

Rushford Town Board Minutes  
Wednesday, February 3, 2016

The Town of Rushford February 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: 15 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

**Statement of Public Notice:** Notice of this meeting & notice of the meeting with Martenson & Eisele on January 18th was posted on the Town hall door, the corner of K & E in Eureka, the Waukau Post office and the Towns website. In addition, Voting by Absentee Ballot and Public Testing of Election Equipment was 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 Kafer to approve the minutes as presented for the January 6, 2016 Town board meeting. Motion carried.*

**Treasurers Report** was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of January 2016 was \$86,763.43. The balance in the tax account was \$599,755.63 *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 February in the amount of \$55,916.17 from the general account for approval of payment and \$262.48 from the tax account to pay real estate overpayments. *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to pay February 2016 bills from the general account & to pay what ever settlements in February from the Tax account. Motion carried.*

**Public Input:** Pat Schoonover inquired when he would be able to see the total of the bills for 2015. Hendricks stated that this will be in the annual report. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> month, there is a statement of the budget to date which tells the amount spent to date. He also inquired if the Town of Rushford would be considering passing an ordinance whereas the Town would not take felons/sex offenders from other counties. Tom Egan thought this was a good idea. Patrick Kafer stated he thought that the Town discussed this with the attorney earlier and that this could not be done. Kafer said this should be revisited with our attorney.

**Communications & Correspondence:** Tom Egan read a letter sent Wisconsin Asphalt Pavement Association. They will be having a meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested, contact the clerk for more information. Hendricks read a thank you letter from Green Lake area Animal Shelter for the donation from the Town. Tom said that only Chuck Mier or a Town Board member could take animals from the Town to the Shelter. Hendricks read an email from Peter Ehlert - Winnebago County Sheriff's office stating that a Deputy will attend the meetings as time permits. He also enclosed an article regarding ice safety.

**Discussion of Town hall maintenance/needs:** Jim Wesner will start working on the inside of the hall on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Discussion on Town Maintenance:** Tom Egan discussed the Winnebago Co inmates doing trimming this year. Sergeant Mike VanderLoo oversees this and there is an application to fill out. *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to fill out the application for inmates to do brush trimming in 2016.* Pat Schoonover suggested having them put something on the stumps to dissolve them. Russell Lee stated they did a good job a couple of years ago and they should be given certain areas. *Motion carried.*

**New Business: Closing of roads/alleys in the Village of Waukau** – Tom Egan opened by saying that in case the Town ever did decide to do an assessors plat in Waukau, the first step would be for the Town to close any alleys and roads that should be vacated. There were maps distributed to show residents what the Town wanted to close. The Town would cover this cost. *Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer to start the proceedings to vacate the roads and alleys in the Village of Waukau, and if possible, Mill Race – as drawn up by Martenson & Eisele.* Discussion: The land is given to the touching property owners. The Town will cover the cost of closing the roads/alleys in Waukau. The attorney will see if something can be done with Mill Race, since no one owns that. *Motion carried.*

**Snowmobiles using Town Roads:** Tom Egan stated years ago it was on the books that snowmobiles were able to use Town roads to get access to a trail, but it cannot be found, for it was done a long time ago. He

stated it was never taken off the books. ***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to allow snowmobiles to use Town Roads to get access to a trail. Motion carried.***

**County Report:** \$600,000 was approved to start the building of the airport. The mosquito virus is being discussed at the Health meeting. The County is giving back a piece of 116 to 91. The airport will be torn down, for a new roof will be 1 million dollars, it needs a new boiler, not even half of the building is used and it is starting to deteriorate. The new one will be downsized.

**Attended Meetings/workshops:**

- On January 19<sup>th</sup>, the Board met with Jim Smith from Martenson & Eisele. Minutes are posted and available.
- Dan Stokes reported on the Winnebago Co Comprehensive meeting on January 20. This will go to public hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> and then to the County for approval. The County will be starting the Farmland preservation then.

**Upcoming Meetings/workshops:**

- Election equipment testing on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30
- Election on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Polls are open 7 am to 8 pm
- WTA Winnebago Unit Meeting on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Nekimi Town Hall – guest speaker will be Glenn Grothmann. This meeting was originally scheduled for January.

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to adjourn at 7:40. Motion carried.*** Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk