

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, October 3, 2018

The Town of Rushford October 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: 4 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, an 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 September 5, 2018 board meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the minutes from the Special Board meeting on September 21, 2018. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of September was \$200,971.48. The balance in the tax account was \$1,642.30. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for October in the amount of \$137,834.20. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the invoices for the month of October. Motion carried.* Tom Egan said the Town received a check from Feldco Factory Direct for a building permit for Laura Wright in the amount of \$71. It should of only been \$36. Tom thinks that they added the \$25 and \$36 together for the cost of the building permit. He said he will talk to the owner who know lives in California to have her check on the amount.

Tom explained in order for us to receive the LRIP money from the County, the minutes and invoices would have to be sent in to show that they are paid. The invoices are from Winnebago Co on 8/13/18 for \$526.36 and \$114,750.76 on 8/31/18., Northeast Asphalt for \$7,900.80 on 8/23/18 - \$113,247.73 on 8/17/18 and \$429.84 on 8/31/18. The total amount is \$236,855.49. These amounts have been approved in the September and October payment of invoices from the clerk. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the invoices in the amount of \$236,855.49 to Winnebago County and Northeast Asphalt for the road work done for the Town of Rushford in 2018. Motion approved.*

Public Input: Pat Schoonover asked if the clerk had started working on the budget. She has not since she just received the levy worksheet and has not received the specials from the County. He also asked what the ordinance is for people living in trailers. Tom Jackson stated that on any property, you can have 2 travel trailers or recreational vehicles stored unlimited time. You can stay in one of them up to 30 consecutive days. It is possible you can go from one to another if you have more then one. You an not have permanent steps or decks connected. The gentleman in Eureka had asked the town and they OKed his living quarters for a short time after the time allowed for it was not consecutive, rather sometimes on weekends while he was working on the project. These are not considered mobile homes. You can move in more then two for a short time for a family get together. Jerry Schoonover asked if someone came for the summer, would you need a special permit. Tom Jackson stated they would if it was more then 30 consecutive days. Pat Schoonover said he was asking because of Mr. Kasubuski on 116. Tom Egan said that should be on November's agenda. It is not only Mr. Kasubuski, there are other ones that he has already talked to. There is another one in the village that has 3 RV's on. Tom Jackson stated that that gentlemen has 2 parcels and he can legally have up to 2 on each parcel. Pat Schoonover is not sure that Mr. Kasubuski is living in the travel trailer. He is pulling out of the driveway every morning and he is living in something. It is not known if it is the travel trailer or the basement of his home. It was noted that his building permit was taken out in 2016 and has expired.

Communication & Correspondence:

Tom Egan received an email pertaining to a houseboat that was abandoned along Island Ave sometime in the early 2000's. It is an eyesore and it should be removed. Pictures were sent. Tom Jackson will look into the ordinances and this will be on the agenda in November. It is not known if this parcel is sold or if it was just the parcel that the house is on.

Tom received the paper work from John Groth for the Towns yearly report on roads. Hendricks received an email and picture pertaining to the stop sign heading north on 37th ave and Cumberland. It needs to be trimmed. Pat Kafer talked to Freunds last week and indicated that he has not seen stop ahead signs on a number of Town roads. If they don't get to it, the County should be contacted. There is also a curve sign down on Eureka Lock road by where the new house is going up.

An email was received pertaining to the grass cutting on 4405 O'Reily Rd. A letter will be sent. Tom Egan received a call from Duwayne Haedt on Ivy Lane. When River Road was done, they were to address the shoulders. There are gullies on the side of the road. If you put gravel in, it will just wash out. Kafer said the County was going to bring out hot mix. Kafer wishes that lines would have been painted on River Road. Kafer will call John Groth to inquire on this. Tom Egan talked to Carlson who has the old barn. He is looking for someone to rip down the boards. They can keep the boards and he will pay someone to take it down, for he knows it needs to be done. Egan talked to the owner of the ball diamond. She would like to have something done with the Liberty Street going all the way down.. Egan said nothing would probably be done at this time. It is gravel at this time. Tom thanked her for getting the ball diamond mowed.

Old Business: The property at the end of Liberty before it goes into the gravel road, 3150 Liberty St has not been mowed yet. The bank has been contacted a number of times, for it is up for foreclosure. The property on Hwy K needs to be mowed yet. That place is also in foreclosure and the Town will have to mow it. Kathryn Lewis asked if a person forecloses, would she get a real estate letter from the sheriff's department? Egan said it would go on the tax bill. Schoonover asked if a letter was sent to Mormans about the mattresses and clean up on his property. A registered letter was sent. ***Motion made by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to have the Town mow the property on 3150 Liberty Street. Motion carried.***
Tom Egan said he has not seen much clean up on Spencer property in Waukau. They had sent a letter stating they would take care of this, but it has not. There is also a field of theirs full of weeds. It is thought that was zoned Agriculture.

Town Zoning Report – Tom Jackson: Tom Jackson talked to Attorney Blazel and they went through the mobile home description in the ordinances. Mobile home means a structure that is transportable in one or more sections, built on chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without permanent foundation. There are required utilities such as air conditioning, electrical, heating, plumbing systems contained in a mobile home. They looked up the Dalco web site and the company does not make any mobile homes. Attorney Blazel could not make a ruling, for he represented the owners when they bought it, but verbally he said he does not see a problem for it is not hooked up to plumbing, it is not lived in and it can be used as a storage unit. Tom Jackson stated his official call is that it can be used for storage.

New Business: ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve and sign the joint powers agreement with Winnebago County. Motion carried.***

A driveway, culvert permit was received by Eric Hoffman for Wren Court. Hendricks went through a power point explaining the Ambulance Service Agreement. It was thought another joint meeting was to be given. Egan asked if the clerk would email to inquire about another meeting discussing this before the November meeting. It is not known if Algoma was going to be in the joint contract or not. If they back out, the per capital would be \$4.44 instead of \$4.10. Our cost at this time is \$1.43. This is an increase of 287%.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to table the Ambulance Service agreement until next month. Motion carried.

Discussion on Town hall maintenance: Tom Egan said that Polly Kafer did a good job on the weeds and the fall decorations. Kafer asked if the Town had a light bulb for the parking lot. Hendricks will check. Hendricks also needs a florescent bulb for above the clerks desk.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: Tom Jackson said the culvert they did N. Spring road a couple year ago, has settled about 4". They put a patch in the middle, so know it is very rough. At the end of Spring road where it meets Liberty School road, you have to get into the opposite lane to get around the pot holes. There are a lot of pot holes in front of the drive ways on Spring Road and Liberty School road. On Pinnows hill, there is a tree growing where the mail box is and it is hanging in the road. Jerry Schoonover will call Freuends on these concerns. Pat Schoonover said where they put the new culvert in by Jim Moore's house, there is water standing in Jims yard right before the culvert. It should be drained to the north. Jim Moore stated he thought the culvert was good. Schoonover said there is still standing water in his yard.

County Report – Tom Egan: Last week Tom was in LaCrosse for the Wisconsin County Association convention. He found out if the county gets state or federal money, they put that out for bids. What ever the bid is, that is what is paid no matter if the work costs more or not. Governor Walker and Tony Evers was there. They both had good ideas, but not how to pay for the road work. Over a million dollars was spent on security for the Court house. Marathon County was there and theirs was a little smaller and different, but they spent a lot less. They took the time, talked to the federal government and got donations. He asked the County why Winnebago did not apply for it. The reply was that everything goes out for bids. There is money out there for grants, but the County does not take advantage of this.

Building permits – Tom Egan

Jon Potratz & Christopher Shea, 8809 Ann St, Eureka
Residential remodel by Owners, 511 N Webster St, Omro
Full remodel – electrical, plumbing, siding, windows
\$65,000 09-12-18

Dave Kallas, 4003 Cty Rd K, Omro, WI
16 x 20 Deck & Pergola built by self
022 0327
\$5000 9-10-18

David Heise, 7285 Cty Rd K, Omro, WI
Detached 30 x 40 garage
022 089301
\$27,000 8-16-18

Matt Flanigan, 2350 Hiwela Trail, Pickett, WI
022 147301
Single Family home built by Great Building Concepts LLC, Hortonville, WI
\$750,000 9-6-18

Lisa & Martin Duxbury, 553 Boyd St, Oshkosh for
3461 Wren Ct, Omro, WI 54963
New Residential home, single family, 1 story, basement, garage and deck
Built by Prairie Stone Homes, Eric Hoffmann, 520 Huron St, Omro, WI
022 1426
\$300,000 9-19-18

Jeremy & Bethany Schoonocer, 7858 State Hwy 21, Omro for 7861 Hwy 21, Omro, WI
New home, stick, 2374 sq ft. vinyl siding, stone work, 3 car garage, asphalt shingles, deck, fire place built by
Brian Bernier, 2586 St. Rd 116, Omro
\$420,000 10/1/18

Reports of Attended Meetings: The minutes of the special board minutes are in the back. This meeting was called to approve Class B liquor and beer license for the new owner of Starlight Bar.

The board reported on the The Omro-Rushford-Omro will have their joint fire department meeting on September 12th at 7:00. The budget was gone though. The combined budget will be \$129,975. This is .61% decrease.

Upcoming Meetings:

There is a WTA unit meeting October 4th at the Town of Algoma.
The WTA Convention is October 14-16 with registration due on September 25th.
November 6th – fall election.

Larry Timm thanked the Board for the contract for next year. He has to sign it yet. He will be attending the WTA convention for assessor training, the annual assessor school in Wausau and he has been working at redoing the land classifications in the Town of Poysippi and he plans to do the same for the Town of Rushford. Pat Schoonover asked what the towns total assessment was. He does not have that figure handy at this time. Tom Jackson said that there are a lot of fire signs that are not visible.

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

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk