

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, July 3, 2019

The Town of Rushford July 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, Kathryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks and Patrick Kafer 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 zoning committee meeting 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 2nd by Kafer, to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2019 board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of June was \$232,118.14. The balance in the tax account was \$1683.20. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report.* It was asked if the bill from Advance Disposal showed a discount for the week it did not pick up garbage. Hendricks stated there was a discount of \$2509.58. *Motion carried.*

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for July in the amount of \$21,582.30. Egan inquired about Shawn Edinger's paycheck which was not made out last month. Hendricks explained he showed up right after the June meeting and received his paycheck. Egan inquired about the check made out for the maintenance outside around the building. Hendricks stated 20 hours was paid the hourly fee of the bid. Pat Schoonover inquired about the bill from Hyler. A lift pump was installed along with service call and emergency call. He inquired if there was a warranty with the lift pump. This is the first time one has been installed since the hall was built. He also said there was a lot of weeds by the sidewalk and the culvert. Kafer said he will spray that.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to pay the bills for the month of July. Motion carried.

Public Input: Pat Schoonover inquired about the grass mowing and the barn falling down at 3080 Union Street Eureka. A letter was sent to the property owner in 2018 and nothing has been done yet. It was stated he did mow last year after the letter was sent out, but only the edge has been mowed this year. He also said last month it was discussed that a property that was in foreclosure that also needed to be mowed and the Town said they would send someone over. Hendricks stated that a letter was sent to the bank who owns the property.

Communication & Correspondence: A continuation certificate for reclamation bond was received for Zillges Materials.

Old Business: ATV/UTV Routes: Tom Yancy from Berlin was present with maps for ATV routes. The first one is the designated, current routes and County Roads 35 mph and under. The 2nd map shows what it would look like if the Town designated all the Town roads and any County Road where the speed limit is 35 mph or under. This includes Hwy 116 though Waukau over to the dam parking lot and County K & E where the speed limit is 35 mph or under. These are ideas if the Town is considering expanding the routes in the Township. Tom Egan said the County Highway department has approved to make all County Roads ATV/UTV routes. This has not been to the County Board yet. The County will be looking at this on that on July 16th. Tom Yancy said that there will be signage posted at every entry and exits in the Town. There is a resolution from the Town to the Highway department requesting County Roads 35 mph and under be designated routes. Tom Egan said his thoughts that all the Town roads should be open. Kafer said he has had a number of people say they do not want all the Town roads open, especially in the village. It was asked by Jim Moore why people would not want them riding on the road, for they do have to follow ATV rules the same a car does. Kafer said 2 of the people who are opposed feel that the traffic would be compounded on Fairview Road. It is thought if County Road E was open, this would not be a problem. The Town also has the option of closing any routes if the need arises. Tom Yancy said the Town has complete control. It can open all roads that are posted and roads you do not want, the Town would not post them. Egan said the Town could try 1 year trail period to see

if it would be abused. Kafer feels the Town residents can get to where they want to go. Pat Schoonover asked if Winneconne was open, which it is. He stated that there are no speed limits in the villages, which was incorrect. Eureka is 25 mph and Waukau is 35 mph. Pat Schoonover thought more speed limit signs could be posted.

Motion by Kafer to approve Map 1 with the intention of the County Board approving County Roads 35 mph and under. His reasoning being that Town of Poygan has only approved the main route. If they opened all of theirs, maybe the Town of Rushford would do the same. He feels Map 1 will get people from point A to B.

Motion failed for lack of 2nd.

Motion by Jerry Schoonover to approve Map 2 with the understanding that some roads could be taken out if need be. This would be for a 1 year trial and if there are problems, the Board can address them.

Yancy said most people are going to be following the arrows. You could mark a "Preferred" route and leave the designated route without arrows. When a person enters the Town, there will be a sign saying All Town Roads unless posted. Tom Egan asked who was going to be responsible for marking the routes. Yancy said the Club would be responsible. Egan asked if we decided to close a road, if they would mark that and the answer was yes. There would be a Prohibited sign with a red slash going through. Hendricks asked the difference between preferred and designated routes. It was explained that the preferred route would be marked with arrows where you can control where people go and the designated route would be all other roads with out arrows to mark. They would be open, but usually people who are not Town residents would not know that and use the preferred route. For example, if the Town opened all town roads, the ones that are marked right now would be the preferred route.

Tom Egan 2nd the motion with an amendment. To obey speed limits and not to go over 35 mph any place.

Jerry Schoonover said that is already in our ordinance. There are also times listed – 6 am to 10 pm. By Statute, they can not go over 35 mph and they have to obey speed limits if posted under 35 mph. Tom Egan wanted to clarify that if he 2nds the motion, it is under all our same rules – we are just adding roads which is correct. **Tom Egan 2nd the motion of adding the Town roads. Motion carried 2 to 1.**

Tom Yancy said the motion only included Town Roads. The Town has the right under 2017 WI Act 87 to authorize operation on any highway, except Interstate and defense highways, that has a speed limit of 35 mph or under. That would include HWY 116 from State Hwy 91 to Waukau Dam entrance, and County Road K from 116 to Delhi Rd and County Road E to Fairview Road. It was asked if residents on the other side of State Hwy 91 would be able to cross. As of this time, they are unable to unless the County passes the Highway departments recommendation. Then they would be able to. **Motion made by Egan that under WI Act 87, to authorize all highways that have a speed limit of 35 mph or less as ATV/UTV route. Motion 2nd by Jerry Schoonover. Motion carried 2 – 1. Jerry Schoonover amended his motion to include a 1 year trial period. Motion 2nd by Egan.** Discussion: The one year trial will start once all the signs are in place which the ATV club will setting up. Hendricks asked if all the Town roads are open, can we leave the roads we have open now would have arrow signage for a preferred route, but the rest would not. Tom Yancy said that there will be signage entering the Town that says all Town roads are routes unless posted. On the back side, it will say Route has ended. The only arrows that would be added at this time is the County/state roads which are posted at 35 mph or under. **Motion carried 2 – 1.**

Discussion on 3032 Quarry Drive: Hendricks stated she received an email from Attorney Blazel saying that Ken Basil requested more time for cleanup due to the wet weather, Schoonover said it looks like he is trying to get things cleaned up. It has been very wet. **Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to give Mr. Basil to the end of July and to further discuss at the August Board meeting. Motion carried.**

New Business- Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve CSM for Rick Bohnert, 3422 Bell Line Road for parcels 022 0375 & 022 0377. Motion carried.

The Board will apply for County Culvert aid for the culvert near #4552 on Poygan Ave.

Winnebago County is requesting an amendment to the County Sanitary Ordinance. This does not apply to the Town of Rushford. Winnebago is also asking for a text and map amendment to Floodplain zoning code, but

there was not an explanation sent. ***Motion by Kafer to table until next month to see if the Board gets any further information.*** Hendricks said the response due date is July 30th. ***Motion carried.***

Tom Egan went back to old business, for there are people who are not cleaning or mowing their lawn. Edingers property on Union Street was discussed earlier. There is more building going on Blue Belle and CAP properties have not been mowing their lots which is required by the subdivision covenants. Denise Spencer has not finished cleaning their parcel. Kafer asked about the trailer on the curve on Quarry Drive. That should be mowed or cleaned up. Schoonover asked if there was an ordinance on mowing. Hendricks will have to double check, but she thought there was only one for noxious weeds. Egan said a letter should go out to each of them and if it is not mowed in a couple weeks, the Town should go in to mow and charge them. Egan feels Edinger should clean up that building by a certain time. Kafer said there is a dumpster there. It will take time. Schoonover asked Jim Moore if he heard anything more on the Carlson property. It is all fenced off now. Moore said he was going to start on it this summer, but then his cancer came back. It was asked who mows his grass. It was asked of the clerk to send a letter to have action by the end of the month and to have Edinger contact a Board member with his plans.

Discussion of Town hall maintenance: Marv Litton looked over the playground equipment to make sure it was in good repair. It was suggested to see if Polly Kafer would be interested in staining the playground equipment.

A letter was received from the Post Master that the Towns mailbox needs to be moved to Bell School road by July 8th. The clerk will call diggers hotline and will have to check to see if that would change the address of the hall.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: The Board met this past Monday to discuss road work for 2019. The Board took \$25,000 out of the budget for possible purchase of land on Lost Lane to build cul de sac. The Board met with the owner of the land on Tuesday. There is a parcel of 1.075 acres and it is thought the Town would need about ½ acre. The offer was \$12,000 for the whole thing but she would like right a ways into the other 2 parcels. She contacted Tom this afternoon and she would like to meet out there again before it is decided and drawn up. Pat Schoonover said the state budget that was just signed promised more road money for Townships. He asked if we should contact our representative. Kafer said the \$25,000 would probably be used for gravel and clearing of trees. The thought was to pulverize the road, put some gravel down to build it up and leave it as that for now.

There is culvert work on Delhi, Rushford Ave, stumps on Rushford Ave and Edgewater Ridge that need to be removed. There are 14 culverts in all – either ends or repair. There is some County aid for culverts. Kafer said a lot of work is done on Poygan line. It is bad up to Liberty School. There are sections that are done. The total cost for Poygan Ave is \$99,300. Kafer said they forgot to talk about the washout down by Stokes for there is nothing left there. It was discussed that Fox Lane could be pulverized or reground asphalt down. Wedging on Eureka Road for \$16,300, & work done on Commercial street in Waukau. The amount budgeted for road work. After the above is done, that leaves about \$9,000 in the budget. Bids have come in from the County. These have also been sent to others for bids.

Hendricks has had a couple calls requesting a street light entering Meadowridge. Hendricks will contact the Power & Light company for a price.

