

Rushford Town Board Minutes  
Wednesday, August 7, 2019

The Town of Rushford August 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 meeting of the Board with Martenson & Eisele was posted on the Town hall door, the corner of K&E in Eureka, the Waukau post office and the Towns website.

**Clerks Report & Minutes:** *Motion by Schoonover 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer, to approve the minutes from the July 3, 2019 board meeting. Motion carried.*

**Treasurers Report** was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of July was \$247,293.27. The balance in the tax account was \$1683.35. *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

**Payment of invoices:** Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for August in the amount of \$56,896.21. *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to pay the bills for the month of August. Motion carried.*

**Public Input:** Dr Jay Jones, the new Omro School superintendent was present to introduce himself to the residents. He started August 2<sup>nd</sup> and extends an open-door policy to everyone. Lance Behling, 8756 Washington St, Eureka WI presented pictures of his driveway and to seek a solution to the problem of the rain running down the road, through his driveway, washing out his approach. It is also taking chunks of the road as well. He would like the board to take a look at it to help him resolve this problem. The board will come out and look at it. They had also gotten a call from Gus Davies, which is on the back side of Mr. Behling, stating concerns.

**Communication & Correspondence:** A continuation certificate for reclamation bond was received for Zillges Materials. A open record request was made from McCoy Leavitt Laskey Law firm in Waukesha for the audio meeting minutes from May 10, 2017, which was fulfilled.

**Old Business:** Discussion on the cleanup letters that were sent out. It was stated that clean up is in progress at 3032 Quarry Drive. Regarding 4405 O'Reilly Rd – an email was received from the Credit Union that they have been mowing the property. The lot in Bluebelle Farm Subdivision was mowed after receiving the letter. There are others that are not mowed or being mowed at this time. The Board will check the lots out while they are looking at other properties this month. 3080 Union Street has been mowed, but there is concern with the barn on the property which is falling down. Hendricks will contact him this month. Tom Egan thinks the Attorney should send him a letter for it is a safety concern. The Board will also visit 2536 State Road 116 in Waukau. Mr. Carson received a letter previously. He is in ill health at this time. The property has been mowed.

Last month the resolution for text & map changes to Winnebago Co floodplain was tabled for lack of information. Tom Egan explained that previously the Town had disapproved this. It does not affect the Township at this time but could in the future. FEMA has told Winnebago County that if they do not approve this, they will not have FEMA flood insurance. It will come up again for a vote at the County Board. Action on ATV/UTV ordinance: The final copy of the ordinance was presented to the Board. Once this is finalized, it will be sent to the DNR, the State Patrol and Winnebago Co Sheriff's office. It will be published as a Class 1 publication. Tom Egan questioned the wording of anyone under the age of 16 being able to operate an ATV/UTV. It is written that from 12 – 15 years a child could operate if they had a certificate. If you are under 12, you are prohibited. The previous ordinance was looked at and the wording was the same. It was questioned if golf carts were part of this ordinance, which they are not. *Motion by Egan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve Ordinance 08-2019.* Discussion: Tom Egan mentioned that this ordinance is a trail for one year. *Motion carried 2-1 – Egan-aye, Schoonover-aye, Kafer-nay.*

Tom Egan said the County did not pass the recommendation to open all County roads to ATV/UTV routes in Winnebago. It was sent back to committee. It was asked what the Sheriff's department is doing about people riding the road now. Egan stated that they are not doing anything right now. Tom Egan also stated that the Sheriff is for the routes, but his concern is if a person is drinking and driving an ATV/UTV, there is no law to take away their license. There was disagreement on that point.

**Discussion of Town hall maintenance:** Kafer moved the mailbox. There will have to be more gravel put down and a board to hold it. It looks nice.

**Discussion on Town Maintenance:** Egan talked about Lost Lane. The Board met with Bongerts to discuss purchasing land for a turn around. Martenson & Eisele has a drawing and staked out the area. The Town will need .179 acres. They had requested \$13,000/acre. The idea is to pulverize the road & cover with gravel to raise it. Hendricks tried to contact East Central Planners for information on grant money which they advertise they have for projects such as these.

Tom Egan has talked to the County about the road work for the Township.

Discussion on street light entering Meadowridge Dr: Hendricks contacted Alliant Energy and the cost would be \$12.90/month more then at this time. Kafer asked if there was only one person who requested this and that is correct. Kafer said that there should be consensus that this is what the majority of the people in the subdivision want. The LED lights are much brighter, and some residents might be against it. Tom Egan said that a request signed by a majority in the subdivision should be obtained first.

**Building Permits:**

Todd Goodwin, Industrial Drive Omro for 2302 Hiwela Drive, Omro, WI 54963  
2200 sq ft new home, brick front and right side, full basement, car garage and 40 x 6 storage shed  
Paid for 911 number \$300,000 7-8-2019

Miranda & Brenadon Schultz, 7361 Meadow Ridge Dr, for 7367 Bluebird Crossing, Omro WI  
New Home - 3600 sq ft single story, 4 car garage, 4 bedroom, 4 bedroom, stone exterior  
Parcel # 022 1448 \$560,000 7-10-2019

Mike Vangenderen, 8714 County Road K, Omro, WI  
Garage/patio built by Case Construction - 30 x 30 \$25,000 7-20-2019

Betsy Bryce, W9001 River Road, Berlin, WI  
Deck addition by Thrasher Construction, Green Lake  
32 x 12, treated floor joists, composite decking, wire railing  
\$10,000 8-5-2019

**County Report:** Tom Egan went though the County improvements projects. There are not any for the Town of Rushford.

**Reports of Attended meetings:** Tom Egan attended the WTA Winnebago Co Unit picnic on July 11<sup>th</sup> at Mahler Park in the Town of Neenah.

**Upcoming Meetings:** There will be a public hearing on August 27<sup>th</sup> regarding land use plan and Farmland preservation in Winnebago County.

Tom Jackson asked about tree trimming this year. Tom Egan had talked to the camp people, but they do not know when they would be able to come out. The Town might have to hire this out, regardless of the cost for many roads are in need of tree trimming, especially Rushford Ave to the Town Line.

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to adjourn at 7:55. Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks

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