

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, November 2, 2022

The Town of Rushford November Board meeting was called to order by Thomas Egan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Thomas Egan, Jerry Schoonover, Kathryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Patrick Kafer 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 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 public testing of the election equipment was published in the Northwestern.

Clerks Report: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to approve the minutes from October 5, 2022. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of October was \$319,1745.46. The balance in the tax account was \$11,823.25 *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of Monthly Invoices: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to approve and pay \$91,587.39 for invoices for November. Motion carried.*

Public Input – Art Rathjen was present. He handed out information on a Grant Writing Basics Virtual Workshop on Thursday, November 10 from 10 am to noon. The Extension of University of Wisconsin-Madison is hosting this workshop.

Communications and Correspondence: Hendricks received from the Circuit Court of Winnebago the judgement against the Ansay property on Liberty School Road. It was found the defendants are guilty of 4 separate ordinance violations for a total amount of \$12,030.00. They will have 60 days to pay or contact the clerk of court's office to make payment arrangements. Failure to pay may result in tax intercept or a civil judgement or the debt being turned over to a collection agency. Hendricks said the Attorney will contact the property owners in Waukau for clean up and the trailer on 3107 Quarry Road.

New Business: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to approve a CSM for parcel 022 033004 & 022 0330 for Adam & Rebecca Medley and Dale & Beverly Gruszynski. Motion carried.*

There was discussion on 3111 & 3095 County Rd E, Eureka. Hendricks explained that at 3111 County Rd E, there has been remodeling done, but they are in violation of not getting a building permit. But looking at the GIS maps, it looks like the lot line for that parcel goes though half of the building at 3095 Cty Rd E. 3111 Cty Rd E, parcel #022 1488, is owned by Paul & Bethann Buskager. 3095, parcel#022 1489, is owned by Michelle Schroeder. *Egan made a motion to send a notice and tell them that the board will need to meet with them as soon as possible. They will also need to apply for a building permit. Schoonover 2nd the motion. Motion carried.*

Hendricks received a letter from the City of Omro requesting we consider them for our allocation of 2023 per capital funding monies from the Industrial Board. Art Rathjen mentioned Greater Oshkosh would like to be considered also. Egan said we should wait until we get the figures of our amount and to wait to see if we get any other requests.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: Egan called about getting inmates in for brush cutting. The inmates will be out cutting. Schoonover said last month Kafer made a motion to spend \$50,000 on brush cutting. Friends said Edgewater needs it the most. The brush on Eureka Rd is growing right back. It should be sprayed right after cutting to deter regrowth. Lewis said it would be nice to have

someone cut back the plants in the front of the Town hall. Egan said he didn't know if the 4-H did that. Hendricks said they usually clean out the gardens in the spring. Egan said something should be done now.

Building Reports:

Bill Schuman & Susan Curran, 8726 County Road K, Eureka 54963
Re-roof by Security Roofing, Appleton, WI
\$41,850 Parcel 022 1551 10-12-22

Mike Wolff, 8804 Ann St, Eureka, WI 54963
Straighten and partitioning of garage by self/Amish
\$15,000 022 1219 10-12-2022

Brian Aho, 2303 Hiwela Trail, Pickett, WI
Install of rooftop solar panel array by Sun Badger Solar, Waukesha, WI
\$38,567 022 1471 9/22/2022

Jason Kralovetz, 7317 Old Mill Road, Omro, WI
16 x x24 shed. Vinyl siding, asphalt shingles by self
\$5,000 022 1458 10/8/22

Jeff & Katherine Benedict, 8494 State Rd 21, Omro, WI
Remodel by Oliver Clare, Clare Contracting, Neenah WI
Adding floor joist on east side of home, building a wall for master bedroom. Add walls on west side loft, 2 staircases.
\$34,552 022 0206 10-24-2022

County Report: Egan reported they finished their budget meetings. There will be another year of equalized property tax reduction for 2023. There was a 4% average wage increase. He figures the County levy will be down from the previous year. The County has numerous job openings. The only department that is not looking for help is the Veterans Department.

Attended Meetings: Egan attended the WTA Unit meeting October 6th at the Town of Winchester and Hendricks attended the WTA convention in Appleton on October 10th.

Upcoming Meetings:

Free Covid shots/boosters at the Town hall on Dec 1 from 3-5 pm
Election day Nov 8, 2022

Art Rathjen asked Egan to give an update on the County ARPA monies. Egan said the County received over 33 million dollars. The rules have changed, and you do not need to spend the monies on COVID related items. As of now, the money will be divided up 25 – 50 – 25. 25% for County things, 50% for County related things that will help everyone in the County and 25% divided up to the Townships. They do not have request forms for people to fill out yet but will have them soon. All the Counties meetings are on Zoom and recorded, so anyone can listen to any of the County meetings.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to adjourn the meeting at 7:45. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk
