

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Thursday, August 17, 2017

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, 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 this meeting & notice of meeting change date was posted on the Town hall door, the corner of K&E in Eureka, the Waukau Post office and the Towns website.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer, to approve the minutes as presented for the July 5th meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of July was \$126,929.73. The balance in the tax account was \$1,518.02 *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for August in the amount of \$18,913.31 from the general account for approval of payment. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the approved August 2017 bills. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Terry Wagoner stated talked to Tom Jackson and wanted to bring attention to the Board that Tom Schrader is putting things on the property line and she would like it moved. It was said that he was going to build something there, but she did not know how he could. Wagoner's had put up a temporary snow fence so he would know where the property line was. Tom Egan said he was over to look at it. He thought it was 2-3' off the lot line. It is a canvas type storage building and it is almost on the lot line. Tom Jackson went to talk to Mr. Schrader and he said he has plans and a diagram to put up a permanent structure. He wanted to use this as a temporary storage for materials while it is under construction. Mr. Jackson said if it blows down or for any other reason, it cannot go back up. He agreed he could use it for now to put material in for a short time and he would have to show Tom Jackson the map by the first part of September or it will have to be moved.

Jim Moore said between Marv Litten and his home, there is a 35 mph sign that is blocked by tree limbs. Jim Moore was given permission from the Town to trim the tree.

Ken Basil stated that the letter the Town sent regarding the trailer parked on his property was good for the zoning as of October 22, 2015. The trailer was there prior to that date, so the new zoning ordinances should not pertain to this. The old zoning did not have any restrictions on this. He would like a letter stating this. Tom Jackson will check into this and this will be on the agenda for next month.

Pat Schoonover asked what the excavating was for on Hwy 116. Tom Egan said there is a home going up there. He was wondering if he should be digging so close to the cat tails. The County gave him the permits. Tom Jackson received a call that a stop sign on the corner of Rushford & Liberty School road is covered with brush.

Communication & Correspondence: Hendricks received a letter from a company who would like to enhance the Towns website. Hendricks asked if anyone was dissatisfied with the website, for she does it herself. There have been no complaints. It was asked how secure the website is. Hendricks said they are as secure as the server. GoDaddy host the site and the server and is secure. Kathryn Lewis said she was asked by the bank how secure our internet was. Hendricks does not have a password on it so residents who use the hall can use the wi-fi. If it is decided a password should be used to lock the internet, they it will have to be done. Tom Egan gave Hendricks the census communication he received for her to fill out.

Old Business: Hendricks reported the updates on the letters she sent out. The letter & fine to Anna Kinslow residence was never picked up and is in the process of being returned, Kenneth Basil received his on August 10th and is at the meeting tonight, and Edward Patrick picked his letter up on July 31st. Tom Egan said that Kinslow's are in the process of moving and still cleaning things up. Tom Egan said the Town Constable could deliver the fine. Tom Egan went down the River Road and all the cars are still there. Tom Egan would like this discussed at the zoning meeting this month and to have it on the agenda for September.

New Business:

CSM for Patrick & Connie Schoonover, 2575 State Road 116, Omro, WI for parcels: #022 1034, #022 1032 and # 022 1039

Pat Schoonover said he would like to split the parcel into 2 separate ones. The lot with the buildings would be .53 acres and a separate lot of 2.83 acres. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the CSM for parcels #022 1034, #022 1032 and # 022 1039. Motion carried.***

CSM for Dan Kallas, for 8042 Old E Road, Omro, WI, Parcel # 0220437, 022 0454

Jim Smith explained that Dan would like to sell the home that is on the existing property & has 2 tax parcels. One is 165' wide going the length of the property. They took the southern existing parcel into 2 and sharing the frontage with lot 1 and lot 2 on the CSM. That way each lot has 82.5' of frontage on the CTY HWY E. Our zoning requires 150' frontage. He only had 165' to work with. It was discussed that there is a little piece of land that the County abandoned which belongs to the Town. But no map shows this. The Town could give this to Dan and he would have the frontage. Tom Egan said there were HWY E and Old County HWY E and Old Old E. The question comes in on who owns it and where it is shown. Jim Smith said there was nothing recorded as such. He feels the County owns it, but the Town of Rushford is getting the mileage for Transportation aid. Jim Smith looked in our ordinances and it does not state road frontage. It states lot width. Tom Jackson, Jim Smith and Dan Kallas will meet to discuss this and it will be put on the zoning agenda and the Town agenda. The attorney will also be contacted.

County Zoning Report – Dan Stokes

A meeting was scheduled for August 4th, but it is postponed until August 29th.

Discussion on Town hall maintenance/needs: Hendricks said in July the septic pump went out during a hall rental. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to reimburse the hall rental fee for the inconvenience. Motion carried.***

Ron Gehrke did yard work around the hall and playground and did mowing. It looks very nice. The Board would like a thank you card sent. The weeds around the flag pole have to be sprayed.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: A lot of the road work has not been started yet. Friends did do Quincy and patching. A meeting will be scheduled for next week to determine the maximum amount of money that can be spent on Edgewater. The bid was \$265,000. It was thought we should do a 1/3 to 1/2 and do it right and finish next year. Pat Kafer said up on Liberty, the edges are being torn up by manure haulers. There is also concern on Rushford. A road meeting will tentatively be planned for Monday at 9:30 am. The actual time will be posted.

Building Permits – Tom Egan:

Suen Erickson, 8249 Edgewater Ridge, Omro, WI
Detached Garage – 30x48 with stick frame, asphalt shingles & vinyl siding
Built by Schroeder Carpentry Inc, Greenville, WI
\$60,000 07-06-2017

Steven & Carol Eake, 6290 Woodenshoe Rd, Neenah
For 3602 Bell Line Road, Omro
30x30 garage on concrete slab, steel roofing and siding built by Case Construction, Oshkosh
\$21,000 07/05/2017

Lawrence Schuster, 4845 O'Reilly Road, Omro
12x16 wood construction addition to dining room area built by Mike Bernier, Oshkosh
\$29,675 07-17-2017

Ron Gehrke, 9016 Bell School Road, Omro, WI
14x16 wood deck built by self
\$3000 07-11-2017

County Report by Tom Egan: \$35,000 more was spent at facilities parking lot. Each Township has to have a State Building Inspector for their township. This will be on the agenda for September.

Reports on Attended meetings:

Winnebago County Unit meeting on July 13th at Town of Utica – Tom Egan reported that election of officers was held. Aphids and bugs in trees were discussed.

Upcoming Meetings/workshops:

- Public Hearing for proposed action plan by Winnebago County Comprehensive Plan Ordinance on Tuesday, August 29th at 6:30
- 2017 WTA Fall Town Workshop at Ripon on Thursday, September 14 at 8:00
- Public hearing for Conditional use permit at the Rushford Town hall on August 30th at 7:00

***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonver to adjourn. Motion carried.
Books were audited.***

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk