

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, October 2, 2019

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, & Peggy Hendricks present. Kathryn Lewis was excused. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 5 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 road tour and the brushing schedule 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 the Towns acceptance of bids for snow removal and garbage & recycling services was published in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover, to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2019 board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Peggy Hendricks. The balance at the end of September was \$290,938.75. The balance in the tax account was \$1683.62. *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 October in the amount of \$35,603.71. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the bills for the month of October. Motion carried.*

Communication & Correspondence: Hendricks received a public record request from the Republican Party of Winnebago County which was fulfilled. She also received notice of a subgrant being offered for election security. Hendricks will apply for the parts she thinks we are qualified for.

Old Business: Discussion of 3080 Union St, Eureka WI. Shawn Edinger expressed deep remorse for not having his barn down as the Town instructed in a timely manner. He thought he would be able to do the work himself. He has talked to Mr. Bud Hockid who said he will remove the barn. He believes he will have it done by the middle of the month. The board appreciated Mr. Edinger attending the meeting. Tom Egan mentioned a couple other options for consideration. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to give Mr. Edinger 30 more days or until our next meeting to have the barn down and cleaned up. Motion carried.*

New Business: Tom Egan opened the bids the Town received for residential waste & recycling service for 2020 – 2023. He went through the first bid prepared by Andrew Gayhart, Harter's Fox Valley Disposal, W17620 Cty Rd Q, Wittenberg, WI. The pricing included supplying each household with a 95 gallon cart for garbage and a 95 gallon cart for recycling for \$20/house/month. Fuel surcharge begins at \$4/gallon and for every .10 fuel increase the total monthly bill increases 1%. This contract was written for 5 – 7 years. The second bid was from Advanced Disposal, 250 Alder Ave, Omro, WI. The bid included carts (65 – 95 gallon) provided by Advance Disposal at no charge to the Town, \$13/home/month. Pricing for MSW directly billed to the Town at \$42/ton in year one with pricing adjustments annually for years 2 & 3 if necessary. Last year the Town had about 140 ton MSW. Recycling billed at monthly Outagamie/Winnebago Co rates throughout duration of contract. There is no fuel surcharge unless fuel rises above \$4/gallon, then it would be .5% for every .10 above the \$4 base. Pricing in years 2 & 3 are subject to annual increases in the Consumer Price Index not to exceed 3% annually. This contract is for 3 years beginning January 1, 2020. This past year, the Town had 657 homes. Jim Moore asked if a person already had a container, if they would have to get a new one. Tom Egan said that was between the company and the resident. Both contracts are requiring containers for the residents for pickup. Harter's Fox Valley Disposal was disqualified, for their bid was for 5-7 years. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to accept Advance Disposal bid for garbage & recycling services from January 1, 2020 to 12/31/2022. Motion carried.*

The company did ask if they could start at least by 6:00 am which the Town did not have a problem with, for it does seem like most people put out garbage the night before. Information will be going out in the newsletter that is included in the tax bill to explain the carts, sizes, etc. This won't be going into effect until Spring. There will be a pre-determined date on the calendar that is sent out and available.

Tom Egan opened up the bid submitted for snow removal for a 3 year contract commencing in 2019. The only bid submitted was by Freund Excavating. Tom Egan mentioned that previously it was suggested the County do our work. The Townships will be the last ones done. State and County roads have preference. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to accept the bid by Freund Excavating for 3 years. Motion carried.*** Jerry Schoonover asked if salt is available. Chuck Freund stated it is, but it has gone up in price.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the proposed CSM and grading plan for The Town of Rushford - Lost Lane, parcel #022 0900. Motion approved.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to approve the proposed CSM for parcel 022-0430 for Pat Kafer, located off Cty Road K, Omro. Motion approved with Pat Kafer abstaining.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to approve the proposed CM for parcel 022-0433 for Pat Kafer, located at 3326 County Road K, Omro. Motion carried 2-0-1 with Kafer abstaining. Motion carried.

Hendricks requested permission to purchase a 2019 Winnebago County Plat book for the Town Hall. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the purchase of a County Plat book. Motion carried.***

Larry Timm, the Town assessor submitted the assessor contract for 2020. Tom Egan stated that there have been many complaints of the assessor not being accessible to the residents. There have been complaints that he is not returning phone calls and that there is not an answering machine. It has been becoming a problem. Egan feels since it is a business, he should have a cell phone or return calls. ***Motion by Kafer that the Town hire Larry Timm at the amount of \$10,400 and reimbursements if an amendment is added to the present contract. Once the new agreement is received, it will be signed by the Town Board at that time.*** Tom Egan said that should be added to his contract. Hendricks will email Larry Timm and tell him that the agreement is not acceptable to the Board and he should resend an agreement the conditions of contacting residents in a timely manner. ***Motion 2nd by Schoonover. Motion carried.***

Discussion of Town hall maintenance: Friends offered to help replace the light in the parking lot. Tom Egan mentioned that Steve Binder, who use to work with the highway department does crack filling. Egan was wondering if it would be too late to see if he could do the work at the hall. Tom Egan will contact him and see if it is something he would do. Jerry Schoonover mentioned he did not know the well pump ceased working. Kafer was called during a hall rental that there was no water and the well pump controller box had to be replaced.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: Tom Egan said the inmates have been out twice doing brushing in the Township. The rain is deterring them. They said they will make up lost days due to the rain at the end of the month. Tom Egan said that Mr. Petraszak has a machine that he puts on his trac-hoe and it can get trees up high and bring them right down. It will throw pieces and is about \$140. This might be something that the Town should do. Pat Kafer asked if it is possible to patch Fox Lane. Friends said that one is on their list and they do plan on doing some paving and culverts yet.

Building Permits:

Adam Demler, 7732 Cty Road K, Omro, WI
Remodel upstairs and above garage done by Kriers Construction, Oshkosh, WI
\$74,495 9-6-2019

Terry Goodermuth 718 Monroe St, Oshkosh, WI for 7311 Bluebird Xing, Omro, WI
With walkout basement. 2070 sq ft. 20 x 20 patio. 2 & 3 car garage
\$250,000 Parcel #022 1444 09/04/2019

County Report: Tom Egan was a representative for Winnebago Co at the County's convention. He is also on the State Highway committee. He has the 2019-2021 state budget review. It will be in the clerk's office if anyone wishes to view it. The MLS grant was discussed and explained. Hendricks asked if the Town should apply for LRIP for any town roads. Tom Egan said Chairman Noe of Town of Omro was interested in combining an application for 2nd St. as one project. There would be the possibility of getting more money. Pat Kafer said he would be agreeable in a joint application for TRIP. Hendricks will contact East Central for help with the MLS grant for Lost Lane.

Budget meetings for the County start at the end of the month.

Jim Moore asked about the ATV/UTV on the County level. Tom Egan said the County passed the ordinance, but it is up to the municipalities to request the county roads in the Township. The Town of Rushford already has their request in for Cty Rd K, E and M. The Counties ordinance says they have to have a license, insurance and it is only for daylight hours. These are enforced by the sheriff's office. The County will put up the signs, bill the Town and then the Town can bill the ATV/UTV club.

Reports of Attended Meetings:

Joint Fire District meeting on September 11th – Henricks reported on the budget for the fire department. Jerry Schoonover reported on the number of fire fighters and first responders, the number of fire runs and a report on the new hover craft. Kafer explained the LOSA (length of service award) that the Town helps pay.

TRIP committee meeting on September 26th – Tom Egan reported there are 5 committee members were selected. They are the chairmen of Town of Rushford, Vinland, Omro, Winneconne and Utica. Applications are due November 1st. Tom went though all the funding that was presented from 2002 – 2019. They will be meeting again on November 4th at 6:00.

Upcoming Meetings:

WTA Convention October 13-15 in Wisconsin Dells.
WTA Unit meeting at Nekimi on October 3rd at 6 pm

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn at 8:30. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks
