

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, November 7, 2018

The Town of Rushford November 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: 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 and the special meeting of the Board 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 testing of election equipment was posted in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Schoonover 2nd by Kafer, to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2018 board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of October was \$90,247.50. The balance in the tax account was \$1642.44. *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 November in the amount of \$86,028.25. Kafer inquired about the bill to Oshkosh Humane Society. Our animals are taken into the Green Lake Shelter. One of the dogs were bought in from the sheriff's department. Another charge was for a cat. Tom Egan said that we will have to notify them once again that the Town will not pay the bills unless if the animal was bought in by an authorized person. Jim Moore asked how the election pay was figured out. Hendricks stated that it was the hours they worked and the training meetings they attended. Jerry Schoonover inquired about the fire truck loan. This year's payment was made this month and there is one year left. Pat Schoonover asked for a copy of Friends bill.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay \$86,028.25 for the month of November and to send the Oshkosh Humane Society another letter stating that the Town will not pay for any further charges unless an authorized person brings a dog in. Motion carried.

Guest Speakers: Dana Racine – City of Omro Community & Development director, OADC president – Dave Krerstin and John Sullivan – vice president. They thanked the Town of Rushford for the allocation of the 2018 IDB pr capital funding and would like consideration when allocating funds for 2019. They are in phase 2 of the project and Dana gave a presentation of the projects of Omro Area Development Corporation. These funds go towards marketing and she went into what the money is used for to promote Omro. A presentation of the Discover Wisconsin show featuring Omro was presented.

Brett Helmbrecht from Rush Lake Watershed Restoration, Inc – Brett Helmbrecht, president of Rush Lake Watershed Restoration Inc was present to explain the projects, achievements & the restoration that was done. They will be applying for a \$25,000 grant with the Department of Natural Resources. This grant will require a match from the Rush Lake Watershed Restoration or other partner organizations. They request support from the Town of Rushford. Bruce Mueller and Doug Bohn are the Town of Rushfords WLWRI board representatives. Tom Egan asked what kind of partnership they were expecting from the Town of Rushford. Brett said some of the other Towns have thought about \$1000 - \$2000. There were questions from residents directed to Brett about the Rush Lake Watershed Restoration, what has been done and how it is going.

Public Input: Jim Moore stated that he drove by a building which has the roof caving in right outside of Eureka. This is owned by the Bohn Farms. Tom Egan said the house was on the historical society list. He does not know if it is still on the list. Once you are on the list, it takes a lot to get off. Tom said he will talk to someone about it. Jim said the area is always nice looking with a big business being there but the house is dangerous and an eyesore. Tom Egan reported that on Carlsons property, the shed is down, there is a dumpster there and he is working on the barn.

Pat Schoonover said that the Town of Nepeuskun sends out a newsletter 2-3 times a year and thought it would be nice if the Town of Rushford did that. Behind the Waukau church, there is a semi-trailer. Tom Jackson said he would investigate it. He also mentioned that there might be someone living in a trailer across from the old church house in Waukau.

Communication & Correspondence:

Tom Egan received two letters from Monica Dolata pertaining information on Liberty Street. It is thought the baseball diamond has been sold. The previous owner was concerned about some of the streets. Monica did some investigation and her CSM's show that River Street (Liberty Street) was vacated.

Town Zoning Report – Tom Jackson: Tom Jackson said that he went out to Delhi to check on the concern of an abandoned house boat on Island Ave. He talked to a family member. The parcel that the boat is on is still owned by the family. The boat is not being torn apart, there is nothing structurally wrong with it, it has been there 6 years and the motor has been removed. Our ordinances describe a boat as a vehicle description. A person can have one unlicensed vehicle on their property. Tom Jackson stated you can have 2 recreational vehicles on a property. You can stay in them for up to 30 days and then they would have to be moved. There has been one semi-trailer in Eureka that they had looked into, but again a semi-trailer is described as a vehicle as long it is not dismantled or used for storage. A person can have one unlicensed vehicle on their property. Tom Jackson will check on the ones that were mentioned earlier and see if they are used for storage. Tony Daley asked if there was anything about an unlicensed vehicle drawing pests. Tom Jackson said it is possible for mice to get into the units, but they can get into almost anything.

Tom Jackson stated that there are different things stored on the Kasabuski property. He has 2 trucks with current license, 2 van bodies and 1 truck not licensed. The van bodies are being used for storage. The axles have been removed. They are comparable to storage pods. There are piles of gravel. His 2 property zonings are large and small residential estate. A person can have contractor or trade storage on those zonings. No one has been around when Tom has stopped, so he does not know if anyone is living in the basement or not. Tom Egan said the horses are back on that property and there have been concerns about the horses being fed. There have also been complaints on dogs. Tom Jackson did not see any dogs. His building permit has expired.

Old Business: Tom Egan reported the properties on Liberty Street and CTH K has been cleaned up. There was another meeting pertaining to the ambulance contract. It was asked to have certain language changed. The attorneys made the changes requested. Pat Schoonover asked if there was a car accident over on State Hwy 91 who would respond. Tom Egan said that would be Berlin. The fire departments do work together. You do have the option of what hospital you want to go to, no matter who picks you up. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the 2019 – 2021 ambulance contract as presented. Motion carried.***

New Business: The Town of Rushford received a letter stating they must move their mail box to the road on CTY Hwy K. Tom Egan will call the Post master to inquire on this, for the Town Board does not feel it is a good idea with the traffic on K, the shoulders of the road and the safety concerns.

Discussion on Town hall maintenance: Tom Egan would like a large extension duster purchased for cobwebs in the town hall.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: Tom Egan got called out pertaining to 2 new culverts on Delhi Road to drain the water. Omro Dairy started hauling and they agreed to pay for the gravel that disappeared from around the culverts. The brush has been trimmed back by stop ahead signs. Freunds has been patching. Hendricks stated she sent all the information that was requested so the Town hopefully will receive their LRIP grant money before the end of the year.

County Report – Tom Egan: Tom Egan bought the County's budget book for any one to look at. The budget went down a bit. 2018 levy was \$5.46 and 2019 will be \$5.26.

Building permits - Tom Egan

David Kersztynm 2390 Golden Ave, Oshkosh for 7131 Co. Hwy K, Omro
Single family home built by Dowling Construction
2311 sq ft, 5810 total, vinyl siding, brick-stick built
\$356,000 10/4/2018

Jean Zeinert, 8479 Edgewater Ridge, Omro, WI
Drywall repair, interior trim, touchup painting, drywall of ceiling in garage
Done by W.R. Construction, 5363 Cty Rd II, Larson, WI
\$7,000 10/12/2018

Laura Wright for 3061 Cty Rd K, Omro, WI
Replace windows and sliding doors by Feldco Factory Direct, Des Plaines, IL
\$10,135 9/22018

Charles Knigge, 4577 Poygan Ave, Omro, WI
18' x 36' barn addition - pole type barn
\$20,000 10-17-2018

Jason & Amanda Dodd, 3942 Cty Rd K, Omro, WI
Metal roof put on by self
\$4800 10-22-2018

Danielle Zarling, 8868 Wisconsin St, Eureka, WI
Remove and replace roof by Security Webke Roofing, 3921 Endeavor Dr, Appleton
\$9879 10-12-2018

Gordon Lewis, 3006 Cty Rd E, Eureka, WI
Foundation repair by Area Waterproofing & Concrete, Sandpit Rd, Oshkosh, WI
\$6830 10-30-2018

Susan Stone, 7498 Mechanic St, Waukau
New single family home with attached garage - 2055 sq ft living space
Stick built, stone siding
\$205,000 11-6-2018

Larry Timm - Town Assessor report: Larry Timm attended an annual assessors training meeting in Wausau. He is looking at properties to see if they are being used for agricultural if they are assessed as that. He handed out the Town of Rushford's recent property sales report.

Reports of Attended Meetings: **WTA Unit meeting, Thursday, October 4th at 6:30 at the Town of Algoma** - Jerry Schoonover reported that the Highway commissioner gave his report. They would like to work more with Towns, but they do not have enough manpower. They are tied up with the interstate work, They have hired to assistants to assist the supertendents. Glenn Grothman was also present.
WTA Convention in Stevens Point, October 14 - 16 - Hendricks attended this for election training.
Clerks/poll workers meeting on October 30 - Hendricks held a training meeting for the poll workers that pertained to election safety and certain election situations.
Election on November 6, 2018 - There were 789 voters in Tuesday's election.

Upcoming Meetings: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to hold a budget workshop on Tuesday, November 13th at 3:00. Motion carried.*

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to set the budget hearing and meeting of electors for November 28th at 6:00. Motion carried

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn at 8:55. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk