

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, December 4, 2019

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: 11 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 committee meeting, Notice of Quorum for budget workshop, budget hearing and meeting of electors 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 budget summary with agenda was published in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover, to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2019 board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of November was \$264,060.65. The balance in the tax account was \$1683.89. *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.* Tom Egan requested Kathryn Lewis to contact the people who had outstanding checks and request they cash them by the end of the year.

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for December in the amount of \$242,413.25. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the bills for the month of December. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Jim Moore expressed concern on South Street in Waukau. There have been stakes put up on both sides of the road which makes it very narrow for vehicles. The Board will look into the problem. Pat Schoonover said last month he bought up there was garbage on Archery Drive, which was picked up. But there has been more thrown out closer to 91. He also had a question on the party at Starlight bar on November 21. He understood there was adult entertainment. Tom Jackson said that it was considered a private party, for they charged to get in, the establishment was not open to the public and windows were blocked off so the Towns ordinance on adult entertainment establishments would not fall under this. It was suggested that the Town contact the attorney for clarification. Joe Carpenter on Liberty School road inquired about the tree trimming on the road. Egan explained that because of the weather, they only had a few days of work that they got done but said they would be back or the Town will get someone else. Mr. Carpenter asked if he did trimming, if he could send the Town a bill. Egan said he would like to know what the bill was first. He said the Town would be willing to work with him. He just stated that any wood cut down belongs to the land owner. Dan Carpenter was wondering what the plan was for maintenance on Liberty School Road. Egan stated probably nothing more this year. The County started the road work very late this year. He also stated that farmers should be using the driveways with culverts to get into the field. Many are just pulling into the field and that is wrecking the roads. Egan said we do plan on going through the roads early in 2020 and checking other companies out to do the work.

Communication & Correspondence: A copy of a letter sent to Chad Pugh from the Winnebago Co zoning department regarding complaints received. A copy of the submittal for MLS grant application was received for Lost Lane by Abby Maslanka from Martenson-Eisele.

Town Zoning Report: Tom Jackson reported that they had a meeting on November 20, 2019. They had two zoning hearings and a number of other concerns were discussed, such as setbacks for well and septic systems, ponds in the Township, acreage limitations on small parcels, tiny homes, weekend camping in parking lots and a possible ordinance for fireworks. A permit or conditional use permit should be required.

County Zoning Report – Dan Stokes – Dan Stokes was re-elected on a committee which gets together with the Farm Service Agency to make sure it runs smooth. He also attended a zoning workshop which discussed decisions made by the zoning board and the legal standards which have to be followed.

Old Business: The contract was received by Advance Disposal. The Board would like to extend the contract from 3 years to 5 years. Egan talked to them and they are willing to do that. Egan said some of the changes are the garbage and recycling bins that the Town will start using. These come in 95 & 65 gallon. In the tax newsletter, this will be explained more and the residents will have to contact the clerk if they do not want 95 gallon bins by the end of February. Recycling will be picked up every other week in 2020. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the contract from Advance Disposal with a possible amendment to change 3 years to 5 years. Motion carried.*

New Business:

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the Zoning change for Ron & Nancy Gehrke, 9016 Bell School Road, parcel #041401 from HDR to RR. Motion approved.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the Zoning change for parcel 022-051001 for Marshall Piotter, 7400 Cty Rd E, Omro, WI from GA to LER. Motion carried.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to allocate the Town of Rushford per capita economic development funds of \$1,795 to the City of Omro. Motion carried.

Hendricks requested a wage change of \$10 to \$11 for chief inspectors. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to raise the wage to \$11 for Chief inspectors. Motion carried.*

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to appoint Sandra Lewis, Jill Elza, Jodie Schoonover, Brenda Cloutier, Becky Sell, Donna Kirk, Diane Kettlewell and Cathy Jahn as poll workers for 2020-2022. Motion carried.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to appoint Sharon Wolff, Sherrie Wilson, Alexandria Craig, Polly Kafer, Linda Kallas and Mary Allen as Chief inspectors for 2020-2022. Motion carried.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to change January 2020 board meeting from January 1st to Thursday, January 9, 2020. Motion carried.

Discussion on Hall Maintenance: A light is needed in the office. Kafer came to replace the bulbs, but the fixture does not work. The lights should be changed to LED bulbs. Tom Jackson said he would check into the pricing to put LED lights in the office, for they are getting a bid for the firehouse.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: It is thought that Leon Petraszak will come with his hoe after it freezes for cleanup/brush.

County Report: Tom Egan left information and applications for County Scholarships which are due March 23rd. They are presenting 9-\$1000 awards. He reported on the ATV/UTV routes that are being approved though out the County. Hendricks stated that on the Towns website under Zoning, residents can get the ATV/UTV route and rules for our Township.

Building Permits:

Rick Kufahl, 2952 State Rd 116, Omro, WI 54963
Post frame garage built by Walters Buildings, Allenton, WI
30x63x16 wrapped in steel, concrete floor laid once building is up
\$47,000 11-6-2019

Reports of Attended Meetings: The Budget hearing and meeting of electors to approve the levy was held right before this meeting. Tom Egan went to 2 TRIP meetings.

Upcoming Meetings:

Chief inspector training on December 11th
End of the Year meeting on December 30 at 9:30

Tom Egan wished everyone a Merry Christmas from the Town of Rushford Board.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to adjourn at 8:00. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks
