

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 2, 2022

The Town of Rushford March Board meeting was called to order by 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: 6 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: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the minutes from February 2nd. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of February was \$382,166.98. The balance in the tax account was \$1,821.40. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.***

Payment of Monthly Invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for March in the amount of \$51,020.73. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the payment of March 2022 invoices. Motion carried.***

Public Input: Art Rathjen, Greater Oshkosh passed out handouts pertaining to an expo in Madison for electric vehicles and charging stations, and information on a grant available from the state to support EMS in rural areas. Egan asked if it would be better to apply for the EMS grant individually or with other municipalities. Art did not know for sure but thought it would be best to work with other municipalities.

Communication & Correspondence: There have been a lot of phone calls inquiring about the sale of The Gathering that would be housing a sex offender. Egan has been talking to Senator Feyen, Representative Michael Schraa, the Sheriff, the DA pertaining to this situation.

Town Zoning Report: Tom Jackson said he has been getting calls on properties being sold and what they can do. A couple of these calls are in the encouragement zone in both Eureka on Eureka Lock Road and Waukau on State Hwy 91.

Old Business: Tom Egan read some correspondence from Linda Palmer from Representative Shraa's office. This correspondence basically said that a County Committee composed of Sheriff Matz and Winnebago Co corporate council might be able to exercise authority and decision making at a County level. Egan interpreted it to say the Committee might hold at least some of the authority over attempts by DHS housing designation. He took this as a positive which the County committee could counteract what some see as the State overreaching in governing supervised release of offenders in a County. There will be a hearing on March 31st at 1:30 at Winnebago Co Courthouse, Room 419, Judge Woldt. Palmer indicated that the current law does not permit the DHS to place a Chapter 980 violent sex offender in an alternative location chosen by the State if a location has been chosen by the County Committee. A question was asked if the offender is not placed in there, if it would be for sale. Egan could not say one way or another. It would be up to the company who has purchased it.

New Business: None

Discussion on Town Maintenance: A road tour will be scheduled for April. It was mentioned that from the storm this summer, there are a couple of trees uprooted between the road and the ditch by 8363 Edgewater Ridge.

Building Reports:

Mark Leuezow, 1124 Charlene Ave for 7211 Meadowridge Dr, Omro
New home built by Souls Construction, Omro WI
Parcel #022 1414
\$400,000 2-9-2022

Egan also said that we should keep an eye out on Solar Farms. There are big lots of land being bought up for this. Jackson said there is not a lot a Township can do because of green energy. Kafer mentioned we should have a fine for people who do not get a building permit in a timely manner. Jackson will bring this up at the next zoning meeting.

County Report: Meetings are being scheduled to figure what to do with the AARP& FEMA monies. There is an election coming up and Sawyer Creek has been a hot topic.

Attended Meetings:

Jerry Schoonover reported on the Joint fire department meeting held February 16th -

Upcoming Meetings: WTA meeting April 1st at Royal Ridges at 7:30. This will include Board of Review training. WTA Unit meeting on April 7th at the Town of Utica.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 8:00. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk
