

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, July 5, 2017

The Town of Rushford July 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, the meeting held earlier this evening and the June 14th meeting was posted on the Town hall door, the corner of K&E in Eureka, the Waukau Post office and the Towns website. In addition, notice of public hearing for a conditional use permit was posted in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer, to approve the minutes as presented for the June 7th and the June 14th meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of June was \$151,476.55. The balance in the tax account was \$1,517.90 *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Discussion with Sheriff's Department representative: Deputy Huburt was present to answer questions and concerns. There were questions about a supposedly abandoned car & speeders on Archery Drive.

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for July in the amount of \$48,898.72 from the general account for approval of payment. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the approved July 2017 bills. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Patsy Pomplun asked about zoning where there are vehicles on Cty Rd E. It was determined the property was zoned Commercial.

Communication & Correspondence: Hendricks received Continuing Bond Certificates for Zillges Materials. A letter was received from Winnebago County Circuit Court informing the Town that a sexually violent person is appropriate for supervised release. He is a resident of Winnebago County and he will be placed in this county. A letter was received from the DNR pertaining to a complaint of yard residual compostable material at 8734 County Road K, Town of Rushford. The letter explained that they are in accordance with code requirements and it is an allowed activity. Hendricks read a letter the Town received pertaining to the letter that was sent to Blue Belle residents in April regarding lot maintenance.

Old Business: Grass/weed cutting at Blue Belle Subdivision:
Tom Egan read an email from Attorney Blazel explaining the Towns authority to cut noxious weeds if the property owners do not.

New Business:
Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Egan to appoint Jerry Schoonover as the Board representative (2 year term) for the Zoning/Planning Committee. Motion carried.

Winnebago County Fair starts when our August meeting is scheduled. The August meeting will be rescheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 7:00.

Town Zoning Report - Tom Jackson

A zoning meeting was held on June 28, 2017. They had a public hearing for Steven & Carol Eake. There was discussion on the vehicles at 9133 River Road, Berlin, WI, a semi truck trailer complaint on Quarry Road, a mobile home complaint on Quarry Road, business hours for Blue Sky Nursery, a possible business being run out of a property at 8734 Cty Rd K and a suggested annual ordinance review in October or November. A resident from Blue Belle Subdivision asked for an extension for mowing until his tractor/mower is repaired.

Action on Zoning Committee recommendations:

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve a Conditional Use permit for Steven & Carol Eake, parcel #022 0368-01, located at 3602 Bell Line Road, Omro to build a 30 x 30 garage with a 6' overhang on the parcel.

Discussion: Tom asked if the motion was made because the land is agriculture or setting a precedent. Kafer said it was because the property is zoned agricultural.

Motion carried.

Tom Egan talked to Dean Kaderabek and he stated that he would help update the ordinances. This will just be "tweaking", not a rewrite. This will be open to the public.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to have the clerk send a registered letter to Edward Patrick, 9133 River Road, Berlin, informing him he has 30 days to move his vehicles. This is mainly a safety concern, for his driveway is on a blind curve and an emergency vehicle cannot get into his driveway. Moving the cars to the back of the property, putting them in a shed or in a fenced in area would be acceptable. If nothing is done, fines will start 30 days after the letter is accepted. Motion carried.

Tom discussed the semi trailer on Quarry Road. The landowner was present at the zoning meeting. It was mentioned that there were many semi-trailers in the area and a list was made. Tom Egan has not received this list at this time. If a list is given to Tom, a follow up will be done. Tom only knows of one but that one has a conditional use permit for the trailer. Farmers and Quarries are exempt from the ordinance stating semi-trailers cannot be used for storage. Kafer said that Mr. Jackson talked to Attorney Blazel and the trailer on Quarry Drive is not allowed, for it is considered an unregistered, unlicensed vehicle that has been there for over 30 days. It was asked if there is any intention of moving the trailer. That was not answered at the zoning committee.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to have the clerk send a letter informing the property owner he is in violation of the Towns Ordinance. If it is not removed within 60 days, fines will be imposed.

Discussion: Pat Schoonover asked Tom Jackson if the fire department keeps track of any chemicals on properties in the Town. Dan Stokes stated it all depends how much you have and what you have. Reports have to be turned in annually. Kafer stated every County is different. In Juneu County, they need to file drawings of the location, ingredients, etc This is Emergency management.

Motion carried.

County Report – Dan Stokes:

A County Farmland preservation meeting was planned for June 8th. He was unable to attend. Another meeting is planned for July.

Discussion on Town hall maintenance/needs: Hendricks was asked if the Board would consider residents who have to serve Community Service to do work at the hall to fulfill some of their hours. If this was approved, the Clerk would be here while they are working. Suggestions were cleaning the floor, washing windows, staining the playground. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover that the Town allow case by case basis to allow Community Service work at the hall. Motion carried.***

Discussion on Town Maintenance: Tom Egan reported that the Board met an hour before the meeting tonight to go over the road work for 2017. The roads that are planned for work this year are: Edgewater ridge, River road, Ivy Lane, Mill Run, Old Mill, Meadow Ridge Drive, Liberty School, Morrow and Delhi Road, Quincy and the hall parking lot. Friends and the County will be working on the roads.

Culvert aid was applied for 2018.

Animal Report: Chuck Mier took two kittens to the Green Lake shelter. It was suggested to call Poygan Town Clerk to see if they know of someone who would take kittens.

Assessors Report – Larry Timm: Larry wanted to add that there would not be a charge to the Town for taking all the photos of the Towns homes and buildings.

Building Permits - Tom Egan:

Gerald Rogers, 4417 Spring Road, Omro, WI
Steel roof built by Golke Roofing, Weyauwega
\$10,600 06/16/2017

Shale Mgt, 8389 Liberty School Road, Omro, WI
Bar in winery, electrical & plumbing
\$5,000 06/16/2017

County Report by Tom Egan: Tom Egan has gotten a complaint that there are roosters crowing in Eureka. The County voted down having a stage on the race track. The Highway Department approved the ATV route on the County Roads requested.

Upcoming Meetings/workshops:

- Winnebago County Unit meeting on July 13th at 6:30 at the Town of Utica. Guest speaker will be Matt Wood, DNR with an update on invasive pets in Winnebago County.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonver to adjourn at 8:10. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk