

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 1, 2023

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, Pat Kafer, Jerry Schoonover, 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 1, 2023. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of February was \$494,281.80. The balance in the tax account was \$2,004.51 *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of Monthly Invoices: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve and pay \$43,140.28 for invoices for March. Motion carried.*

Communication & Correspondence: Tom Egan showed us a plaque that was presented to the Town by the Omro Herald for making the Newsmaker of the Year.

New Business: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the insurance proposal for the Omro-Rushford-Omro Fire Department by the Horton Group. Motion carried.*

Pat Kafer asked if Eureka Days planned for Saturday, July 8th, could be added to the agenda to have discussion on closure of roads, noise ordinance etc for the event.

Town Zoning Report – Tom Jackson: Tom reported that he has just had inquiries on buildings, variances, and new homes.

Old Business: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to contract the Green Lake area Animal Shelter for \$75/stray for 1 year. Discussion:*

Only Chuck Mier, board members and the Sheriff department can take in strays from the Town to the Shelter. Motion rescinded by Kafer to sign a contract with Green Lake animal shelter for \$75/stray with the understanding only the humane officer, board members and the sheriff's department can bring animals in. *Motion carried.*

Tom Egan asked if there was any information from the attorney regarding the action on the Ansays property. Attorney Blazel replied stating he heard back from the County Clerk of Courts office. They have docketed the judgement so it is a lien on the real estate owned by Ansays in Winnebago Co. In 90 days, the court will send the judgement to the State Debt Collection Agency. This is also a branch of the Department of Revenue, so they can garnish wages and bank accounts and in addition, if they can obtain social security numbers, they can intercept tax refunds. Hendricks wondered if they could put a lien against his property in Fond du Lac. Tom Jackson said he would ask the Attorney about this.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: The Board has instructed Mr, Hammerle to go on Morrow Road from K to 91 and clear out the brush. He also should do the section on Rushford Ave between Banner Hill and the cemetery on the west side of Rushford. Chuck Freund did talk to several residents who were plowing their snow either across the road or into the road way. All these

residents were unaware of the State Statute that this is illegal. Hendricks will put this on the front of the website.

Building Reports:

Brian Wilke, 7770 Liberty School Rd, Omro, WI
Remodel Siding, windows, interior by B&L Contracting
Parcel 022 00220202 \$75,000 2-1-2023

Andrew Bongert (Bongert Construction LLC) 2029 Crestwood Dr, Oshkosh
For 2528 Hwy 116 Omro, WI
Windows, doors, siding, bath remodel, flooring & paint
Parcel # 022 086801 \$20,000 2-8-2023

Albright Bros, 3711 County Rd Km Omro, WI
Hay Storage Shed built by Horst
Parcel 022 0344 \$80,000 2-27-2023

County Report: There is a meeting coming up regarding the ARPA funding tomorrow night with all the chairs in Winnebago County in Neenah. The County will be having a wage study for all the employees in Winnebago Co.

Attended Meetings: Hendricks stated that the Town had 242 voters for the February election. Tom, Jerry, Pat and Peggy attended the Joint Fire department meeting on 2/15/23.

Upcoming Meetings:

April 2, 2023 – Winnebago Co Town Chairs meeting at Town of Neenah Town Hall at 6:00 pm to discuss ARPA funds distribution.
Spring Election April 4, 2023
April 6, 2023 Unit meeting at Town of Wolf River
April 19th – Annual meeting at 6 pm

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 7:46. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk
