

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, July 6, 2016

The Town of Rushford June 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, & Peggy Hendricks present. Kathryn Lewis was excused. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 12 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

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, notices of public hearings were published in the Oshkosh Northwestern. Notices were sent to Board members and the Zoning Administrator.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover, to approve the minutes as presented for the June 1, 2016 Town board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Peggy Hendricks. The balance at the end of June 2016 was \$255,141.32. The balance in the tax account was \$256.45 *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer 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 \$40,883.18 from the general account for approval of payment. There was a correction from \$354.40 to \$254.40 payment to Modern Rentals. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay July 2016 bills from the general account. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Larry Timm passed out the Property Sales list for the Town of Rushford from 01/01/2016 to 07/06/2016. 52 properties changed hands but only 5 were valid market sales.

Communications & Correspondence: Tom Egan read an email from the Winnebago Co Highway Commission who requested contact name & phone number for certain incidents in the Town. *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to return the information sheet to the County with Friends Excavating as the contact person for trees, storm damage, sinkholes, culvert failure, potholes, sign damage, road closures, traffic control (crashes, fires, flooding), car/deer kills, garbage, illegal refuse dumping on the Town roads. Motion carried.*

Tom Egan received notice that a septic system on Liberty Street has failed. This will be a County permit for it is in shore land zoning. He also received notice of a addition on a garage on Island Ave. This property is also in County zoning and permits will be from them. He has received correspondence regarding Liberty Street. Jim Smith was to measure the street and point out the markers for the road right away. There are 2 houses for sale on the street. A GIS map shows a house in the road right away, which it has been for years. The garage has a Conditional use permit to have been placed partly in the road right away. There are other buildings in the road right away. There have been questions of trailers also being in the road right away. Kafer stated that you cannot have them tear a house down. He asked if it was a 66' right of way. He thought it was a 33'. Pat suggested talking to Jim Smith and then possibly talking to the attorney. Other properties where this was a problem was straightened out with the Eureka Assessors plat.

Discussion of Town hall maintenance/needs: Jerry Schoonover said the lawn looks nice and someone mowed the area next to the hall. It was thought Gehrke might of. A thank you note should be sent.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: Hendricks said that Eureka Fun days are planned for Sunday, July 24th. Eureka Landings had inquired about blocking some of Liberty Street for this event. Pat thought it might be from the County Park to the bar. Tom said he would have no problem with that as long as an emergency vehicle could get though. No one from Eureka Landings was present to explain exactly what they wanted blocked off. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve Liberty Street closure on July 24 for Eureka Fun Days as long as an emergency vehicle would have access. Motion carried.*

Tom Egan said the County will start the Towns road work around August. The inmates have been cutting and chipping. There is a large stump that should be dug out. Jerry will talk to Friends to see if they can either cut it down or dig it out. This is located on Edgewater Ridge right before Rushford Ave.

Ripon Truck has started ditch mowing. **Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to accept the 2016 Ripon Truck mowing contract with the stipulation that a board member is contacted before a mulching head is used. Motion carried.**

CSM for Bohn Investments Inc: Bruce Bohn was present to explain the CSM's for parcel 022 0601. They would like to take the 21.7 acre parcel on Quarry Drive and create 5 residential lots. **Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve CSM's with tentative numbers of 5704 & 5705 for parcel 022 0601. Motion carried.**

Town Zoning report – Tom Jackson: Tom Jackson reported on the Town Planning Committee meeting which was held on June 29th. Minutes from the meeting are posted on the Towns website. They recommended approval of a Conditional use permit for William Spanbauer and zoning for Bohn Investments. Old business consisted of discussion on Roger Kasuboski property, the cars at 9133 River Road – Edward Patrick, the taxidermy business in Waukau, & the complaint of junk vehicles at the Shawn Fink properties. It was recommended that the board instruct the Clerk to send letters to Edward Patrick and to Shawn Fink. New business discussed was the Liberty Street right of ways, a trailer in the road right of way on Spring Street (this has been moved as of this time), and updating of buoys with the DNR. The committee recommends the Board to instruct the clerk to fill out the DNR permit with the GPS coordinates of the Towns buoys. Miscellaneous items discussed was the Waukau Woods subdivision, Jay Kallas is looking for setbacks needed for a cold storage building and selling of campers at 7832 County Rd K.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer for the clerk to send Edward Patrick, 9133 River Road, a registered letter requesting information on what he will do about his vehicles and suggest applying for a conditional use permit since the location of vehicles create a safety concern. Motion carried.

Tom Egan said he has talked to Shawn Fink. The Town received a complaint of junk appliances and vehicles. The appliances were out for sale and of this time, they are all sold. The constable talked to Mr. Fink a couple months ago, but he never gave him a written warning. Mrs. Fink feels that the vehicles do have the correct license plates on, but they are not registered. She stated that our ordinance reads that they do not need to be registered. Pat Kafer asked what is stated in our zoning ordinances. Tom Jackson read section 3.08.15, which pertains to this. **Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to have the clerk follow up with a written warning letter. Motion carried.**

Tom Jackson said that on County Road K, someone is selling small, manufactured trailers. He was wondering if this person would need a Conditional use permit for this. Tom Jackson will follow up with him for more information. He also said that he received a phone call regarding 4435 O'Reiley Road. The caller said that the Town owned 2 parcels that the driveway goes over. The Board said they do not have any parcels on the road. They might be talking about the road right of way.

Conditional Use permit for William Spanbauer: Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the Conditional use permit for William Spanbauer, parcel # 022 015101, 4409 Eureka Road, Omro, WI, to run a repair business from his shop with the stipulation of hours of 7 am – 5 pm Monday – Friday, 7 am to noon on Saturday and review in one (1) year. Motion carried.

Zoning Change for Bohn Investments, Inc: Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the zoning change for parcel 022 0601 from GA (General Ag) to ER (Small Estate Residential) located on Quarry Drive. Motion carried.

Old Business: Tom Egan said quite awhile ago when Frances Schuster was on the Board, the house on the corner of Wisconsin & South St was condemned. Many years ago the taxes were cut down for it was suppose to be vacated and knocked down. It is still standing and in very bad shape. Bats are flying out of it and varmints are in the building. Tom was told that the owner would like to rent this out. There are a lot of small kids in the area and there is a safety concern. Pat Kafer said the grey house across the street has also been the cause of phone calls. This is another one that has bats flying out and is in poor condition. **Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover for the clerk to send letters to each telling them there are concerns on the condition, rodents, safety of the properties. Motion carried.**

Tom Egan said the glass that was in the road right of way on Liberty Street has been cleaned up and there is fresh gravel on top. It was said that when the dumpster was dumped, the smashed glass went all over. McClelland's stated this was not their doings. Kafer said it was just mentioned it was by or on his property.

New Business: Tom Egan went through the Wisconsin Public Lands Field Archaeological permit for the Town of Rushford. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to sign the permit for the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Society. Motion carried.***

Jeff Jansen from Eureka Landings was present to talk about Eureka Fun Days on July 24th and about the blocking some of Liberty Street for the event. They were thinking of putting the barrels for donated canned goods for the church there. Tom informed him that they could ask for barricades from the County which would be set up free.

Animal Report: Mr. Mier took one dog to the Green Lake Shelter.

Building report – Tom Egan:

Tom Schroeder, 3143 Hwy E, Omro, WI
For 3109 Hwy E, Omro, WI
Deck on back of house built by owner
\$2500 06-12-2016

Kenneth & Delaine Rew, 3008 Florence St, Omro, WI
For 7381 Bluebird Crossing, Omro, WI
New Home & Garage built by Noffe Wood Erections
Wood frame, walkout ranch, 5 car garage, stone & vinyl on front
\$350,000 6-10-2016

County Report: Tom reported on Human services and the race track at the fairgrounds.

Attended Meetings/workshops:

- There was a meeting of the board on June 13th to approve the towns liquor licenses, cigarette licenses and operating licenses.

Upcoming Meetings/workshops:

- Unit WTA meeting at the Town of Omro on July 14th. The meal starts at 6:00 with the meeting at 6:30.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn at 8:20. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk