

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, June 6, 2018

The Town of Rushford May 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: 6 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

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 website. In addition, notice of application of liquor license was posted in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Schoonover 2nd by Kafer, to approve the minutes from the May 2nd board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of May was \$325,734.80. The balance in the tax account was \$1,641.79. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report.* Discussion: Tom Egan inquired about the outstanding checks. He would like the treasurer to drop them a note to remind them to cash their checks. *Motion carried.*

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for June in the approximate amount of \$45,306.47. The bill from L&L was not received yet, so an approximate amount was listed. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the invoices for the month of June.* Discussion: Pat Schoonover asked what Friends did for the month of May. The clerk said she would give him a copy of the bill. Pat Schoonover asked what the \$60 was for hall maintenance. Hendricks replied it was for 4 hours of cleaning. He inquired why it has to be cleaned after a rental. Hendricks replied she does not clean after every rental and the people do a good job in leaving the hall as it was, but she feels the floor, windows, toilets and sinks should be cleaned. *Motion carried.* Tom Egan wondered if we should raise the hall rental a little. Hendricks says the hall is rented out for \$50 to residents and a town should not be making a profit from hall rentals. She feels with power, toiletries, cleaning, etc that the total cost would be pretty close to the \$50. Patsy Pomplun thinks \$50 is not enough. She said when they rented the hall, the floors were scrubbed. Hendricks said she does not clean after every hall rental. Tom would like this on the agenda for next month.

Communication & Correspondence:

- Tom Egan read letter was read that was sent to Marty Johnson and the Town of Rushford pertaining to Building Code effectiveness grading schedule results.
- A letter was sent notifying the Town of Rushford that the County will be taking Culvert aid 2019 submittals. They will be due July 2nd. Jerry Schoonover said there is a culvert on Liberty School road which would qualify for the grant. Pat Kafer will check on the size of the culvert on O'Reilly road, for they have to be 36" or larger.
- Hendricks read a letter from Omro Area Development corporation for the Towns allocation of the Winnebago county per capita funds in 2018.
- Hendricks read the emails from the Berlin boat club. The Locks did not open on schedule due to the water level. On May 30th, another email was received saying that the water level went down and the Locks will open.
- A letter was received from the Winnebago County Land & Water department reminding the Town that a livestock waste management permit is required before any person may construct, reconstruct, enlarge or alter any livestock waste storage facility, waste transfer system or live stock facility.
- An email was received informing the Town that there have been changes in personnel in the County Zoning Department and they will be short staffed for the foreseeable future.
- Kathryn Lewis received a letter from the Fish & Wildlife will be sending the revenue sharing check in June.

Old Business:

Fox River Wake Delhi buoys

Tom Jackson looked into this and Doug Current and Kenny Heppe will put in and take out the buoys in Delhi once the water level goes down. They will also set land markers for easier placement.

Discussion on 3080 Union St, Eureka – Sean Edinger

The attorney did send a letter to Mr. Edinger and he paid for a building permit from Tom Egan.

Discussion on 7436 Mechanic St , Waukau – Curt Carlson

Mr. Carlson called Tom and said he would take care of the problem.

Discussion on 9133 River Road, Berlin – Edward Patrick

The Attorney sent a letter to Mr. Patrick. No one from the board has heard from Mr. Patrick as of this time. Pat Kafer said there has been some improvement.

Discussion on 2598 State Rd 116, Waukau – Harold Ness

Mr. Ness contacted Tom Egan. He does not live in the state and he has had problems with the renters. He asked to have some pictures sent. The lawn is mowed now, but there still are unregistered vehicles in the yard.

Ann Paulsen wanted to give an update of the fungi problems. Tom Egan stated this should have been under Public input but he allowed Ann to speak. She presented more pictures to the Board of the fungi/mold problem at her residence. She says something has changed in the past 3-4 years. Her trees are dying, it is on the house, basement, lawn decorations, vehicles, picnic tables, clothes, hitches etc. She would like to know what to do. She feels that a suggestion for an ordinance should be on the books stating that the piles should be ½ mile from homes and or business. She feels her land is contaminated. She would like to know how much it is going to cost her to clean up the mess that her neighbor is making for her. She says the Town puts up a weed notice. What about the things you can not see. Tom says he does not know. Ann asked who she should talk to next. She will take her pictures to the DNR. Tom Egan said that is what the Town was hoping for, but the DNR does not feel there is anything wrong. Tom Egan said if an ordinance was to be done, the committee would have to discuss, vote and present to the Board. He stated the zoning meetings are the last Wednesday of the month. He said she could come and talk to the committee.

Larry Timm reported that Board of Review was held on May 17th. No one appeared for the Board of Review. He is finishing his reports that is required by the Department of Revenue.

New Business:

Next months meeting date falls on July 4th. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to move July 2018 meeting to July 11th at 7:00. Motion carried.***

Tom Egan went though Ripon Truck mowing contract for 2018. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to have Ripon Truck do the town mowing of the road right aways and to have Tom Egan call to see what unit they would recommend using to do the mowing in one pass.*** Discussion: Jim Moore explained to the board the differences of the mowing units Ripon truck had listed in their contract. Tom Egan will talk to them and then he will leave the form for the clerk to mail. ***Motion carried.***

Hendricks stated she had one other item under communications which she forgot. She received a phone call from Jake Meyers. His neighbor Ron Arts was wondering if he could have some of the dirt that is piled on K & E which was left their from the ditching. Pat Kafer said the County did that and he would have to contact the County. Egan thought they were going to put a culvert down and they might be saving it for that.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve Class B Beer & Liquor from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019, pending payment for:

Ron K and Marilyn Fink, 7755 County K, Omro WI for:
Trail Inn, 2664 State Rd 116, Waukau, WI 54980

Janet M Davis, 6443 St Rd 91, Pickett, WI for: Farmers Daughter Country Kitchen, 7431 State Rd 91, Waukau, WI 54980

Jerome L Olkiewicz, 3083 County Road E, Eureka, WI for:
Bill & Stels, 3083 County Road E, Eureka, WI 54963

Phillip A Rew, 3074 County Rd E, Eureka, WI for:
Starlight Bar, 3092 County Road E, Eureka, WI 54963

Robert Hessenius, 713 W. 9th Ave, Oshkosh, WI for:
Eureka Landings, 3114 Liberty St, Eureka, WI 54963
Motion carried.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve Class B (Wine Only) winery license & "Class B" Beer, pending payment by Shane R Coombs & Laurel L Coombs, 4324 Springbrook Lane, Omro, WI for Rushford Meadery & Winery LLC, 8389 Liberty School Road, Omro, WI 54963
Motion carried.

Discussion on Town hall maintenance: Tom Egan thanked Patsy Pomplun for pulling weeds along the Town hall.

Discussion on Town maintenance: The Board just received the road report by the County yesterday along with prices. As soon as the Board can meet, they will go over the report and schedule the road work.

County Report – Tom Egan: The County is still going around on the airport. Tom is having a problem with the highway department. We were the first ones to have our road tour and we just received the report. The new Commissioner is not all that interested in doing Town road repair. People have left and moved on to other Counties. He feels as tax payers we should not have to go through that. Many of the top people do not even live in Winnebago County. He feels this is becoming a real problem. He feels if the County Executive does not want something to go through, he will stop the progress, even though it was voted on. Tom feels it makes the County Board look like they are not doing their job, even though they are. With the new chairman, there have been changes. Such as people can speak even if it is not on the agenda.

Building permits – Tom Egan:

Bob Freid, 3181 Hwy 116, Omro, WI
10' x 16' shed built by self
\$3000 05-06-2018

Patrick Lux, 4669 Spring Road, Omro, WI
Replacement of log siding by B&W Log Homes, N. 7418 21st Dr, Neshkoro
\$30,000 05-07-2018

Mike Butler, 9105 Eureka Lock Rd, Omro
New home with attached 3 car garage built by Gallery Homes LLC, 5760 Huron St, Butte Des Morts
Parcel # 022 0657 11 01
\$500,000 05/15/2018

Sean Edinger, 3080 Union St, Omro, WI
Roof repair of barn and other repairs on 60 x 40
Parcel # 022 1531
\$10,000 5/19/2018

Tania Tritt-Kuhr, 7377 Wayside Drive, Omro, WI
34 x 28 garage addition built by Mark Tritt
Parcel # 022 050601
\$16,000 6-5-2018

Report of Attended Meetings/workshops:

- Meeting on May 23, 2018 with Chief Franz regarding 5 yr. ambulance agreement with the City of Oshkosh – Tom reported that Chief Franz is leaving but he did want to make sure that the Towns had the ambulance service. The Town was paying \$1.43/capita. The rates are no longer sustainable and

the City of Oshkosh is picking up a larger share in the past couple of years. They want to raise it to \$4.10. This is a 280% increase. There was no vote taken that night. This will be on the agenda once more information is received. This price increase would start in 2019. The information is in the Clerks office.

Upcoming Meetings/workshops:

- Zoning hearing on June 27th at 7:00

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

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk