

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, April 7, 2021

The Town of Rushford April 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 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 election equipment testing was posted in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover, to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2021 board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of March was \$270,807.92. The balance in the tax account was \$1,662.30. *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 April in the amount of \$25,985.75. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the invoices for April. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Art Rathjen from Greater Oshkosh, Economic Development was present to talk to the Town of Rushford. He had a presentation and talked about what they do and the projects they are involved in. They have been working with a vendor known as US Internet, who was awarded a major grant (2.5 million) from the PSC (Public Service Commission) to network all the cell towers around Lake Butte De Morts. They will be bringing mainstream internet in parts of the Town with a 2nd grant (over 2 million) around the end of 2022. They also offer loans for small businesses outside of Oshkosh starting the first of May. Tom Egan asked what exactly they could do for the Town of Rushford. It was stated the internet that will be coming to the Waukau area, awareness of business & loan opportunities for small business, helping with grants for road work, and Catch a Ride for people who need rides to work,

Tom Jackson suggested the Board consider posting weight limits on the Town roads in the Spring. There have been damage to the roads where heavy equipment are coming in on Spring Road, Eureka Road, Liberty School road, O'Reiley Road, etc. Tom Egan said posting the roads would not pertain to agricultural equipment. Pat Schoonover stated that according to State Statutes, businesses who do this work would have to repay the damage done to the road.

Communication & Correspondence: Egan read a letter from the City of Oshkosh Fire Department who provides the Towns ambulance service. The per capita charge for 2020 remained the same as 2019 at \$2.70. The bill was not sent out and was included with the letter. There was also a stat list of the service for 2020 in the Town.

Tom Egan showed 2 pictures of a resident who would like to put a "small house" in the village of Eureka. This has been discussed with the zoning committee and at this time, the attorney is working on requirements that would be needed. Kafer stated he thought it was already in our ordinance that a residence had to be a minimum of 1000 sq ft. The Attorney is working on an ordinance for the "Small houses".

Town Zoning Report – Tom Jackson: Tom Jackson had met with Dave Zouski (present at the meeting) and the Poppy family who would like to submit a preliminary CSM. It involves a right of way that goes off Morrow road for the family.

Tom Jackson said that Shamrock bar in Waukau needs 7 ½' to add either a kitchen or freezers. He also stated that 3 people on the zoning committee have their terms up and would need to appoint members. Egan said this would be done at the annual meeting.

Old Business: Jerry Schoonover asked when political signs need to be taken down by. Egan said legally they should be down within a week, but that is not the Town's concern.

New Business:

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to advertise for bids for Town insurance which renews the first of June. Motion carried.

Kathryn Lewis presented information to the Board pertaining to the Town being able to process tax payments online with residents using credit cards, debit cards or e-checks. She will be attending a webinar on April 21st. TTEch is the same company that Winnebago County uses and will provide information. If the Town decides to use this service, they will have to be contacted by July 1st. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to sign up for the service as long as there is not a cost to the Township. Motion carried.***

Discussion on Hall Maintenance: Hendricks thanked Jim Moore who came into the Town hall and installed a number of COVID purchases that was made with the grant monies. Pat Kafer said that there are also picnic tables that will have to be assembled, and Hendricks does have a few other things that should be done. Mr Moore said he would be happy to help. Tom Jackson suggested John Kleinschmidt.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: The road tour with the Board and the County is scheduled for tomorrow, April 8th. As soon as they get the report, the Board will meet and decide where the monies will go for the roads.

Building permits - Tom Egan:

Big View Hill LLC - Paul Stellpfug for 7793 Liberty School Road
Pole building and greenhouse - 30x40 pole building with 8' porch built on a concrete slab with water and electric service. A used greenhouse will be assembled that is a simple wood structure that is to be set on a timer and gravel foundation.

Parcel# 022 0033023

Built by A-Squared Builders - Aron Groth, 8878 Cty Rd D
\$85,000 3-4-2021

Jerry Olkiwitz, 8032 Hwy E, Eureka WI
12x30 addition, 20x16 deck new HVAC, kitchen
\$25,000 3-5-2021

Jeremy Meyer, 7361 Meadowridge Dr, Picket, WI 54964
14 x 20 woodshed/garage built by Country Builders, Redgranite, WI
\$10,000 3/10/2021

Lynn Roelke, 4816 Eureka Road, Omro
34 Roof Solar panels built by Solcius, LLC, Sturtevant, WI
\$50,000 2-16-2021

Emily Sleik, 9321 State Rd 21, Omro
Excavate 4 walls, waterproof and install new drain tile by Area Waterproofing & Concrete
1334 E Main St, Omro
\$18,830 3-17-2021

Michael Boutin, 8382 Hwy 21, Omro, WI
Metal roof over shingles screwed onto 1 x 4" by YDC Construction, Hancock, WI
\$10,425 3-14-2021

Jeffrey Doro, 1330 Valley Road, Oshkosh for

7877 Liberty Road, Omro, WI for a new home, 1618 sq ft, single family home with attached garage and 40
x 56 pole building built by Self
Parcel # 022 003304
\$250,366 3-19-2021

Bob Roesler, 9111 Liberty School Road, Omro for wood/composite deck built by self
\$12,000 3-31-2021

Peggy Hendricks, 3.570 Cty Rd K, Omro
10 x 16 wood basement entrance of house
\$5000 4-5-2021

John Matz, 2664 Morrow Rd, Omro
14 x 20 shed built off site and brought to address built by County Builders, Redgranite, WI
\$6,000 4-5-2021

Rich & Sue Stadler, 7324 Old Mill Road, Omro
New house built by D&D Dretske Construction, Berlin, WI
Stick built, attached garage, 1621 sq ft house, 277 sq ft porch, 1378 sq ft garage.
\$380,000 4-7-20

Becky Wilkeherbst, 8004 Broadway, Omro, WI
Replace 3 windows in existing openings.
\$2547 3-30-2021

County Report: The County has had long meetings on the mask mandate in the County. There is a new County executive that was voted in yesterday, so there will probably be changes.

Assessors Report: The assessments have been completed and notices have been sent out. It was decided that Open book will be on April 23rd from 3-6. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to plan the Board of Review on May 15th from 5 pm to 7 pm. Motion carried.***

Reports on Attended meetings:

Election testing on March 29th
The Spring Election on April 6 had 273 voters

Upcoming Meetings:

Annual Meeting on April 21, 2021 at 6 pm
Winnebago Co Unit meeting at 6:30, Town of Neenah

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

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk
