

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2020

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: 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 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 Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover, to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2020 board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Peggy Hendricks. The balance for the general account at the end of September was \$87,663.66. The balance in the tax account was \$11,956.95. It was asked what the 4 outstanding checks were. A call was made to Kathryn Lewis. They are also the non-highlighted items on the report. *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 \$80,580.82. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the bills for the month of October.* Hendricks stated that the first week of October, a check for highway aids for \$30,905.28 and a check for the Roads to Recovery Grant for \$8,199.12 was deposited. *Motion carried.* Hendricks had a worksheet showing the actual budget to year to date ending October 5, 2020. All the expenses shown under COVID grant expenditures is being paid by the grants Hendricks applied for. A question was asked the cost of the road signs.

Public Input: Bonnie Barkow inquired if the Town would run out of money before the end of the year. Hendricks explained that the budget is followed, but it is very close for there are not extra monies put aside. Kafer stated that the Town has never ran out of money. Pat Schoonover said people are dumping garbage on Archery Drive. He mentioned that the flags on the 35 mph speed limit signs should go for they are tattered and not pleasant to look at. He told the clerk he did not feel comfortable with the absentee ballots being returned by the mail, for our mail is routed to Milwaukee. Hendricks said there is a drop box right in front of the door for the ballots. They may also come in and hand to the clerk after October 20th. It was also asked if there was anything on the website pertaining to the election. Hendricks said there is one separate page on election materials.

Communication & Correspondence: An email was read by Rush Lake Watershed Restoration pertaining to the timeline/refund of the donation. They need to wait till they hear from the DNR. A notice was sent from the WisDOT with WIS 91 project notices for improving the deteriorating pavement and culverts on State Hwy 91. Tom Egan said he received a letter from WTA where monies from the Route to Recovery Grant could be used for fire department wages. The Fire Chief was asked if they needed anything, but the Fire Chief said they didn't really have any extra expenses. A letter from received from Winnebago County Planning and Zoning Department stating that a proof of an erosion control permit from the County prior to issuing any zoning or building permits. Notice was sent to inform the town that the estimate calculation for general transportation aid will be \$123,621.12 for 2021. Tom Egan received communication from Tom Yancy about some roads in the township that have hanging branches or broken signs.

Town Zoning Report: Tom Jackson reported he has had a few calls on various questions and possible buildings that might be done and what zoning allows.

Old Business: Egan stated that Mr. Kasuboski had received notice from the County. Chairman Tom Egan thought Mr. Kasuboski would be at the meeting tonight, which he is not. Mr. Johnson did tag the property. Mr. Kasuboski called Marty Johnson and was told this would be on tonight's agenda. The question is what the Town is going to do. Will the Town allow him to continue to work on his building or what the Board thought. He has not followed up with any of the rules. He needs to get a building permit from the Town (his is expired)

and he would need to call State Inspector Marty Johnson after certain things are done for inspection which he has not done. If the Town says he has to start all over with the building permit, that will give him an additional 2 years to complete. Kafer said the Town should find out what their options are. His suggestion was that the attorney should give the Town guidance to see if the Town could fine him if he is in violation, etc. Our Town attorney can not represent the Town if there are legal matters with Mr. Kasuboski, for Attorney Blazel has represented him at one time. Kafer thought we should at least be able to have a general interpretation of our ordinance or contact Attorney Sondalle. Tom Jackson said he would contact Attorney Blazel for guidance. **Motion by Kafer that Tom Jackson, Zoning Administrator talk to Attorney Blazel to get some direction on the Kasuboski situation or recommendation if we should get another attorney to move forward. Motion 2nd by Jerry Schoonover. Motion passed.**

New Business: Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve Assessor Larry Timms contract for 2021 for \$10,400 plus expenses. Discussion: Pat Schoonover said you can go on the County website and see what everyone pays for taxes. He does not understand why like properties are so apart on taxes or why some much older houses are just slightly under a new house that is about the same footage. Hendricks said that a lot of Townships will hire a certified assessor from a real estate company, but the Town will be paying much more for the services. **Motion carried.**

Discussion on Town Maintenance: There is no more brushing that will be done this year. They had to go back on Lost Lane to put in gravel down. Ferry Lane was on the agenda, but reground asphalt was put down and leveled. Liberty School has some larger potholes that will need to be filled to get through until next work road work. If Freunds can not get to it, someone else will have to be called in. The Town could be liable if a car is damaged because of the road condition. Pat Schoonover said he drove down Lost Lane and if he lived on that road, he would not be satisfied. They raised the road and two vehicles can not meet. There is a large drop off. The aprons on the driveways are gone. Jerry Schoonover said the aprons are not supposed to be concrete to the road. Egan said the Town had to start someplace. It needed a base and raised. Ditching needs to be done where the homeowners did not want that done.

Building permits - Tom Egan:

Knigge Farms, LLC, 4577 Poygan Ave, Omro, WI
Milking Center built by Fox Cities Builders, Seymour, WI
Replacing 2 milking robots, adding 2 additions for new robots
\$150,000 9-14-2020

Chris Martin, 3133 Cty Rd E
Cement driveway
\$2,900 9-16-20

CB Mier, 8588 Banner Hill Rd
40 x 60 pole shed built by Beechy
\$4000 9-14-2020

Jana Secord, 8052 Island Road, Omro
Roof mounted solar array by Current Electric in Wauwatosa, WI
Parcel #022 047506
\$10,000 9-16-20

Martin & Anah Goryl, 3474 Chickadee Dr, Omro
547' vinyl fence by Ellis Fence Co in Omro, WI
\$10,326 9-22-20

County Report: The County is still having all their meetings virtual. Budget time is coming up. There will be free covid testing at Sunny view. Another meeting will be held on health and the health officer.

Reports on Attended meetings: Jerry Schoonover reported on the Omro – Rushford – Omro fire department meeting,

Upcoming Meetings:

Fall Election on November 3, 2020

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 8:05. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk
