

The Town of Rushford November 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: 7 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of this meeting, special meeting of the board on Oct.17th, The resolution for the Board to propose exceeding levy limits, the preliminary resolution declaring intent to levy special assessments for Blue belle subdivision, & resolution to set hearing to consider discontinuance of a number of streets and alleys in Waukau was posted on the Town hall door, the corner of K & E in Eureka, the Waukau Post office and the Towns web site. In addition, request for snowplowing, salt and sanding bids, Notice of public hearing on special assessments for public improvements for the Town for Blue Belle & the public test of election equipment were published in the Oshkosh Northwestern. 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 October 5, 2016 Town board meeting. Motion carried.*

Motion by Kafer. 2nd by Schoonover to approve the minutes for October 17, 2016. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of October was \$31,171.06. The balance in the tax account was \$256.45 *Motion Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for November in the amount of \$27,189.24 from the general account for approval of payment. Hendricks did not approve one bill from the Winnebago Highway department which was \$71,195.00 Egan asked if all the bills could be presented at the meeting and they would sign off on them as they did in previous years. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the approved November 2016 bills from the general account. Motion carried.*

New Business:

Attorney John Blazel went though the Ordinance relating to special assessment procedures in the Town of Rushford. This is basically an ordinance that will allow the Town to take payments in installments for any special assessment levied to residents. This will be Chapter 9 in our Town Code. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the Towns ordinance relating to special assessment procedures in the Town of Rushford as Chapter 9 in our Town Code. Motion carried.*

Attorney Blazel went though the Final Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessments against benefitted property in the Town of Rushford. The report which is filed in the clerk's office and sent to every property owner who is being assessed explains the assessment cost, the payment choices, the due date and interest rate. *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the Final Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessments against benefitted property in the Town of Rushford.* Discussion: Trevor Kreuger asked when they are paid in full, will they receive a written letter saying the property owner is no longer liable for the road. The attorney stated once the resident has paid, the responsibility of the road will revert to the Town. *Motion carried.*

Communications & Correspondence: Tom Egan read an email he received from Matt Neitzke pertaining to the McClelland property across from his property. He believes the problem is being over looked. His complaints are an increase in volume and size of equipment being bought and sold, causing more noise and lights. Tom had seen a tractor coming out of the property this evening with no lights which is a dangerous situation. No one on the Board has seen the lights he mentions. Since Shawn Edinger went over there and nothing was accomplished, the Board will have to do something else. Driving on the road without lights should be handled by the police. We do have an ordinance for the noise and lights. There have not been complaints from other residents. The letter states that Mr. Edinger was shown ample documentation, but the Board has not received this and would like to see this. Hendricks will talk to Mr. Edinger to see what documentation he has. She stated that this has been an ongoing problem. Letters have been sent but she has not received any warnings or tickets which might have been issued.

Tom has received complaints that where they are going though with the gas lines, they are not finishing the clean up. There have been complaints that water is running into a basement, mowing cannot be done, etc. Tom explained that the Town has nothing to do with this and they should contact Alliant. Tom asked the Clerk to find the information and contact Neitzkes and Zarling with a phone number they can call. Tom Egan received correspondence from Michels Corporation stating they will be operating their Allen Quarry on STH 21 and blasting will begin on October 27 with crushing after that. They gave a contact name and number if someone would like to be included on a pre-blast notification list.

Discussion on Town Hall Maintenance: Hendricks said she had a complaint that the spikes along the playground are coming up and should be hammered down. Pat Kafer will make sure this is done.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: Tom Egan has not heard back from the inmates who were due to come back to finish the brushing. He will call them to see if they were coming back this fall. The River road looks nice and the County will be putting striping on the road. Ivy Lane does not know if that is completed. Schoonover said a semi tipped over on Delhi road and cracked the road. They are going to check to see if insurance will cover this road repair.

Old Business: Bob Wolff said the culvert is replaced. They got back as far as they could. There still will be water standing there for it is a marsh.

New Business: Jim Smith explained the CSM for Melissa LaKosh. This is combining 3 parcels into 1.
Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the CSM for Melissa LaKosh, 9003 Liberty School Road, Omro, WI, parcel # 022 009002, 022 0090 and 022 009001

Building report - Tom Egan:

Hendricks Family Distillery, 3570 N County Road K, Omro
Addition to distillery - 15' x 30
Work done by self
\$5000 10/20/2016

Jay Kallas, 3290 Quarry Drive, Omro, WI 54963
Pole Building by Grace Valley Builder
40 x 60 Pole shed and concrete
\$40,000 10/20/2016

Randy Caylor, 8666 Banner Hill, Omro, WI 54963
13' x 20' addition with wood, vinyl and steel roof
Built by Self
\$2000 10/20/2016

County Report by Tom Egan: The County Budget is done. The total tax rate of \$5.59 is down 3 cents from 2015. The biggest increase on the levy is for wages & labor. The wages will increase 2.1%, fringe benefits will increase 10.6% for 2016. For more detail, contact Tom Egan or look online.

Upcoming Meetings/workshops:

- a. Election equipment testing on November 3rd at 2:00
- b. Fall General election – November 8, 2016
- c. Budget workshop – date to be determined
- d. Planning/Zoning meeting on November 30, 2016
 - i. Public hearing for Conditional Use permit for William Schleicher
- e. Public Hearing for Discontinuance of roads & alleys in Waukau – December 7, 2016 at 6:30
- f. Notice of Public Budget Hearing following Public Hearing for Discontinuance of roads on December 7, 2016
- g. Notice of Special Town Meeting of Electors following Public Budget hearing on December 7, 2016

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn at 7:45. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk