

The Town of Rushford December 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, Pat Kafer, Kathryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 10 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of the Budget workshop on 11/15 and the Zoning/Planning committee meeting was posted on the Town hall door, the corner of K&E in Eureka, the Waukau Post office and on the Towns website. In addition of posting, the following was published in the Oshkosh Northwestern:

- a. Notice of Public Budget Hearing & Special Town meeting of the Electors
- b. Notice of Spring Election
- c. Notice of Ordinance to be added to the Town of Rushford Codes
- d. The Final resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessments on properties in the Town of Rushford.
- e. Notice of Public hearing for a Conditional Use permit
- f. Notice of hearing to discontinue a number of streets and alleys in Waukau

Notices were 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 November 2, 2016 Town board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of November was \$36,557.89. The balance in the tax account was \$256.45 *Motion Kafer, 2nd by Kafer to Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for December in the amount of \$108,128.93 from the general account for approval of payment. Patsy Pomplun asked why a check was made out to NTD in the amount of \$614.80 in the month of December when they were paid \$479.40 in April. Hendricks said she would double check, for in October the Town upped the speed for the internet. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the approved December 2016 bills from the general account. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Robert Kubiak, 8042 Old E Road, Omro, Wi was present to state that part of the road on Old E and Old Old E is disintegrating. The problem lies with the "E" that runs north and south on his east border and the extension of the road that goes by his neighbor Craig, the old E goes right to his mailbox and continues on to his lot line. Bob bought a map to show the Board exactly where he is referring to. He says he feels it is a forgotten road. He has been there for over 40 years and it has never been plowed, or gravel. He pays taxes like everyone else. He stated this is his 4th appearance before the Board to discuss this problem. He request that the minutes show he was present, that he pointed out the problem and would like to know the resolution of the problem. He also requests that a copy of the minutes be sent to him. He has paid for plowing out of his pocket. One time he stopped a plow driver and asked him why he did not plow this part of the road. The driver stated that he did not know it was a town road. Tom Egan said that they are given a Town map of roads, but most of them do not know about that road and how far it goes down into his property. He stated that it does not go into his property – it goes adjacent to it. Bob asked what if an emergency vehicle needed to get there in the winter if it is not plowed. He would also like gravel put on that road because it is muddy. Tom asked how far that actually goes in. It was thought Old E belongs to the County. No one knows who owns the Old Old E. It is not shown on any of our Town maps. Friends plows Old E. Tom Egan said between the 3 board members, they will get it taken care of. It will be plowed and in spring, some gravel can be put down.

Pat Schoonover said meaning no disrespect to the Friends and he feels they do a good job, but he thinks the Board should tell Friends what work to do instead of just doing what they think should be done. There have been months were just a bill was presented without a breakdown of work that was done. Tom Egan stated that the Board does tell them what to do except they can do whatever patching they feel should be done and they have been itemizing their invoices. Fred Kasten stated that they are on call 24 hours a day and they also do other contracting work, so when you see them on the roads, it does not necessarily mean they are working for the Town.

Communications & Correspondence: Tom said that there have been a lot of questions with the gas lines going though. There have been complaints of the yards being ripped up and not being put back. Winnebago County gave Alliant the permit and it expires on August 31, 2017. The work is for gas distribution main installation in row in Eureka and adjacent areas along CTY RD K & E. The permit says that in the finishing, the drainage will be done according to approved plan and no runoff from construction or grading shall adversely affect other properties. Fred Kasten explained that they started hookups the 1st of November and will finish next spring. All the work will not be completed until next summer.

The Town received a Christmas card from Packer City International Trucks and Ripon Truck. A thank you letter was sent from Omro Area Development Corporation for the allocation of the 2016 per capital funding and asked if they would be considered for 2017.

The Certificate of Liability Insurance from Freund Excavating was received for filing.

Discussion on Town Hall Maintenance: Hendricks said the Weiss family was here decorating the trees and after the meeting, the supervisors should put the flood lights out.

Discussion on Town Maintenance:

One snow removal bid was received from Freund Excavating. The proposal was for 3 years. They mentioned that salt has gone up a bit, but they use a sand-salt mixture. We are the only municipality that they are contracted for. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to accept the bid from Friends with the amounts in the bid for 3 years. Motion carried.***

The Board went though the Construction report and maintenance treatment program for WisDOT certification year and signed the appropriate paper work for WISLR.

New Business:

Discussion on Albrights Bros Stone was on the agenda, for they wanted to asked for extended hours for a limited time to crush gravel, but with the weather change, that request is no longer needed.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to allocate the Towns per capita funding allocation of \$1,770.72 go to the City of Omro. Motion carried.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the budget with the change of 40% increase in the levy. Pat Schoonover asked what the total of the levy would be. Hendricks stated that it would be \$378,630.
Motion carried.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to sign the Winnebago Co Erosion control and Stormwater management application form. Motion carried.

Hendricks stated that she received a public records request from Harvy Wasserman for 64 items from the General election to be sent on paper and CD. She is waiting for guidance for WEC, for almost every clerk received this request. Most Towns charge clerks wages and .25 per sheet (even in electronic form). ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to charge .25/sheet – either paper or electronic and the clerks wages with the amount going into the General fund. Motion carried.***

Town Zoning Report - Tom Jackson: The zoning/planning committee had a public hearing for a CUP for William Schleicher. They also discussed the ordinance relating to special assessment procedures, sizes of accessory buildings, Albright crushing gravel after hours and building permits.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the Conditional use permit for William Schleicher, 7832 CTY Rd K, Omro, WI parcel #022 0579. The maximum number of units onsite will be limited to three. Motion carried.

Building report – Tom Egan:

Tom Jackson, 9393 Liberty School Rd, Omro, WI
Shed – Concrete and metal built by Chuck Tanner & Jay Peichowski
Concrete Slab, 4” walls, concrete pad 28 x 28

Metal & wood addition, 16 x 30
\$17,500 11-09-2016

Lincoln Patrick, 7782 Hwy 21, Omro, WI
New home built by Heritage Quality Construction, LLC
PO Box 509, Omro, WI 54963
2040 sq ft 78' x 42'
Conventional New Home, Poured foundation w/knee wall
Gravel drive, Asphalt, roof, vinyl siding, plaster board walls, 1 ½ stories, vinyl windows and 2 car garage
\$265,000 11-21-2016

Robert Stertz, 8221 Edgewater Ridge, Omro, WI 54963
54' x 81' x 14' Wood & tin Pole building built by Clearly Builders, Greenville, WI
Parcel 022 0261
\$35,000 11-29-2016

County Report by Tom Egan: CB & Oakridge roundabout passed. A roundabout cost between 2 – 3 million dollars. The Aviation Business center was discussed. The cost will be \$5,498,629. Farmland preservation discussions are being heard. Ernest Winters will be leaving January 3rd. He will be greatly missed. He will be ½ retired and also working as a consultant in Milwaukee.

Reports of Attended Meetings:

Fall General Election – November 8, 2016 with 908 voters and recount going on.

Upcoming Meetings/workshops:

Board end of year meeting on December 31 with time to be determined
Collection of taxes at Town hall on Dec 31 from 10 am – 2 pm

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

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk