

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, July 1, 2015

The Town of Rushford July 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 & 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 this meeting was posted on the Town hall door, the corner of K & E in Eureka, the Waukau Post office and the Towns website. Notices were also sent to Board members and the Zoning Administrator.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the minutes as presented for the June 3, 2015 Town board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of June, 2015 was \$220,203.52. The balance in the tax account was \$117.71 *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 July in the amount of \$18,250.58 from the general account for approval of payment. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay July 2015 bills from the general account as submitted. Motion carried.*

Discussion of Town hall maintenance/needs:

Peggy Hendricks received a bid from Creative Painting for the painting of the wainscoting. Another bid will be coming in on Monday. It was suggested that Jim Wesner should be asked to submit a bid if he was interested. This will be tabled and put on the August agenda. Peggy Hendricks asked if Poygan Pest should be contacted to spray the hall for insects.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: Peggy Hendricks read an email pertaining to the road to the DNR property at Berlin Boat Club and Eureka Lock Road. An email was returned with DNR contacts. There have been numerous complaints on parcel 022 1531 in the village of Eureka for the lawn has not been mowed. A letter was sent to the owner on June 9th and as of June 29th, the lawn was not mowed. It was mentioned that the owner's father was contacted and felt it would be taken care of soon. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to send another letter with to Sean Edinger with a 2 week deadline. If it is not mowed by the deadline, someone will be hired to mow it and it will be added to the tax bill. Motion carried.*

Roads: They are working on Bell School Road; they finished the ditch on Fox Lane. Ernie Winters was sent the culvert aid form for the culvert on River road. They will go out to measure it to see if it qualifies. The mowing for the Town is being done. Tom had them mow back a little farther.

Old Business: Arlo Pit was discussed. He has stated that the pit is no longer in operation. The Conditional Use permit expired on October 5, 2014. Since he is no longer working the pit, a CUP or bond is required. He will deal with East Central WI Regional Planning for the reclamation. Tom reported that he has not received any news from our attorney on the Kasuboski property as of yet. A court date needs to be set. He has moved horses in and has a portable shed for the animals.

New Business:

- A CSM for Robert McClelland, parcel 022 149102 and part of 022 149101 was scheduled for approval. The Owner or Jim Smith from Martenson & Eisele, Inc was not present. The Board would like to talk to someone and they have concerns about the zoning of the property, for according to GIS, the parcel is zoned Commercial, A-2 R-1. It was thought the alley was zoned A-2 which was vacated with the Eureka Plat. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to table this until next month. Motion carried.*
- Blue Belle Farms Subdivision: Derek Koch stated that they have issues with the road. They know that they are responsible. They questioned what they had to do to get a top layer of asphalt and then turn over to the Town for maintenance. They would like this done as soon as possible, for oil prices are low and it would deter further deterioration. Trevor Krueger said that the binder is on, but it is cracking. Years ago, funds were supposed to be put away for a top layer, but they are non-existent at

this time. They are also wondering how to divide the cost between the lots. Kafer recommended that we consult with our attorney on how this would work and what his recommendation would be. The Town might have to take a loan out or have a special meeting to raise the levy. Discussion on payment time will also have to be discussed. Tom Egan will contact the attorney and an estimate will be gotten from Northeast.

- Recycling bins were discussed. It was thought recycling grant monies should be held aside to help pay for the bins when they are required by the Town. Tom Egan stated that at our Annual meeting a few years back, a motion was made that nothing would be done until we were required to do so. It is felt the day will come soon where residents will need garbage/recycling bins in the Town. Last year we had 660 residents who had garbage pickup and our recycling grant averages \$2884/year. Peggy asked what other Towns do. It was said most Towns pay for the bins and then the residents reimburse the Town in 1 year.
- The date for the August meeting will have to be changed due to the Winnebago County Fair. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to change the August board meeting date from August 4th to August 13, 2015. Motion carried.***
- Tom Egan backed up to Roads to discuss the culvert on Fox Lane. The culvert between Carpenters and Retzalffs does nothing and should be removed. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to remove the culvert on Fox Lane. Motion carried.***
- Pat Kafer stated that there have been concerns about all the cars on a River Road property. One rolled into the road. There are MANY cars there and the Zoning Committee should put this on their agenda to discuss.

Animal Report: An animal nuisance citation was sent to Jim Erdmann by certified mail for animals trespassing on neighbor's property. This was returned to the Town. It has been stated that all animals are gone from the property.

Building Report - Thomas Egan:

Kafer Farms, 3323 N County Road K, Omro
Bunker Silo - 70 x 200 - flatwork, 10' 150' precast walls
Built by self
\$35,000 06/03/2015

Laura Wright, 3061 Cty Road K, Omro, WI 229-6449
Remodel Bath and steel roof built by D & S Mechanical, Jacob Troyer - Roofer
14 x 10 bath remodel and whole roof in steel
\$18,000 06/09/2015

County Report - Thomas Egan:

- Tom Egan stated that the State budget is being closely followed, for there may be many cuts to the County Budgets which will filter down to the Towns and Villages. There was a public hearing on the terminal. It is 99% sure that there will be a new terminal built, for it is too large and costly to keep what is there.

Upcoming Meetings:

Winnebago County Unit meeting on July 9th at Menasha Fire Station 40 at 6:30.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve Poygan Pest Control to spray the hall if the estimate is under \$250. Motion carried.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn at 7:55. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk