

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, May 1, 2019

The Town of Rushford May 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, the annual meeting the Rushford road tour 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 open book and Board of Review was published in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

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

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of April was \$293,193.81. The balance in the tax account was \$1682.94. *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 May in the amount of \$29,013.99. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the bills for the month of May. Motion carried.* There was an inquiry on the payment for bond insurance and to the Oshkosh humane society by Pat Schoonover. It was explained bond insurance is required by the Town for officials and the dog that was taken into Oshkosh was Winnebago Co Officer Houle.

Public Input: Pat Schoonover, 2575 Hwy 116, Omro said last March the Town sent a letter to 3080 Union St requesting clean up. There is a building falling down and an unlicensed vehicle. Egan explained that they can have one vehicle. He also stated there are 2 RV's up the street. Jackson explained he has 3 mobile homes, but there are 2 parcels there. A person can have 2 RV's on a parcel. You can license these vehicles quarterly. He was concerned about the bill from Freunds. Kafer stated that if there are potholes, they need to be filled in. He compared some rates between the County and Freund Excavating. Schoonover feels the Board should get the County to do the road maintenance work. It was stated that the Board does not contract out for road maintenance. The Board sits down and decides what roads are to be done. They compare prices between several contractors and decide who will do certain roads. Kafer stated that when he first got on the board, it was \$5500 for chip and seal. It is now \$30,000. The Town does the best they can with what they have. The Board decides who they hire and who they don't. Pat Schoonover said there is a big hole in the Eureka Mill on the side. He feels the Town should step up and not allow this. He also asked if farmers are exempt from certain ordinances vs people who live in the villages because there are old junk vehicles on a lot of farms. Jackson said as far as farms, the one vehicle per tax parcel is the same for all. Schoonover said on 116 there is a farm that has a lot of junk vehicles. Jackson said this would be reported on later in the meeting. Jim Moore said that if you hire the County, they clock on at the shop before they leave. Freunds clock on when they get to the job.

Town Zoning/County Zoning Report: Nicole Bahn and the Town represent terms are up this year. They will be appointed by the next zoning meeting on May 29th. Tom Jackson passed around a list of several parcels who are in violation of Town ordinances. Jackson talked to Attorney Blazel about the proper way to go about this. The Attorney said there are different ways of doing this. You can wait till you get a complaint or visit each one. Jackson has talked to about 80% of the people on the list and most of them agreed that they didn't know there was an ordinance and they would make changes. Three of them were upset and did not want to make changes. Jackson said there is a parcel that does not have a fire number on Liberty School Road. This property has 2 campers with a deck between them. There are several larger boxes there where people will stay on the weekends. Our ordinance says you cannot stay in an accessory building. Hendricks will order a fire number for that parcel. Another resident on Hwy K has 8 pickup cars/trucks and several trailers. They are using some of the trailers for storage and they do not know where they would go with the items. There is another trailer in Waukau being used for storage for his garage fell down. There are a number of

vehicles on the Kasuboski properties. Kafer said that you could have each one come in a plead their case and decide case by case. On the farms, vehicle husbandry might be in effect. Kafer said he does not feel a semi-trailer should be on a high dense residential zoned area and should be addressed. The soft sided buildings are updated in the work of the revised ordinances. Shipping containers being used as homes should also be discussed at the zoning committee meeting. There was a mobile home on Hwy K that has been moved behind the barn after a home was built. Jackson said he will stop in and see what he plans on doing with the trailer. They are closing the pit on Liberty School road and starting reclamation.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the petition of Town of Oshkosh requesting County text amendment which increases impervious surfaces from 3000 to 15000 sq ft for a permit for land development. Motion carried.

Old Business:

ATV/UTV route ordinance: The Attorney is working on the resolution for the County.

3032 Quarry Drive discussion: The Attorney sent a letter to the resident pertaining to the violation of town ordinances. Attorney Blazel met with Mr. Basel and was informed he was planning on moving most of the items stored on his property as soon as it was dry enough and hoped to be done by the end of June. They also stated he did not take the fence down, rather the neighbors behind him did. Tom Egan also had conversation with Mr. Basil.

Egan read the letter from Attorney Blazel stating that there are no issues with a church using the hall for services/meetings.

Egan read a letter from Ann Schwab pertaining to the houseboat on Island Ave. She was disappointed the neighbors did not address their concerns with her instead of burdening the Town over a neighborhood issue. The family will continue to maintain the boat and the property. Because of the location of the properties, this is under Winnebago County zoning. The letter is public record so anyone who request to see the letter, may do so.

New Business- Kafer asked if the clerk received a letter from Alliant, for they would like to run natural gas down CTY Hwy K. They need at least one commercial and 7 residential properties to run the line. This will be on the agenda next month.

Discussion on Town hall maintenance: The playground should be stained.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: The road tour went well, but the report has not been received from the County yet. The County feels are roads are in better shape then surrounding Townships. The Board is still deciding on what to do at the end of Lost Lane. There are culverts that have holes on the bottom. Tom Egan will ask to schedule a meeting with the landowner on Lost Lane with Nancy Bongert to discuss a possibility of purchasing ½ acre or so for a turn around. Jim Moore says that the school bus does down his road 4 times a day and because of cutting the corner, it is stomping down his new culvert. He has holes starting so he would like the Town Board to put it on the list for patching. Jackson said the culvert is crushed on Liberty School road and the corner is at least 6' wider. He would like to put stakes up so they wouldn't cut over. Many times the stakes are ran over, even the flexible ones.

Building Permits:

Peter Steger, 2871 Cty Rd E
70x104 pole type building built by self
\$60,000 4-7-19

County Report – Tom Egan: Tom Egan left the Economic Impact Study Phase III Sunnyview Expo Center report for anyone to view. He also left a report on the Mobile Command Post request for 2019. The County would like to purchase a new one. There is a new aviation person who is in charge of the airport and he has gone ahead and applied for grants. They found they could get a grant for over a million dollars to help build a new terminal.

Assessor Report: Eight property owners attended open book with Larry Timm. He had the completed property roll and personal property roll. Included was a sheet for corrections of errors by assessors. One home was omitted last year and back taxes can be collected for one year. This home had never gotten a building permit and hooked into the existing septic system, so a sanitary permit was not obtained. Kafer asked Larry Timm for a protocol on what he does if he wants to enter a house.

Tom Jackson inquired about the property on Wayside drive. Tom Egan did contact the County on this property for it should be under County zoning.

A resident on Cty Rd K says he never received a fire number. Jackson will verify the correct number and let the clerk know.

Reports of Attended Meetings:

The annual meeting was on April 17th. There are booklets in the back.

Upcoming Meetings:

Zoning meeting on May 29, 2019

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn at 8:40. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks
