

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, January 7, 2015

The Town of Rushford January Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jerry Schoonover followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Gerald Schoonover, Patrick Kafer, Kathryn Lewis and Peggy Hendricks present. Thomas Egan was excused. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 4 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of the January Board meeting, the Zoning Committee meeting and the End of Year Board Workshop was posted on the Town Hall door, the Waukau Post Office and the corner of E & K in Eureka. In addition, Notice of Spring Election and the Town Caucus was published in the Oshkosh Northwestern. Notices were mailed to Town Board members and the Zoning Administrator.

Discussion with Sheriff's Department Representative: Deputy Darrin Putzer was present from Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. Hendricks thanked the Sheriff's department for sending area Clerks press releases to notify the public on recent burglaries. He discussed certain precautions the public can take to protect themselves and their valuables.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the minutes as presented for the December 4th Town board meeting, the Budget hearing minutes and end of the year board workshop minutes. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of December was \$40,613.76 in the general account. The balance at the end of December in the tax account was \$587,239.44. *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 January in the amount of \$12,878.90 from the general account for approval of payment. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay January 2015 bills from the general account as submitted. Motion carried. Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve \$483,650.05 from the tax account to pay tax settlements and real estate overpayment. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Larry Timm, Town assessor, stated that he attended Assessors school in November. The legislative passed Act 222 which made some changes for the Board of Review. He sent out 56 personal property tax bills. There were 38 property sales. He handed out a listing of all new property owners which included the selling price, assessed value and assessment ratio.

Mr. Pat Schoonover stated that he would be interested in cleaning the Town Hall. He also suggested that the Town check the price of a buffer for the floor. Jerry Schoonover suggested that this item should be put on the agenda for next month. Mr Schoonover had attended the end of the year meeting. He inquired why there was so much money left over. It was explained that not all of the Town road projects were completed in 2014 which were planned and budgeted for.

Communications & Correspondence:

- Peggy Hendricks went though the WisLine Teleconference series for winter/spring 2015.
- The Town of Winneconne sent the Town a CD on their Comprehensive plan 2014-2034 which was done by Martenson & Eisele, Inc. This will be on file at the Clerk's office.
- An email from Ernest Winters was read pertaining to the IoH resolution which was passed by the County Board. This follows the gist of Option F, Abides by ACT 377.
- The Highway department sent copies of the 2014 bridge inspections reports. This will be on file in the Clerk's office.

Discussion of Town hall maintenance/needs:

Hendricks pointed out the plaque which came off the old Eureka Bridge. It was cleaned up and custom framed. Eric Hendricks did the work and it is very appreciated by the board. A thank you card was sent to Mr. Hendricks and to the Bill Weiss family for the beautiful Christmas decorations on the pine trees.

Discussion on Town Maintenance – Roads: Hendricks stated that the Town received the 2015 final calculation summary for 2015 general transportation aid in the amount of \$103,229.76. Russ Lee asked if someone could talk to Friends on doing a better job on Eureka Road.

Town & County Zoning – Dan Stokes: Dan Stokes reported on the Zoning Committee meeting which was held on December 29, 2014. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the rewrite of the town ordinances and Dean Kaderabek explained the changes and additions. It was also decided that a nuisance ordinance be written before the rewrite is sent to the County Board. There will be a January meeting planned.

Old Business:

Update on Erdmann property: Hendricks read an email from Attorney Blazel which was sent to Mr. Erdmann. He also sent a letter that was sent to Judge Key pursuant to the scheduling order. Mr. Egan will contact Attorney Blazel, for Attorney Blazel felt there are no known witnesses scheduling concerns. Mr Egan feels this is not correct.

Animal Report: Kathryn Lewis asked Fred Kasten, Zoning administrator to clarify a kennel license. There is a person who had a kennel license. Last year she only had 2 dogs, so she did not apply for a kennel license. This year she has 10 dogs. Kathy asked if the kennel license stays and if it has to be renewed every year. Mr. Kasten said that the kennel license would follow if she has enough dogs for the license. She should be charged \$45. \$75 was sent in to license all the dogs. Kathryn should either send a refund or contact her and have her issue a new check.

Reports of Attended Meetings:

1. End of Year meeting of the Board. The minutes are located on the internet and on the back table.

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Winnebago Co Unit meeting January 8 at 6:30 at the Town of Black Wolf – Fred Kasten stated he would attend.
2. Town Caucus on January 17th at 9:00
3. Zoning Board/Appeals workshop January 29 at the Town of Winchester by UW-Extension – Russ Lee, Jerry Schoonover, Pat Kafer and Dan Stokes are interested in attending this workshop. The information was sent to the Board members and the zoning committee. Registration deadline is January 26th. Hendricks will check with everyone before registration of \$25/person is sent out.
4. Tax Collection at hall on January 31 from 10 – 2:30 – Kathryn Lewis reported that the tax collection on December 27th was busy.
5. 2015 District WTA meeting on Feb 14 at Ripon Royal Ridges

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

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk