

Rushford Town Board Minutes  
Wednesday, March 2, 2016

The Town of Rushford March Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Egan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Thomas Egan, Patrick Kafer, Jerry Schoonover, Kathryn Lewis & 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 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 sent to Board members and the Zoning Administrator.

**Clerks Report & Minutes:** *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the minutes as presented for the February 3, 2016 Town board meeting. Motion carried.*

**Treasurers Report** was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of February 2016 was \$33,574.11. The balance in the tax account was \$290,085.20 *Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \$47,606.56 from the general account for approval of payment. *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to pay March 2016 bills from the general account. Motion carried.*

**Public Input:** Kathy Lewis questioned if they purchase a garbage bin from Advance Disposal would they would be required to purchase another one if the Township elects to go with garbage & recycling bins. Tom said if it worked on their trucks, he would not think so. But if it is not compatible, then they would have to. Jim Moore said that he knows a person who wants to put a bid in for the Townships garbage pickup. This individual gives the bins away, he does not charge for them. Pat Schoonover asked if he could be sent the Annual report when it is completed.

**Sheriff's Department Representative:** They reported that there is nothing pressing for the Township. It was asked if there was an update pertaining to the accident on County Hwy E. Hendricks thanked the department for the monthly internet newsletter. Tom asked if they received the new Combat machine. It has not arrived yet. Though the assistance of a Federal grant, a purchase of a Bear Cat was made which the SWAT team utilizes. The one they have is 10-15 years old. It is up for bid. It is possible there will be zero cost with the federal grant and the sale of the old one. Tom Egan asked if there were any new scams in the area. It was mentioned that they get a lot of tax return fraudulent activity. Mr. McDermitt asked if there have been any complaints on door to door salesman. They had one late on a Sunday night. The Deputy said that they have received many complaints about this individual. They did make contact with them and they did verify their employment with Kirby.

**Communications & Correspondence:** Hendricks stated that she received the Annual report from Winnebago Co Land & Water Conservation Department and we also received a CD with the County's Comprehensive Future Land Use Plan. Tom Egan received an email from Danielle Zarling with pictures of what she sees when she looks out her kitchen window. She says the neighbors are using their property and van as a storage place. This is the Fink properties. Jerry Schoonover said that a while ago he was called and they are still having problems with the dogs. *Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer to have our constable go out and talk to the property owner and inform him he has 30 days to get it cleaned up. Motion carried.* Tom Egan read an email from Terry Pernsteiner requesting if he could set up a meeting to discuss bringing natural gas to Eureka. It was suggested that maybe this could be scheduled before the Townships Annual meeting. *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to go ahead and have a meeting at the Town hall concerning bringing Natural gas to Eureka. Motion carried.*

**Discussion of Town hall maintenance/needs:** Pat Kafer repaired the light in the parking lot. Jim Wesner finished the wainscoting and will finish up the bottom. He was wondering if the baseboard should be wood or the rubber baseboard that we previously had. If we decided on wood, they would need about 70' more wood. *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the purchase of the wood to finish up the base. Motion carried.*

**Discussion on Town Maintenance:** Mr. McDermitt asked if it was possible to get a different dead end sign on Mechanic Street. The Town will either have Friends replace it or they will note it on their spring road tour. Jim Moore said the arrow sign on Archery that needs repair. During the day it is good, but at night the reflection is black. It does not reflect.

**Old Business: Closing of roads/alleys in the Village of Waukau** – Hendricks read 2 letters from Attorney Blazel. Tom Egan would like the work done by the attorney to wait until Jim Smith has all the information needed so everything could be done at once. The Board would like Jim Smith to look into Mill Race further. Kafer thought that some of the landowners took care of some of this themselves. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer to have Jim Smith look into Mill Race to see what can be done to clear up title to the area. Motion carried.***

**New Business:** The Annual meeting has to be held after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in April. Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to have the Annual meeting on April 21, 2016. Motion carried. Hendricks asked for suggestions for guest speakers. It was suggested to contact the Fire Department, Friends, the Sheriff Department, Dean Kaderabek, our attorney and Jim Smith if he has any new information on the roads in Waukau.

A letter was received from The Horton Group to see if we would be accepting proposals for insurance coverage. Tom said we are open for proposals. We can send them a copy of our policy with the figures blacked out to compare.

Kenneth & Delaine Rew applied for a variance so they could put a mound system and a possible storage garage 10' off their lot line on parcel #022 1449. According to the Blue Belle Farm Subdivision covenant, they must be 50' per "Addendum A". Since there is not an association at this time, the decision should be from the Board since this supersedes our setbacks. All land owners should be notified and a Special Meeting of the Board will be called on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. The Rew's will have to submit a site plan.

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to appoint Cory Craig to the Appeals Board. Motion carried.***

**County Report:** The mosquito virus is being discussed at the Health meeting.

**Attended Meetings/workshops:**

- There were 123 voters at the Nonpartisan election on February 16.
- Jerry Schoonover reported on the Omro Rushford Omro Joint Fire District meeting.

**Upcoming Meetings/workshops:**

- WTA meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Royal Ridges in Ripon.

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to adjourn at 8:12. Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk