 15th.
- Town Caucus was held on January 17th. Fred Kasten chaired the meeting. It was attended by the members of the board and one other resident. The present officers were the only nominations.
- Zoning Board/Appeals workshop January 29 at the Town of Winchester by UW-Extension was attended by Jerry Schoonover, Fred Kasten, Russell Lee and Dan Stokes. It was mentioned this was more geared towards the Board of Appeals than the Zoning Committee. Tom Egan stated that after the Spring Election, some changes will need to be done to our Board of Appeals. There will also be changes to the Zoning Committee. Two alternates should be on the Zoning Committee. At this time, the Town has one.

Upcoming Meetings:

1. 2015 District WTA meeting on Feb 14 at Ripon Royal Ridges. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve Jerry Schoonover, Patrick Kafer and Thomas Egan to attend the District WTA meeting on February 14, 2015. Motion approved.***
2. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve any interested people to attend the Winnebago Plan Commissioner Network meeting at the Coughlin Center on February 25th. Motion carried.*** It was suggested that the Zoning meeting date be changed so people can attend this meeting on Zoning Code enforcement.

Jerry Schoonover asked if there was anything we could do about the lighting problem in Eureka. It was stated that we will have to wait for the ordinance to be approved.

Fred Kasten stated that on Wayside Dr, there are a couple of people camping or living in a trailer for the past couple of weeks. It is something that should be looked into.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn at 8:20. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk