

The Town of Rushford April Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Egan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Thomas Egan, Pat Kafer, Jerry Schoonover, Kathryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 8 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of this meeting and the road tour 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 election equipment testing was posted in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Kafer 2nd by Schoonover, to approve the minutes from the March 7th meeting with the exception to look up correct owner of the barn falling down in Waukau..*

Discussion: Jerry Schoonover thought that the old barn in Waukau where a letter was to go to last month was not owned by Fredrick VanHandel. He thought it was owned by Curt Carlson. Egan told the clerk to check out the correct owner.

Motion carried 2 - 0.

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of March was \$341,961.58. The balance in the tax account was \$1,641.53. *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 April in the amount of \$17,740.29. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the invoices for the month of April.*

Public Input: Mr. Roy Schmitt from the Town of Poygan, presented a map of the Town of Poygan's ATV/UTV route along with their rules. He was at the last meeting where he discussed their Town's ordinance and the 4 way stop at Eureka Road and Liberty School Road. The Town of Poygan feels it would be much safer if there was a 4-way stop there. The local people in the area feel it would be a good idea to have a 4-way stop for a safety measure at that location. Tom Egan said this was talked about at the road tour this past year and also a couple of years ago at a board meeting.

Pat Schoonover asked how long recorded minutes are kept. Hendricks stated she has them back from 2009. He asked how long the receipts are kept. Hendricks stated that by state statutes, certain receipts can be destroyed after a certain amount of time, but she has not destroyed any receipts since 2009. Hendricks also mentioned she would like to ask the board for a purchase of an external hard drive, for on the laptop she replaced, there are over 119 gigabytes of minutes which she does not want to transfer over to the new computer. She would like this for storage.

Communication & Correspondence:

- Hendricks received the 2007 Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department annual report. This is on the website if anyone would like to view or print a copy.
- Hendricks read a letter from Wisconsin Department of Safety & Professional Services commending the Omro Rushford fire department on the compliance with the State of WI SPS. 314 Fire prevention code and the 2% fire dues audit they conducted.
- Hendricks received a brochure that there will be an Agriculture & Household hazardous material sweep held at the Fire Department on April 20 from 9 - 11 am
- Tom Egan said that the Omro Band is raising money to go to Hawaii and will be taking in appliances.
- Hendricks read an email from Alisha Daniels in regards of the placement of Delhi area slow-no-wake buoys. They have been moving west. Tom Egan suggested contacting Steve Allen to see if he places the buoys in Delhi or find out who can correct the coordinates.
- The Carter Memorial Library in Omro is having an open house on Saturday, April 14 from 10 - 12:30. They also have a survey they would like residents to fill out and drop off at the library before April 20th. These are in the rack in the front of the hall.
- Tom Egan read a letter from Winnebago County Zoning Department pertaining to Farmland preservation. The Town of Rushford is not in Farmland preservation, but if they decided to do this, they must submit maps and a plan to the County Board for adoption and then submit to DATCP for certification.
- Tom Egan read a letter from the US Extension pertaining to nondiscrimination. There is an enclosed form for the Town to fill out and return.

- Tom Egan received a letter from Michels pertaining to Allen Quarry operations. They will be operating out of the quarry on STH 21 and begin blasting on March 29th with crushing following. They will be crushing for about 2 months. IF anyone would like to be included on a pre-blast notification list, they can contact Kristen Waas at 920-948-1903.

Old Business:

Tom Egan went down to road maintenance. The Board rode with the County to look at the Town roads, but no one has received any recommendations or prices yet. The 4-way stop sign was talked about and it was the feeling of the board that one should be on the corner of Liberty School Road and Eureka Road. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer that the Town of Rushford place a 4-way stop signs at Liberty School road and Eureka Road.*** Discussion: It was asked if there has been any accidents out there. Tom Egan knows of one which was almost fatal. Kathryn Lewis asked if a sign will go up warning people that a stop sign is coming up. Tom Egan said flags and a "Stop ahead" sign will be put up. Mr. Schmitt said the club could put up caution ahead signs and mark the routes on Eureka Road and Liberty. ***Motion carried.***

3080 Union Street, Eureka discussion: Hendricks sent a letter and the resident was supposed to contact someone from the board before tonight's meeting. The resident did not, so Tom Egan recommended to have the Attorney send him a letter and if nothing is done, to start with fines. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to have the attorney send a letter to the resident of 3080 Union Street in Eureka with his recommendations, such as fines or court date. Motion carried.***

2655 STH 116, Waukau discussion: Tom Egan said the letter should be sent to the correct property owner. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to resend the letter. If no contact is made in 30 days, to have the Attorney send a letter with his recommendations, such as fines or court date. Motion carried.***

Hendricks gave an update on violent predators. The Wisconsin Towns association sent out a letter asking Towns to contact Governor Walker asking him to sign bills pertaining to this. The vote was taken the next day and Governor Walker did sign the bills which prohibits judges from relocating sexually violent persons to counties where they did not originally reside. Tom Egan also contacted Schraa and Fein along with the Governor.

New Business: Jim Smith explained a CSM for Roger Bongert on CTH K, east of Lost Lane. They would like to spilt the parcel so they can put a home on a smaller lot. The Lot would be 1.68 acres, which was a former homestead lot, leaving 36.222 acres. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the preliminary CSM for Roger Bongert, parcel #022 0891. Motion carried.***

Attorney Blazel had sent a letter saying there is a title issue has come to light in connection with the vacation of Center Street lying to the south of South Street. A map was sent to help describe the situation. This problem was not created by the town and the street vacation did not create the problem. The problem was related years ago when a legal description was prepared that did not describe the area. There is an area of land that does not have its own tax parcel due to the title problem. The county is going to create a new tax parcel for the area and is going to attach the east half of the vacated street to the parcel. As a result, the owners of the land lying to the east will not be getting half of Center Street. Tom Egan thought that the Attorney could explain it better than the Town and he should follow up with the resident. Larry Timm said that he discussed this with the property lister and the best to do would be to create another tax parcel and eventually it will become taxable and someone could acquire the parcel. The Board feels if it goes to the County, they won't do anything to it, for it is too small for any use and it will just grow up into brush. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer if it is not going to cost a lot of money, to have him do what he thinks is right or if it should go back to the County. Motion carried.***

Discussion on Town maintenance: The Town went on a road tour. Kafer said there are more road issues than what the Town has money for. Schoonover said it did not seem to be as many pot holes as usual. The board will have to wait for the report before considering the work to be done this year.

Town Assessors Report – Larry Timm: Mr. Timm has been looking at new construction. He asked about the property on Eureka Lock Road. 3 of the lots are owned by an LLC and the letter came back undeliverable. He was wondering if the Town knew how to contact them.

Dates were set for Open Book and Board of Review. Open Book will be held on May 4th from 3 – 6 pm
Board of Review will be held on May 17th from 5 – 7 pm

Mr. Timm said there are some changes on assessing cell towers. If the Tower is owned by the Tower company, the town assesses the site. If a cell phone company owns it, it is assessed by the State. This is based on construction cost.

Animal Report: Tom Egan asked if we paid the Oshkosh Humane Society for the cats. Hendricks said she did not. Schoonover said that he told the person who took the cats in that if she did, she would have to pay for it. He never talked to anyone from the humane society.

County Zoning – Dan Stokes: There will be a meeting for Farmland preservation on April 5th,

Building permits – Tom Egan:

Phillip & Ginger Horejs, 387 N Westhaven, Dr, Apt H103, Oshkosh, WI 54904
For 2945 State Road 116, Omro, WI 54963
New residence built by and George Jacobs, 3596 Stearns Drive, Oshkosh
Parcel 022 05570101
\$259,005 04/02/2018

County Report: With the election yesterday, there are 5-6 new County Board members. They will not be meeting for 2 weeks and then they will be sworn in. There is a new highway commissioner. Right now, there are 5 foremen. He wanted to eliminate the 5 foreman and get 4 new supervisors. Out of the 5, 3 would be hired but they would have to apply. The way it was proposed – from the first of April until budget time, it would of cost over \$200,000. They agreed to give him one new supervisor and the 5 foreman stay the same. There are 36 County Board members.

Report of Attended Meetings/workshops:

- Spring Election was 4/3 and there were 263 voters

Upcoming Meetings/workshops:

- WTA Unit meeting on April 5th in the Town of Winneconne at 6:30 – Dan, Tom and Jerry will be attending.
- Meetings on Farmland preservation livestock facility siting on April 17th at the Coughlin Center
- Annual meeting on April 19, 2018 at 7:00
 - Hendricks said she sent invites out to the Sheriff Office, Attorney Blazel, Larry Timm, Freund Excavating and the Fire Department
- Zoning hearing on April 25, 2018 at 7:00

Tom Egan asked if the Clerk would look up to see who is up for the Zoning Committee. Kafer said that there have been concerns with the speed limit in Eureka. It is at 25 mph for quite a ways. The County changed this quite a while ago without the Board being notified. Egan said this was done when Martys was working on the snow plow and they had wanted it changed. Waukau is a larger village and the speed limit there is 35 mph. He would like to have this discussed and put on the May agenda.

Jerry Schoonover said he got a call from a resident in a new development pertaining to purchasing a garbage can from someone from Algoma.

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

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk