

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, July 1, 2020

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, Patrick Kafer, Kathryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 8 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 meeting 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 Board of Review and Notice of Zoning hearing was published in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer, to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2020 board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of June was \$179,617.92 The balance in the tax account was \$1956.48. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for July in the amount of \$130,193.03. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the bills for the month of July. Motion carried.*

Public Input: David Zouski, 2848 Morrow Road presented a petition from a number of residents on Morrow Road who would like to see the speed limit reduced from 55 to 35 mph from County Road K to State Hwy 91. They also requested to limit semi traffic (not the drivers in and out of Zillges Pit) and would like to request signage to warn drivers of school bus traffic. The request for speed reduction is because of the driveways and the hills. Julie Henke, 2879 Morrow Road said many people like to walk down the road and she has concern for them and the mailman. Tom Egan said this would be on the agenda for next month. His concern is other residents of Town Roads might also want a speed reduction. Pat Schoonover, 2575 Hwy 116, Omro asked about the residents who do not mow their grass. As of this time, the Town does not have an ordinance. All that can be done is a letter being sent to the resident requesting them to do so.

Communication & Correspondence: A letter from Glatfelter Claims Management, Inc was read. The Town received a settlement in the amount of \$6,769.51 for the water damage in the hall. Hendricks read a letter from Martenson-Eisele pertaining to a possible grant or low interest loan from the USDA, depending what is available at the state level for Lost Lane. It might be eligible since Lost Lane has solid waste collection. It was advised to get more information.

Town Zoning Report: Dan Stokes reported on the zoning meeting which was held on June 24th. A public hearing was held regarding a zoning change for William Weiss, 3285 Morrow Road. A motion was made to recommend the zoning change to the Town Board. A number of other topics were discussed, such as ordinance updates, the Kasuboski property located on State Hwy 116, residents who are not applying for building permits and residents who are not mowing their lawns.

Motion by Kafer, 2ⁿ by Schoonover to approve the CSM for William Weiss, 3285 Morrow Road, Omro, WI, parcel #022 0583 and #022 0582. Motion carried.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the zoning change of Lot 1 of approved CSM on parcel 022 0582 from GA to LER. Motion carried.

Tom Jackson suggested the culvert application be changed to include plastic culverts. He discussed the letters sent by the County to the residents on Wayside being returned. A fence and railroad ties around a mailbox is thought to be in the road right away. Kafer will check it out. A suggestion from Tom Jackson was to double the cost of a building permit if one is not received in a timely matter or to levy fines. Dan Stokes inquired about the trees in the road right away.

Old Business: There have been requests from residents to be able to purchase extra garbage totes. **Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to allow the residents to purchase an extra toter from Advance Disposal and if the Town incurs extra cost, it will be passed to the resident.** Discussion: Julie Henke stated she feels it will even out, for some residents do not use the totes every week. **Motion carried.**

New Business: Hendricks suggested ordering face shields and/or sneeze guards for the coming election. A majority of the poll workers preferred the sneeze guards. **Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to allow the clerk to order face shields for elections and to table the discussion on sneeze guards until August meeting. Motion carried.**

Discussion on Hall Maintenance: Tom Egan did contact Russ Pomplun about the 2 large pines in the front that have been blown almost down and the 2 trees in the hall lot that have died, which were planted for Memorials. The outside light is burned out again in the parking lot. Kafer suggested purchasing an LCD light fixture.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: It was suggested to look at Bell Line Road, for there is a culvert and possible old driveway that is washed away where ditching might be done. Tom Egan talked to the man who will be spraying the brush, Ripon Truck will be a little behind on their mowing and Kathryn Lewis said there was a sign missing on 37th and Bell Line, which Tom Egan said has been replaced.

Building permits – Tom Egan:

Scott & Nicole Larsen, 2762 St Rd 116
Siding of house done by self
\$5,000 6-5-2020

Cale Simes, 3474 Blackburn Ct, Omro, WI
New home built by Prairestone Homes,
Single family with attached garage. Vinyl siding and stone accents, 12x20 patio
Parcel #022 1430
\$280,000 6-4-2020

Rodney & Beverly Ellison, 9048 Liberty School Rd, Omro, WI
16' x 26' addition to existing garage, wood frame by self
Parcel # 022 007803

Tom & Nancy Jackson, 9393 Liberty School Road, Omro WI
Remodel bathroom by self
\$12,000 6-23-2020

Jim & Peggy Hendricks, 3570 N County Road K, Omro
16 x 40 distillery addition
Parcel 022 043002
\$18,000 6-25-2020

Tom Egan mentioned there are a couple new houses that will be going up on Lost Lane and in the old ball diamond park.

County Report: Because of COVID, the meetings have been virtual. There is discussion of the County health officer would have the authority to make decisions in the County. A resolution was presented, and the meeting was very well attended, for no one thought only one man should be able to make those decisions. Emails have been received about the possibility of having to wear face masks in public and the UW Oshkosh is planning on bringing students back at this time.

Reports on Attended meetings: Hendricks met with Peter Ehlert, Winnebago Co Sheriffs office to go through the Town hall and the grounds for a safety assessment on June 16th. The Board decided Hendricks would meet with Deputy Ehlert and turn in a report to the Board.

Upcoming Meetings:

Election equipment testing on August 3 at 11:30 am. August election is on August 11th.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 8:25. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk
