

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, February 1, 2017

The Town of Rushford February 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.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of this meeting was posted on the town hall door, the corner of K & E in Eureka, the Waukau post office and the Towns web site.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer, to approve the minutes as presented for the January 4, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of January was \$61,192.44. The balance in the tax account was \$944,089.32 *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for February in the amount of \$76,649.46 from the general account and \$1,794.91 in the tax account for approval of payment. *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to pay the approved February 2017 bills from the general account and the real estate overpayment and the tax settlement from the tax account. Motion carried.* Discussion: Pat Schoonover questioned the charge from Freunds to load salt to their trucks. He stated it was not in the estimate that we received. Tom Egan will inquire on the charge.

Public Input: Pat Schoonover said he is considering having some property surveyed and was wondering if the Town does an assessors plat in Waukau, if he would have to pay to have his property re-surveyed. Tom said that the assessors plat in Eureka turned out well even though in the beginning, many did not want it done. The Board said there is no way of knowing if his property would have to be resurveyed if an assessors plat was done, for it would all depend on neighboring borders.

Communications & Correspondence: Tom Egan went over a notice of violation from Winnebago County Planning & Zoning that was sent to a couple of residents in the Township. Tom received information from the Census Department on upcoming paperwork that the Town will need to fill out. The Clerk will take care of it.

Discussion on Town Maintenance:

Tom Egan went over the recently completed 2016 bridge inspections reports that were done in the Town. This fall the inmates were to come back to finish up the brushing along the Town roads. Tom Egan explained they did not come back, for they had come down with extreme poison ivy. The Board got quite a few calls from the ice storm.

Old Business: The discussion on vacating roads and alleys in Waukau was tabled until this month, for Jim Smith need additional information from the DNR. John Blazel and Jim Smith have not been able to meet with the DNR as yet, so this will be tabled until the March meeting. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to table this discussion until the March 1, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.* Ellen Barth from the DNR was present. She did not have any information, but was attending to see if there was any information she could bring back. The question is Commercial Street goes to the creek. Ellen lives in Omro and was asked to come and report back. She does not have any responsibility or input in this situation. Tom Egan will contact the attorney and Jim Smith.

Animal Report: Chuck Mier took a dog home and two abandoned kittens to the shelter.

Building Reports - Tom Egan:

Barb Sorenson, 8096 Channel Lane, Omro, WI
Kitchen, Living room & laundry room remodel
Done by Peak to Plate Builders LLC, 463 N. Washburn St, Oshkosh, WI, Diersen Electric & Quandt Plumbing
\$27,157.82 January 20, 2017

County Report by Tom Egan: The County is still working on the airport.

Attended Meetings/workshops:

- Jerry Schoonover reported on the Winnebago County Unit of Wisconsin meeting at the Town of Poygan on January 5th. Representative Schraa was present to talk about road funding and broadband.
- Town Caucus was held on January 14th. The present board members were nominated. Minutes from the meeting are on the Towns website.

Upcoming Meetings/workshops:

- Hendricks has a Meeting with Horicon Group for Insurance quote – February 3 at 11:00
- Election equipment testing February 15 at 2:00
- Spring Nonpartisan Office election – February 21
- WTA District Meeting March 4 at Royal Ridges – Tom Egan & Jerry Schoonover will be attending.

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

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk