

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, November 1, 2017

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: 5 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of the November Monthly board meeting was posted at 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 from the October 4, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of October was \$217,213.25. The balance in the tax account was \$1,518.39 *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.* Tom Egan said that something should be sent to the people with outstanding checks so they will be out of the account by the end of September.

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for November in the amount of \$129,789.19 from the general account for approval of payment. *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to pay the November 2017 bills with the estimation of Advance Disposal bill since it was not received yet. Motion carried.*

Clerks report: Hendricks reported that she had started the budget for 2018. Last year the Town electors had voted to raise the levy for road work. According to the DOR, it has changed where once a levy increase is approved by electors; the increase becomes a permanent part of the levy. She was wondering how she should figure out the budget – with the increase or without it. Tom Egan stated that he thinks we should go back to our original levy because last year it was understood that if we got the money, it would be used for the roads and only for one year. Then if we need to come back to it, we would. Schoonover asked if the levy stayed, if the money could be ear marked for roads. It was asked if we could put the levy down and have a public hearing to increase the levy. Hendricks said she would have to call the DOR, but the way she understood it, the levy is automatically increased and if the Town wanted to lower it, that would be reflected on the Statement of Taxes when she fills that out – showing a lower levy amount then the allowable levy per the levy limit worksheet. Tom Egan thinks a special meeting should be held as soon as possible to hear what the electors have to say. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to have a special meeting for discussion on this as soon as possible. Motion carried.* Notices would have to be posted and should also be in the newspaper. Tentative dates are Thursday or Friday – November 9th or 10th at 6:00. It was decided November 10th at 6:00 the meeting will be scheduled.

Tom moved to Poygan-Rushford ATV/UTV routes under New Business. Ward Schmidt from the Town of Poygan said that they would like to connect a proposed route to our existing route. They are trying to junction by Rushford, ½ mile of Eureka Road and ½ mile of Liberty School Road to hook up to the route on Spring Road. Brandon Bonfiglio explained the proposed route to the Board. Kafer said that the Board has discussed on putting a 4 way stop on Liberty and Eureka Road. This should be done before ATV/UTV start using the routes. That is something that the Town of Rushford will have to have done. The Town of Poygan has not approved the routes yet, but they did want to see if the Town would hook up to their proposed routes before proposing to the Town on the 15th of this month. *Motion by Kafer to extend Liberty to Eureka Road, heading North into Poygan providing the Town of Poygan passes the ATV/UTV routes. Then the Town will address the safety concerns on Liberty School intersection. 2nd by Schoonover. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Pat Schoonover said there was a question on Blue Belle covenants at an earlier meeting pertaining if the Town had control or the association. Tom Egan said that our attorney said that Blue Belle should have their own association that the Town can enforce what the State Statues covers, such as noxious weeds, but they do not have any other control. Mr. Schoonover asked about the other companies who put in a bid for snow plowing. He asked if Freunds had put out a bid. Tom Egan stated that the Board approved Freunds bid for contract last year which would last for 3 years. Mr. Schoonover then asked about the County's road maintenance contract that was sent to us. He was wondering if prices were included in the County's and Freunds bids. The answer was no. Tom Egan said we were the only Township who did not turn in the agreement.

Ann Paulsen presented pictures pertaining the drifting from the nursery. She had contacted a company to come out and take tests. She went through the tests and said she would make a copy for Tom Egan. Tom asked if the person who came out said that the fungi was coming from the nursery and Ann said, yes he stated that it was coming from the nursery. Tom asked would he state that in court and Ann did not know. Egan said that is what the attorney said – that you would need a person to testify exactly where the source came from.

Communication & Correspondence: Tom Egan went through the letter pertaining to the 2018 – 2019 LRIP process and applications. The application has to be in by November 10th. Hendricks stated that the Board should meet to complete the application. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to meet to complete the LRIP application on November 8, 2017 at 7 pm. Motion carried.***

Hendricks received the approved schedule of 2018 County zoning events.

Tom Egan asked Mr. Schoonover if the County had his CSM taken care of. Mr. Schoonover said yes he did.

Hendricks read an email she received from Mr. Loos pertaining to a loose horse in his yard.

New Business: ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to accept and sign the 2018 assessors contract from Larry Timm. There is an increase for there is an additional .35/commercial parcel in the assessment software. Motion carried.***

Mr. Timm went through the sales in the Town for 2017 and a breakdown of taxes per land assessment classification. The Town is in complete compliance with the land assessments.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: The Attorney had asked if the Town has a town road construction ordinance. Kafer said that in Bohns subdivision – there are cat tails in the ditch and the culvert across the street is filling in. Friends should take a look at it and clear the ditch out so the flow is there. Benji Hughs is up stream. Tom Egan said also in Delhi there are concerns with a culvert filling in. Pat Schoonover said on Old Mill Run, when you come off 116, there is a hole that should be looked at.

Building Permits:

Allan Schackow, 8787 Ann St, Omro, WI
12 x 16 porch and vinyl siding built by self
\$5,000 10/17

John Putzer, 5125 David Drive, Oshkosh 54904
For 2679 Lost Lane, Omro, WI 54963
24 x 36 addition, wood construction, vinyl siding, drywall, new foundation, full basement, asphalt shingles and new windows
\$90,000 10/20/2017

County Report: The County has started working on the budget.

Upcoming Meetings/workshops:

- Road certification – The County said that they will take care of this.
- Tentative December 7th Public hearing for proposed 2018 Budget with special Town meeting of electors to approve 2018 levy. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to have the Budget hearing and special meeting of electors on December 7, 2017 at 6:00. Motion carried.***

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn at 8:05. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk