

Rushford Town Board Minutes  
Wednesday, May 2 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, Jerry Schoonover, Kathryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Patrick Kafer was a couple minutes late. 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, the zoning/planning committee meeting and the weed notice 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 public hearing for zoning change, Board of Review and Open Book notice was posted in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

**Clerks Report & Minutes:** *Motion by Schoonover 2<sup>nd</sup> by Egan, to approve the minutes from the April board meeting. Motion carried.*

**Treasurers Report** was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of April was \$360,371.48. The balance in the tax account was \$1,641.66. *Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

**Payment of invoices:** Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for May in the approximate amount of \$39,105.95. The bill from Advance Disposal was not received yet, so an approximate amount was listed. *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to pay the invoices for the month of May.*

**Public Input:** Jim Moore, 7505 Archery Drive, expressed concern and bought pictures in of a culvert located on Fox & Archery. The culvert is coming up again. Last year black top was placed on top, but it has gotten worse. It could be because of the truck traffic on the road. He would like to have this culvert on the list to get repaired. There is also a hole in the culvert.

**Communication & Correspondence:**

Tom Egan received a letter from the Omro Area Development Corporation informing us that the Winnebago Co Industrial Development Board, in partnership with the Towns Nekimi, Omro and Rushford was awarded grant funding in the amount of \$9,852 to the City of Omro for its economic development activities for 2018.

Hendricks received an email that there will be a meeting set up to update the 5 year ambulance agreement with the City of Oshkosh which will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 at the Omro Fire House. Hendricks will send a reminder out to the Board.

**Old Business:**

**Fox River Wake Delhi buoys:** Steve Allen does not take care of the buoys in Delhi. Tom Jackson will contact the DNR for further information. The GPS coordinates are in our ordinance.

**Discussion on 3080 Union St, Eureka:** Tom Egan had talked to the owner. He called Egan being upset saying he never received the original letter. He also does not receive his tax bill. The attorney sent him a letter to the same address and he did receive that one. They are supposed to be meeting this week, so the owner can get a building permit for windows and for a roof on the barn.

**Discussion on 2655 State Road 116, Waukau:** Hendricks stated that the owner did pick up his registered letter and he has until May 11<sup>th</sup> for a reply. If nothing is done by the next meeting, it will be turned over to the attorney.

Tom Egan bought up another place on State Road 116 where there are unregistered vehicles and he thinks they should be sent a letter. Kathryn Lewis will get the address for Hendricks to send a letter.

**New Business:**

*Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer to approve picnic license for 2018 for the Waukau Flying Mane Club and the Waukau Youth Center. Motion carried.*

Hendricks read a letter from the DNR congratulating the Town of Rushford on their award of \$2,873.49 to offset our recycling programs costs during the calendar year 2018.

**Discussion on Town hall maintenance:** Kathryn Lewis stated the 4-H will be coming with someone from the Masters Gardeners will be cleaning up around the town hall and planting the flower planters before their May meeting.

Tom Egan said some of the tables in the hall are bad. If anyone would like to donate anything to the Town hall, that would be a good idea. He also thought at one time, a group was going to donate a coat rack which also would be an idea.

**Discussion on Town maintenance:** The Board had discussed speed limits in the Village of Eureka. Tom Egan had as the highway commissioner to look it up and he did not get a response. He asked Dean Kaderabek if he could get any information. Dean stated that the villages of Eureka and Waukau are unincorporated, so they do not have defined boundaries like an incorporated city or village. Tom Egan understands that the Town can set the speed limits in the villages. Kafer feels that the 25 mph outside of Eureka on CTH E go to far out. He would like to see the outside 25 mph signs be changed to 35 mph and leave the rest at 25 mph. Waukau is 35 mph all the way though Town, but they do not have businesses on both sides of the highway. Tom Egan said he has not heard any complaints on the speed limit though Eureka. A number of the people at the meeting agreed with Kafer. Egan asked about the speed limit on CTH K. It was thought that the speed limit signs are good there.

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to change the two outside 25 mph speed limit signs on CTH E to 35 mph. Motion carried.***

Tom Egan called to get the road report from the County, but they are very busy right now. He will be sending it out. An email was read from Bill Glatz from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers. He has looked at the Town roads and would like to meet with the board. Hendricks should call to set up a meeting. Schoonover said that they are repairing some pot holes. There has been work done on Liberty School Road. Kafer said that if more rain is received, River Road might have to be shut down. Kathryn Lewis said that she heard there are some big pot holes on Banner Hill.

**Town Zoning Report – Tom Jackson:** A meeting was held on April 25<sup>th</sup>. They had a public hearing for rezoning for Ralph King, agent Jeremy Schoonver, on parcel #022 024102 which the zoning committee approved. There will be a 3-way shared access for the first 20' of the driveway. The State and the County said there is not a problem with this. They heard a public hearing for a zoning change for Roger Bongert, parcel #022 0891 located at 7131 CTH K to be changed from GA to RR. The committee approved this change. Tom Jackson had talked to the attorney regarding the gentlemen with the unregistered cars on the River Road. In our ordinances, it says a non-conforming use regardless of its duration may be prohibited or restricted if it constitutes public nuisance, or if it harmful to public health or safety. He thought this might be something that is being violated. The attorney suggested that we do not offer that. The attorney will send a letter. It was suggested that he will have to remove his vehicles and move them to a shed and maybe request from the board to put up a wall or fence. Kafer said it is getting better, that he has moved cars from the driveway. It would be nice to have some communication with him. Tom Egan has a problem of putting up a wall to put the cars behind.

***Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer to approve the zoning for Ralph King, agent Jeremy Schoonover, for parcel #022 024102, located on STH 21 to be changed from GA to SER. Motion approved.***

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the zoning change for Roger Bongert, agent James Smith, for parcel #022 0891 located at 7131 CTH K, Omro, WI from GA to RR. Motion carried.***

Tom Jackson said that Mr. Rogge called inquiring about set backs on culverts. Tom Egan said Jerry Schoonover and himself went to look at culverts the other day.

Tom Egan nominated Dan Stokes and appointed Bonnie Barkow to the zoning committee.

***Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer to re-appoint Dan Stokes and to appoint Bonnie Barkow to the zoning committee. Motion carried.***

Tom Egan asked Russ Lee if he would stay on as alternate. Russ said unless if they had someone else interested, for he will be gone a lot. Russell Lee will stay as alternate and Tom Egan will ask another person

to be alternate so there are always 2 on hand. Tom Jackson suggested that a thank you note be sent to Ryan Helmuth for serving as president on the zoning committee.

**County Report:** There are 9 new members on the County Board. 6-7 are 30 yr or younger. There have been committee changes. Tom Egan ended up staying on all his committees and positions. Pat Kafer asked what was going on with CTH K. They will be starting that after the round about in Omro is finished. They were supposed to start putting in culverts, taking down trees and doing ditching.

**Building permits - Tom Egan:**

William & Andrea Rew, 3098 Spring St, Eureka, WI  
16 x 16 deck built by Eric Griffin, Oshkosh, WI  
\$9,000 Parcel # 022 1559 04/23/2018

Robert & Patty Fink, 3072 Quarry Drive, Eureka, WI  
12 x 16 four seasons room built by self  
\$10,000 04/24/2018

Jeff & Cheryl Williams, 7378 Bluebird Crossing, Omro, WI  
New Single-Family home with concrete patio, finished basement & Attached garage  
built by Jacobs Design Homes, 5788 I Ah Maytah Rd, Oshkosh  
Parcel #022 1439  
\$350,000 04/30/2018

William & Susan Tetzlaff, 8104 Cty Rd K, Omro, WI  
Metal roof by self  
\$5,000 04/28/2018

**Report of Attended Meetings/workshops:**

- WTA Unit meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> the Town of Winneconne at 6:30 – Jerry Schoonover reported that everyone has different ideas. Dan Stokes said 2 ladies came from DATCP trying to explain it. Our Township does not want the farmland preservation. A couple of others do want it. Tom Egan said he thinks that some of the people in the Townships might want it, not the Township as a whole. If a Township wants it now, the County is not going to push it. The Township has until the first of October to get paperwork in. The County will present it. The State says they will go ahead if they have enough land in the Township. He thinks Bryon from the County handled the meeting very well from the County and the representatives from DATCP. Pat Kafer asked why they are pushing this. Dan Stokes said the State wanted the County to map our whole county that could be farmland, but many Townships do not want it. A lot of acres have to be in a block. A lot of farmers do have trust, but so many times rules change, and many feel the credits are not worth the risk.
- Hendricks reported the annual meeting was on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Guest speakers Attorney Blazel, Chief Jay Trelven, representatives from the Sheriff's Department and a report from Larry Timm were read. For those who missed the meeting, there are booklets in the hallway. Kafer asked when the minutes would be available. Hendricks said hopefully soon. Tom Egan said that the Omro Herald had a write up of the meeting and there were pictures in the paper.

**Upcoming Meetings/workshops:**

- Open book at the Town hall on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 3 pm – 6 pm
- Board of Review on Thursday, May 17, 2018 from 5 pm – 7 pm

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to adjourn at 8:00. Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk