

Rushford Town Board Minutes  
Thursday, August 11, 2016

The Town of Rushford August Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Egan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Thomas Egan, Jerry Schoonover, Kathryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 6 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in. Pat Kafer arrived after roll call.

**Statement of Public Notice:** Notice of this meeting, & the zoning/planning committee meeting was posted on the Town hall door, the corner of K & E in Eureka, & the Waukau Post office. In addition, Notice of public election equipment testing, public hearing for Sonya Bock and application for Class B Wine license were published in the Oshkosh Northwestern. Notices were sent to Board members and the Zoning Administrator.

**Clerks Report & Minutes:** *Motion by Schoonover 2<sup>nd</sup> by Egan, to approve the minutes as presented for the July 6, 2016 Town board meeting. Kathryn Lewis made a correction for the balance of the General account for the month of June. Motion carried.*

**Treasurers Report** was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of July 2016 was \$217,058.69. The balance in the tax account was \$256.45 *Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.* Kathryn Lewis explained the software maintenance agreement with Transcendent Technologies for Ascent Web Receipting for Town taxes with a \$600 annual fee and Pet Licensing software which has a \$150 annual fee. *Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer to approve payment annually to Transcendent Technologies. Motion carried.*

**Payment of invoices:** Peggy Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for August in the amount of \$37,936.50 from the general account for approval of payment. *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to pay August 2016 bills from the general account. Motion carried.*

**Public Input:** Mary Poehlman, 811 Elm, Waupaca, WI requested that the board address the Jon Fredricks property on Liberty Street in Eureka, and have him move the buildings that are in the road way. She has been having problems with this for about 3 years. She is inquiring about the buildings that are beyond his garage and the LP tank. Tom Egan said that the new building and house are permitted in the road right away. Tom has made it clear that it is wrong and action should be taken.

Pat Schoonover, 2575 Hwy 116 Waukau inquired if anyone from the Town had been contacted by Colleen Longworth, a real estate agent pertaining property on sale on 91 & Archery Drive. No one from the board had been contacted. Mr. Schoonover said in the advertisement it states that it is buildable lot though the Town of Rushford. He thinks someone should look into it, for he feels it is false advertisement.

#### **New Business:**

CSM for Ken & Audrey Ruedinger, parcel # 022 0816, 022 0824 & 022 083701: Jim Smith from Martenson & Eisele presented the CSM for this parcel. A couple of months ago this was before the Board for review, but the review from the County was still ongoing. The difference between the previous map and the present one is that they are not including land that butts HWY 116. Because of Mill Race, the County feels that there may be some title that is still held by the people who owned the mill in the 1900's. This CSM is for all the land East of Waukau Creek to Lost Lane. The reason for the survey is because there are multiple tax parcels and the title company was not comfortable insuring the property with the description. The CSM will guarantee title. Discussion: The board was hoping that this would take care of the problem with Mill Race. Jim thinks the mill sold off all the property around the pond and they retained the water rights. The pond and water disappeared because of the dam being closed, etc. There is a statue that talks about land that use to be water – that it goes to the person who owned the shore line before the water disappeared. The County was not comfortable with that. A possibility is to go though the court system.

*Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the CSM for Ken & Audrey Ruedinger, parcel # 022 0816, 022 0824 & 022 083701. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve a Class B (wine only) license to Laurel & Shane Combs – Rushford Meadery & Winery LLC located at 8389 Liberty School Road, Omro, WI. Motion carried.*

***Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer to approve the Resolution for Winnebago Co Planning & Zoning Committee to repeal & recreate the Winnebago Co Shoreland Zoning Code (Chapter 27) of the Winnebago Co General Code. This is a text amendment. Motion carried.***

**Old Business:** Hendricks read communication sent from Mr. Patrick, River Road Berlin pertaining to the vehicles on his property. This was discussed last month and a letter was sent from the clerk. He states that he should have this taken care of by late September.

**Town Zoning report – Tom Jackson:** Tom Jackson reported on the Town Planning Committee meeting which was held on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The committee was read the letter from Mr. Patrick explaining that his time is extremely limited and he planned on working on the problem August – September. The Committee will revisit this later this fall to see what work has been done. There was a public hearing scheduled for Sonya Bock for a Conditional Use Permit for a taxidermy business in Waukau. There was no one present from the applicant and there were unanswered questions from citizens and committee members. This property is in shoreline zoning, so a CUP from the County might be required. Tom Jackson is waiting to hear from them. Tom Egan stated he received a call from the County saying they did not get any permits from the County. More than likely, all this might be under County jurisdiction. This was tabled until the next planning committee meeting in August. Hendricks stated that it will be reposted in the Oshkosh Northwestern. Kafer said that the Town should wait until word is heard from the County. Jackson presented a preliminary CSM for a resident on O'Reilly Road. Discussion also included information on the upcoming CUP for property on 8834 Edgewater Ridge for Malke. Melissa Melke had questions on property lines on their parcel that butts up to Erdmann's. She feels that the lot lines are off by quite a bit. Their horse pasture is on their lot. She wanted to know if this is something that the Town controls. Kafer stated that to correct the property, the resident should get a survey done to find where the property markers are. This will be between the property owners.

Dan Stokes reported that they had a County Farmland preservation meeting. There are 8 Townships that have their own zoning and 8 under County zoning. They are trying to sell Farmland preservation. There is a \$7.50 tax credit on a 15 year plan. They want 1000 to 1200 continuous acres which has to be approved by the Department of Agricultural. If you take the tax credit, you must meet standards that are set. There will no conversion fee if it is removed from the program. There seems to be a lot of confusion on how this will work.

**Communications & Correspondence:** Hendricks received an email that there was a TV dumped on Fairview St. in Eureka. She was wondering who to call to have it picked up. Pat will check into it.

**Discussion of Town hall maintenance/needs:** Tom thought that Patsy Pomplun had mentioned that if the Town got bricks, that she would put them around the hall. No one else remembered her stating that.

**Discussion on Town Maintenance:** The County is done with Blue Belle. When they were doing the road, they accidentally went up on one of the new driveways and on the joint, they broke it apart a little. Tom put them in contact with the correct person to talk to for repair. Kafer said that it looks like they did Morrow. Dan Stokes said they did the corner on Edgewater Ridge. Some of Liberty is done. There is a big hole on the curve in front of Carpenters on Edgewater that someone mentioned to the Clerk on Election day. It was suggested that Friends patch it. Kafer stated patching is required on O'Reilly. He thought there was a culvert there that might need to be replaced. Tom said they should be on River Road this coming week. Hendricks asked how the process of repayment will go for Blue Belle because there are certain steps that need to be done by the Town if money is borrowed. Tom said nothing can be done until we get a bill. Then we will have to let the owners know in case they want to pay their share right away. From there, then the Town will go to the bank. Schoonover said that he got a price from Friends for the stumps that need to be removed on Edgewater. It will be \$70 - \$80. They will dispose and fill in. They will also clean out the ditch. The inmates are coming back in October to finish brushing. They could not finish because of all the poison ivy. Tom suggested that Friends hold off on the stump removal, for there may be more to do.

Hendricks asked if anyone heard from the residents that were sent letters from the Board last month. Tom said that regarding 3020 Florence St in Eureka – Wilcox had gotten a building permit and a letter stating that he is going to start on redoing his garage, new shingles and seal up the holes on the house. Tom reminded him that before he bought the house, the taxes were lowed for the house was to be razed. Nothing was heard from Herbert Tetzke on 3009 Florence St or Shawn Fink on 3051 Florence.

**Building report - Tom Egan:**

Melissa & Cort Lakosh, 9003 Liberty School Road,  
Addition built by TC Ahrens Construction, Winneconne, WI  
29 x 29 garage, 24 x 21 great room, 17 x 24 connection  
\$156,000 7-13-2015

Don Wagoner, 3139 Quarry Drive  
Window & kitchen remodel built self  
\$25,000 7-13-2016

Jay Kallas, 8290 Quarry Drive, Omro, WI  
Fix basement walls, re-touch paint, and replace windows  
Built by self parcel 022 060001  
\$6,000 07-5-2016

Shawn Fink, 3051 Florence St, Eureka WI  
30' x 60' steel roof by self  
\$2400 07/06/2016

Robert Hess & Jana Secord, 8052 Island Dr, Omro, WI 54963  
Addition to garage by Quality First Construction, Princeton  
Parcel # 022 0475-06  
\$30,320 07-15-2016

John & Judy Buttke, 9060 Liberty School Road, Omro, WI 54963  
Head locks with concrete built by Chuck Tanner, Eureka Lock Rd, Omro  
100 x 14  
\$3,000 07-21-2016

**County Report:** Tom reported that the race track is on the agenda at the County. There has been discussion on security. The tunnel in the Courthouse was scheduled to be closed. Some want it left open. Parkview Health Center does not have call buttons for emergencies. They have to use bells. Schoonover asked about the airport. This is continually being discussed.

**Attended Meetings/workshops:**

- Schoonover reported on the WTA Unit meeting held in the Town of Omro. He said that they pay \$7.50/acre, sign up for 15 years and they have to follow the standards for Farmland preservation which was the main discussion. Tom Egan, Tom Jackson, Dan Stokes, and Jerry Schoonover attended this meeting.
- Hendricks reported that 164 voters attended the August election.

**Upcoming Meetings/workshops:**

- Closed Session meeting for Omro, Rushford Fire Department on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30
- Planning/zoning Committee meeting on August 31<sup>st</sup>

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to adjourn at 8:16.. Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk