

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 7

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, Pat Kafer, Kathryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Jerry Schoonover was excused. 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 zoning committee 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 election equipment testing was posted in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

Township Policing Discussion with Sheriff's Department representative:

Sheriff representatives Deputy Pedersen and Deputy Belonger was available for any questions or concerns from the attendees. There were concerns expressed about speeders on Eureka Lock road and asked if there were any updates on property taken from abandoned parcels and thievery in the area.

Guest Speaker – Bill Glatz Jr from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers: Pavement Preservation:

Mr. Glatz had talked to the board 5 years ago. Since they last met, pavement preservation has grown, and Mr. Glatz explained why to preserve pavements and what they have to offer. Information was given to the board and Mr. Glatz offered to look at the Town Roads and report back his recommendations. Mr. Kafer would like to hear recommendations for the parking lot and Edgewater Ridge Road.

Guest Speaker – District Attorney Scott Ceman – District Attorney Ceman is running for Judge on the April 3, 2018 Spring election. He introduced himself, gave his back ground and asked if there were any questions.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Kafer 2nd by Egan, to approve the minutes from the February 7th meeting.* Discussion: Pat Schoonover said he did not see in the minutes the discussion on Mr. Rogge putting up a possible pole building and certain discussion of the County putting in new roads and bike trails which was mentioned in the County Report. Tom Egan asked Mr. Jackson is Mr. Rogge was going to put up a shed. Tom Jackson said it was a possibility, but not for certain. Hendricks stated that minutes only need to consist of motions, who made the motion, who 2nd the motion and the result. Discussion on items not pertaining to a motion should not be in the minutes. Conversation, opinions, discussion, etc are not facts and do not need to be in the minutes. The Town of Rushford's minutes have what legally has to be in minutes plus a lot more. Schoonover said the reader would like to know more of the County report.

Motion carried 2 – 0.

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of February was \$399,779.65. The balance in the tax account was \$1,641.40. Tom Egan asked about the parcel where Mr. Timm made a mistake on the tax bill and was wondering what account that would come out of. Hendricks said that on the bill invoices for March, there is a check for the tax bill mistake. Hendricks will then fill out the paper work for the DOR for reimbursement. This will come out of the General account. Kathryn Lewis explained that only tax monies go into the tax account at tax time and then it is moved to the general account. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Egan to approve the treasurer's report.* Tom Jackson mentioned that 1st National Bank is now Fortifi Bank. Kathryn Lewis stated that we paid \$6,077.73 to the bank for the loan payment on Blue Belle subdivision. *Motion carried.*

Motion carried.

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for March in the amount of \$58,651.10 plus the amount from the incoming L&L invoice from the general account for approval of payment. Hendricks also questioned an invoice from Oshkosh Humane Society for the intake of kittens. She sent the Humane Society a letter stating that on December 17, 2013, they received notice from the Town that we would not be liable for any animals bought in unless if approved by Chuck Mier, Sean Edinger or Thomas Egan. The Humane Society stated that they had approval by Jerry Schoonover. This amount was \$80 and was in October. Another charge for an intake of a cat on 12/5/2017 was \$50, but the Humane Society said the Town would not be liable for that charge, for it was not approved by anyone. Tom Egan suggested that the Town does not pay any of the bill until they talk to Jerry. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Egan to not pay the bill to the Oshkosh Humane Society until they get verification from Jerry Schoonover. Motion carried 2 – 0.*

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Egan to pay the March 2018 bill along with the invoice for L&L for LP and to wait to hear from Jerry pertaining the Oshkosh Humane bill.

Pat Schoonover asked about the bill to Hyler. Hendricks stated that the pump was working but the mound was froze. They will monitor it during the winter. Schoonover mentioned that he read that in the fall, you should not cut the grass on top of a mound system.

Motion carried.

Public Input: Pat Schoonover asked if we ever received a bill from Attorney Culp. The answer is no. He asked if a zoning meeting was held on February 28th. The meeting was posted and published on the website. Schoonover asked if any minutes have been published yet. Jackson said not at this time. The meeting was one week ago tonight. Schoonover asked if the resident on River Road with the cars on his property is violating ordinance. The answer is yes. Attorney Blazel was going to send a letter. Schoonover asked what ordinance number he was violating. It is ordinance 3.08 (05). Schoonover says there are many residents who is violating this ordinance. Kafer said there is no one to this degree. It is a safety issue here.

Old Business:

Ann Butkiewicz was present to talk to the board once again on the fungus she has on her property. Tom Egan stated that last month the attorney was present, and this topic was discussed to a point. No one was present to raise the issue to the attorney. She also presented pictures of the fungi on her property. It is on 3 sides of the barn, door jams, etc. It is dormant now, but she was told it would grow again if the conditions are right. She went through a report written by Dr. Jackson King'u in Canada. This report is on file in the clerk's office. She feels this has to stop since this fungus is air borne. Tom Egan said he wishes someone would have presented this to the attorney last month. That is one of the reasons he was put on the agenda. Last week the zoning committee went through the ordinances to see if any changes should be made. This was one area where the committee decided not to make changes. Tom Jackson said that the DNR allowances of his business and his permits made the committee decide no changes should be made in this area. Kafer said this problem is not only in this area. He has the same fungi in Nekoosa. Tom Egan said that this information is forwarded to Attorney Culp to see what he says. She feels that the nursery should buy other land and move his mulch piles.

New Business: There was an anonymous letter sent to the Town pertaining to 3080 Union St in Eureka being an eyesore and dangerous. It was also mentioned that there might be a vehicle there that is not registered. Tom Jackson talked to Sean Edinger and he said he was going to put a roof on the building and repair it or tear it down. ***Motion by Kafer that a letter should be sent to 3080 Union St, Omro, that there have been concerns and ask him to let the Board know by the next meeting what his plans are. Motion 2nd by Egan. Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Egan that a letter should be sent to Fredrick Van Handel on the property in Waukau pertaining to the barn and shed that is in poor condition. Motion carried.***

Hendricks stated that the Power company is considering bringing natural gas down Cty Rd K from 21.

Township Zoning Report – Tom Jackson: Mr. Jackson stated on February 28th the committee met to discuss possible changes in the ordinances. The ones that were discussed was:

- Solid Waste Ordinance – leave as is
- Sex Offender – We do not have and leave as is, for the State controls
- Roosters and Chickens in the Township – leave as is
- Building inspections on additions – We do not have – leave as is
- Occupancy permits on new dwellings – We do not have – leave as is
- Frontage and road setbacks (road frontage) – leave as is
- Soft sided structures – the committee moved that the set backs should be the same as regular structures
- Vehicles – leave as is
- Fire arms – we do not have – leave as is and have the DNR rules for shooting area from structures
- Composing and nursery – leave as is
- Subdivision Code – is different from RR and HDR. There will be a rewrite on the setbacks

Tom Egan said that new homes are inspected before the owners can move in by the state.

County Zoning – Dan Stokes: There will be a farmland preservation meeting on March 14th.

Discussion on Town maintenance

Alliant repaired the light on L694 located on Ann St and Union.

Tom Egan went through the LRIP project approval. Hendricks should ask the County if the bids have to be advertised since the County has to do the work. This grant was for \$48,336 for Edgewater and River Road.

The County can go on a road tour on March 19, 21 and 23rd. The Board will decide and let clerk know for posting.

Building permits - Tom Egan: There were no building permits, but Kochs have moved into their new home in Blue Belle, another one is being started in Blue Belle, Hiwela Tr. and one will be started on Hwy 116 outside of Waukau.

County Report: There is a round about going in Omro. Will not be able to go north to Winneconne. Traffic will be re-routed to Hwy E and K for a time. Eventually this year all of K to Hwy 21 will be done, but this stretch will be used heavily the month the round about will close the bridge. Work will start after this time.

Report of Attended Meetings/workshops:

- WTA Board of Review Training on February 9th at Royal Ridges - Jerry Schoonover & Pat Kafer attended
- Election Equipment testing on February 13th at 12:30
- Spring Primary On February 20th - 101 voters
- Joint Fire Board meeting on February 21, 2018 - Kafer said the Town might have to entertain extending LOSA to the first responders to help recruit more volunteers. The Town was up on calls, but down on water. There are not that many calls going to the Care Centers any more. The case is closed with the fatal accident on CTY Rd E with no cost to the Towns or fire department.

Upcoming Meetings/workshops:

- a. WTA Unit meeting on April 5th in the Town of Winneconne
- b. Meetings on Farmland preservation livestock facility siting on April 17th at the Coughlin Center - contact Clerk if interested in attending.
- c. Webinar or teleconference local government essentials - contact Clerk if interested in attending.

Tom Egan said that he met with the Secretary of Agriculture on Farmland preservation. Dan is on the committee. We do not have anyone in our Township in farmland preservation. What the state wants you to do is put everyone in and worry about it later. They want a certain percentage of all the land. It was stated that all of Dodge County was in, but they had to appoint them. In Winnebago County, 9 Townships are in County Zoning. The rest are Town zoning. Those County Zoned Townships are in the Farmland preservation, but the Town zoned townships have fear that they are going to be forced into it and there will be a conversion fee to get out of it.

Pat Schoonover asked if everything that the Town has to pay to the Fire Department is paid for. The answer is no for another installment of the budget will be due and monies for the fire truck loan. Kafer said we are one payment ahead on the fire truck loan.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Egan to adjourn at 8:40. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk