

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, December 5, 2018

The Town of Rushford December 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, Patrick Kafer, Kathryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 5 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 Notice of Budget workshop was posted on the Town hall door, the corner of K & E in Eureka, the Waukau post office and the Towns website. In addition, the Summary of the 2019 Budget, notice of Public Budget hearing, Notice of Meeting of Electors & Notice of Spring Election posted in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Schoonover 2nd by Kafer, to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2018 board meeting.* Pat Schoonover questioned the minutes under Public Input. He said that Jim Moore stated that there was another semi-trailer in Waukau. It was not mentioned in the minutes. Jim Moore said the trailer was still sitting there down by Wesners by the line of pine trees.
Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of November was \$31,069.61. The balance in the tax account was \$1642.57. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the treasurer's report.*** Tom Egan inquired about the outstanding checks. ***Motion carried.***

Sheriff Department Representative: Deputy Noffke along with training officer was present to answer any questions from the residents. Tom Egan stated that the Town appreciates them showing up at the meetings. Tom said we did have one incident where the Town Hall door was left open. It will be taken care of from now on. He asked if the Town had an alarm system, which it does not. Deputy Noffke stated that this happens quite a lot around Town.

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for December in the amount of \$29,005.40. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to pay \$29,005.40 for the month of December.***
Discussion: Kafer asked what the check was for Nathan Thomas. Hendricks stated that was a hall deposit refund. Tom Egan inquired about the check to Grabner Glass for \$160. Hendricks stated that the lock broke on the front door and they came to repair it. Hendricks also mentioned that she did not approve the October Highway charges for Winnebago County for there was not enough money in the checking account. The Town is still waiting on the \$48,000 LRIP reimbursement. Tom Egan inquired on the check to NTD for the amount of \$767. Hendricks explained that is for one year of internet service. That comes to \$63.92/mo. Egan asked about the check for software in the amount of \$676. Kathryn Lewis explained that was for the tax collection software. Tom questioned the reimbursement of \$467.74. Hendricks stated that was for newsletter and calendar printing at Office Max. ***Motion carried.***

Public Input: Pat Schoonover said that during the last snow storm, they did not get to Waukau until 12:30 – 1:00. Tom Egan said Algoma does done later then that. Tom did receive a call from Lost Lane for more salt. Tom did see though the computer that a lot of plows were late. Jerry Schoonover said a gentleman on Banner Hill and Poygan Road also wanted more salt. Russ Lee said Eureka Road was done late. Tom Egan said the person that does his driveway came later for they wanted to wait until the snow was done before plowing. Tom Egan said he got a call that Liberty Street was not done. Tom called, and they came to plow. Tom Egan will check into the timing of the plowing. Friends said they are not doing any other Townships or driveways.

Communication & Correspondence:

Tom Egan was called to be informed that Phyllis Miller had passed away in Las Vegas.

Town Zoning Report – Tom Jackson: Tom Jackson said he was out to Kasuboski property for there was expressed concerns at the last meeting. He has 2 trucks, 2 boats, 2 campers. He got ahold of Roger who stated that one vehicle will be licensed for his daughter, 1 truck will have the license renewed and one boat

has a license and he will move the other one at a later date. He has 2 van bodies that do not have axles. Tom had talked to the attorney and the attorney stated these were like the "pods". Tom Jackson said he will give him 30 - 60 days to get the unlicensed vehicles taken care of. The stone there will be used as decorative stone around the house and the steel is from jobs he has done. He plans on building a small building. Tom Egan said his building permit has expired for the house. Building permits are good for one year unless you are actively working on the building. The semi-trailer by the church has been removed. Tom Jackson got a call from a Bank who does quotes for properties that go up for sale. Part of the garage is not on the lot it should be. Tom Jackson said an assessor's plat was done for Eureka and was wondering about doing one for Waukau. Sue Stones property is one two lots which one is non-conforming. Tom Egan said every time it is bought up or put on the agenda, it is voted down. If one was done, it would solve a lot of problems in Waukau. Jim Moore asked about the building in Waukau that is on 2 lots, he asked why it was allowed. The pole building is on two separate properties. It was thought there was an abandoned right away there, but that was on another parcel. Jerry thought some of that was taken care of when the streets were vacated, but he is not thinking of the correct parcel. The one in question is right behind the Waukau church. Pat Kafer stated that we should get an estimate on having an assessor's plat done in Waukau. Tom Egan said many residents that already had their properties surveyed would not want to pay for an assessor's plat. Pat Kafer said the church was surveyed when they put on the addition. Pat Schoonover said last time Jim Smith came up with an estimate, it was between \$500 - \$1000. He could not come up with an accurate estimate. Kafer does not know how it would be done with the properties that have already been surveyed. Pat Schoonover said Jim Smith wanted to re-survey everything, even down by the creek and Lost Lane. He feels that only Main Street and roads coming off that should be surveyed. He feels he is not reliable. Pat Kafer said if we did do this, we should put it out for bids. Tom Egan said you have to decide where Waukau starts and ends. There was more discussion on this.

Tom Jackson talked to Mr. Wesner on the other semi-trailer. He is using it for storage. He can not afford a building at this time. He had talked to one of the board members and they said he might need a conditional use permit. Kafer said that if he took it off the axles, it would be OK to use without a conditional use permit.

Tom Jackson received a call from the Omro Herald pertaining to the house boat in Delhi. He wanted to meet with Tom Jackson and concerned neighbors on Friday to discuss this. Tom Egan said that should have been something discussed at the Board meeting. Kafer agrees with Tom. This is something that should be discussed at a meeting and an attorney would be present.

Tom Jackson said there will be a house built on Broadway. He got a call today on the setbacks. The property at the end of Liberty School road, there is a non-conforming barn that is 50' from the center of the road. They want to put a lean to on NE corner of barn. It would be a non-conforming condition on a non-conforming building. They are talking about moving it for it would be conforming if it was moved to the back. Tom thought in his mind it would be alright to do.

Tom Jackson also received an anonymous letter containing a number of vehicles that are not licensed. He said he would address it one at a time. It was asked if Roger Kasuboski was living out at his property. Tom J. said there was not tracks and it does not seem to have anyone in the trailer or the basement of the home. It was reported there were 3 - 4 horses out there along with dogs, but Tom Jackson did not see any.

Tom Jackson said with the anonymous letter he received, if we could control junk on private property - what is considered junk. Tom J. said he talked to Dean K. and he said if the County receives a letter like that, they do not take any action. Russ Lee said that a person could find someone they could trust to come and discuss this with the Board. He thought this would be something a person wouldn't jump on too quickly.

Tom Egan asked if anyone received a call on the baseball diamond. Egan got a call and directed them to Jackson. Tom E. said the property did not perk any place.

Old Business: Tom E. talked to Bruce Bohn about the mansion on CTY Rd. K. He stated that when it does fall down, it will be gone.

New Business: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to sign the erosion control permit for work done on the Town roads in 2019. Motion carried.*

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to allocate the Town of Rushford's per capita funding of \$1,1772 to the City of Omro. Motion carried.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to sign and approve the letter of support that was written to Brett Helmbrecht, President & Director of Rush Lake Watershed Restoration, stating that the Town supports the project and will match a cash contribution of \$2000. Motion carried.

Hendricks said that they inquired if the 2 board members of this group from the Town of Rushford was listed on the Towns insurance policy. Hendricks stated they were not. Hendricks gave him the information of who the Town has for insurance.

Discussion on Town hall maintenance: Hendricks did purchase a duster for the cobwebs in the Town hall. She also decorated the tree in the hall which the board commented on. Tom E. did not hear anything more about having to move the halls mail box. Hendricks stated that between Kathryn Lewis and herself, they thought they would take out the phone at the treasurer's house and cancel AT&T. Another phone service will be found, for the cost of AT&T is very high. A magicjack was purchased and will be set up. The cost is \$30/year. The Town was under contract with Centrax with AT&T for approximately \$32/mo. The contract was not renewed and they are charging the Town \$1600/mo. for the hall. Hendricks has been working with AT&T and once the phones are disconnected, they will work on refunding the money. She will try to port the 920-685-0391 number, but it might be possible that a new number will have to be assigned. Kafer suggested looking into Straight Talk. Other townships have had this same circumstance with AT&T/Centrax.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: A culvert was replaced on Fox Lane.

County Report – Tom Egan: Tom Egan said they have been working on the violent sex offender program. The ruling says that when a violent sex offender is released, they have to be placed in the County where they lived. The County is responsible for finding a place. Because of the laws, for example, so many feet from a school, park, church, etc, it is very hard to find an area. The County has a certain amount of time to find a location. If they do not find one in this time period, the County will be fined \$1100/day. The County has purchased a trailer for the one that has to be located in Winnebago Co. This will be located by the Highway department which is County owned. It is thought there might be 7 more that will be coming up in the near future. Usually a person is in there for 3 years, but the one that has been the longest, has been in location for 11 years. Tom E. thinks if one comes out of prison from the Town of Rushford, it is possible they will be looking for a location place in the Township.

Building permits – Tom Egan

Treu Farms LLC, 7272 37th Ave, Omro, WI 54963
45 x 54 pole shed built by Fred Laude, Cty Rd XX, Berlin, WI
\$30,000 11-13-2018

Reports of Attended Meetings:

Hendricks reported on the Budget workshop, the Budget hearing and the meeting of electors. The only change that was done in the budget, is \$2000 was moved to support the Rush Lake project. Schoonover said that there was a very nice presentation and outline. Only 1 other person besides the board attended the budget hearing and the meeting of electors. There are additional handouts from the meeting available. It was asked where the road money might go for 2019. Tom E. said Lost Lane does need a turn around. The board is also considering redoing villages roads. This will all be decided during the road tour in the spring.

Upcoming Meetings: Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to hold caucus on January 19th, 2019 at 8:30 Motion carried. Pat Schoonover asked if the caucus will be posted. Hendricks stated that it is posted at our 3 locations and she does put it in the paper. Schoonover mentioned that other Townships have posted their caucus already. Hendricks stated that this was notice of Spring election that includes current positions. The Town of Rushford also published this notice.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to have the Board end of the year meeting on December 31st, 2018 at 8:30. Motion carried.

Tax Collection will be at the Town hall on Saturday, December 29th and January 26, 2019 from 10:00 to 2:30 pm.

Tom Jackson said he received a phone call to see if the Town of Rushford had an unassisted elderly living facility.

Tom Egan wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year and thanked them for their support.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn at 8:15. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk