

Rushford Town Board Minutes  
Wednesday, September 7, 2022

The Town of Rushford September 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 & the zoning committee 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 hearing for the Zoning Board was published in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

**Clerks Report:** *Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer to approve the minutes from August 3, 2022. Motion carried.*

**Treasurers Report** was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of August was \$352,318.20. The balance in the tax account was \$1,822.79 *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

**Payment of Monthly Invoices:** *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve and pay \$45,544.19 for invoices for September. Motion carried.*

**Guest Speaker – Amy & Zachery Zacharias from Action Appraisers & Consultants:** Action appraisers gave a presentation on the company and went through the contract for maintenance and re-evaluation. The Town had contacted them for information on assessment services for 2023 for the Town. Some of the questions from the Board was what they recommended for time on a full re-evaluation. The State says 8-10 years, but with the way the market has been going, it has been 4-5 years. It is not known the last time the Town had a full revaluation. Market updates are done when needed. The Town is out of compliance and if we had a full revaluation in 2025, the Town would still be safe where the State would not have to come in for revaluation. Kafer had a question about the contract. He was concerned in 3 years, if the Town found they did not want them to do the work for us, could we get out of it. The original contract was written for 2023-2024 maintenance for \$16,850/year and 2025 exterior revaluation for \$61,500. Egan would like the contract to read for maintenance, but take out the revaluation, but if we did have it done, it would be at the same price. They agreed and they can also reword it if you are in compliance, a revaluation would not be done.

*Kafer made a motion to hire Action Appraisers with the understanding that some verbage change in the contract before it is signed. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover. Motion carried.*

**Communications and Correspondence:** Hendricks reported back to the Board about the question on the maintenance fee on the County Hwy bill that was requested to get the information. The Administrative fee is a state governed percentage gilled to cover accounting, personnel, purchasing and general administrative duties. Egan said the Sheriffs department called about limbs hanging over 116 by the Post Office. He informed the County that they were on a State Road. Friends did call the Comm Center for they were on the wires. Spectrum or some fiber optic lines are going in Waukau at this time and they will be coming towards Eureka.

**Town Zoning Report – Tom Jackson:** A meeting and public hearing was held on August 24, 2022. The minutes are on the Towns website. There was discussion on inspection of additions/ remodels

of existing homes. Egan said it was what ever the Board decided, but he was against it. Hendricks had a good response from the letters that were sent out pertaining to the shipping containers.

***Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer to approve Zoning change for Jeff Schuster, Parcel 022 0452 located at 8332 County Road E, Omro, WI for Lot 1 of approved CSM to rezone from GA (General Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential)***

**Old Business:** Cleanup for 022 0865, Larry & Deniece Spencer. Letters were sent out to have them cleanup/'mow. They did not comply, so it has been turned over to the attorney. The new swing set has been ordered by Rainbow Systems in Appleton. Egan asked what happened to the old one. Hendricks said she had it removed for it was a danger. It needs a lot of repair and it is at her property. The insurance money paid out was \$4,348. That included the subtraction of the deductible of \$500. The new set was \$4,432. That is a difference of \$84. She offered to pay the difference. Egan asked if anyone else was interested in it.

**New Business:** CSM for Chris Dushenski, 4349 O'Reilly Road, Omro, WI. ***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the CSM for Chris Dushenski, 4349 O'Reilly Road, Omro, WI, parcel #022 022501 & #022 022502. Motion carried.***

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the Joint Powers agreement, Winnebago County 911 Emergency System. Motion carried.***

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the picnic license for Waukau Community Center for Waukau fest to be held on September 1, 2022. Motion carried.***

**Discussion on Town hall maintenance/needs:** Kathryn Lewis asked if the railroad ties around the swing set could be straightened out. Hendricks said she would have her husband look at it.

**Discussion on Town Maintenance:** Egan said Ripon Truck will start their fall mowing. Kafer said he has not seen the wedging done on the corners on Liberty School Rd. He thought it would be nice to have it done to Eureka Road, but nothing has been done as of yet. Kafer asked Jackson what neighbor he talked to pertaining to the variance for Rew's Roadside. Jackson said that the neighbor called, for he was concerned but stated he did not have a problem with the variance. Kafer said he talked to the neighbor, and they were upset the variance went through. Hendricks stated registered letters were sent out, it was published in the paper and no one attended the meeting to object.

**Building Reports:**

Treu Farms, 4272 37th Ave, Berlin WI  
48 x 54 pole shed built by Levi Miller, Wautoma  
Parcel # 022 0140                      \$33,000                      8/9/22

Chad Pugh, 7507 Wayside Dr, Omro, WI  
Remodel, new windows, new furnace – all seasons heating & cooling.  
Parcel 022 0512                      \$30,000                      8/2/22

William Rew for 3098 Cty Rd E, Eureka, WI 54963  
Remodel, new plumbing, electrical, HVAC and addition.  
Parcel 022 1559 (Spring St) or 022 1493 (Bar)  
\$150,000                      8-15-22

Julie Freeman, 3034 Delhi Rd, Omro, WI  
Replacing 12 windows by Window Solutions, Appleton  
Parcel #022 0543                      \$38,392                      8/22/2022

Steven Toll, 2705 Lost Lane, Omro, WI  
Renovation by Self  
Parcel 022 082401                      \$10,000                      8-30-2022

**County Report:** The County is starting their budget talks.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

WTA Fall workshop at Ripon on September 29  
WTA Unit meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Town of Winchester

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk

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