

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, May 3, 2023

The Town of Rushford May 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, & Peggy Hendricks present. Kathryn Lewis was excused. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 8 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, a notice of acceptance of roadside mowing bids was published in the Omro Herald.

Clerks Report: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the minutes from April 5, 2023. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of April was \$445,425.80. The balance in the tax account was \$2,004.90 ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.***

Payment of Monthly Invoices: It was mentioned that the IRS took a double payment. This will be credited back with the next withholding payment. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve and pay \$44,704.55 for invoices for May. Motion carried.***

Communication & Correspondence:

The Town received an unsigned, unanimous letter pertaining to certain parcels in the Town that was not following proper protocol and also thought some were receiving preferential treatment at the town's taxpayers expense. Egan stated that they had checked all these parcels out on the road tour and given the list to our assessor.

Tom Egan read a letter sent from Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department pertaining to the permits that are required.

A letter was received from Asphalt Seal & Repair for free quotes.

A letter was received from the Highway Commissioner for Culvert Aid program. The application has to be in by July 1st. Tom Egan mentioned that the County talked about hiring a special persons to help write grant proposals with the ARPA funds.

An email was received asking if the Town would have brush dumping on Senn road. Friends said that they could have it open the 3rd Saturday of each month until October. This will be posted on the Towns website.

Hendricks stated she received a call for a licensed contractor who wanted to burn and dispose of a structurally compromised boathouse on Channel Lane in Delhi on parcel #022 047402. The Board said that is a private road and it is under County zoning.

Public Input: Bonnie Barkow commented that she went down Edgewater Ridge and thought the brush cutting really helped the road and it looks wonderful.

Old Business: Tom Egan nominated Bob Woods to replace Jim Moore as a zoning committee meeting for the next 3 years. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to appoint Bob Woods to the zoning committee for 2023-2026. Motion carried.***

Kafer said that Eureka Daze is looking for sponsorships to offset the cost of the event. It was said the parade would start on Eureka Lock road by Craigs, over the bridge, take a right on Main Street,

go down and around to the first intersection if walking to the left and vehicles would go on Fairview, down to church, across and back. Friends will help with barricades and Sheriff Matz will receive a copy of the parade route. They have about 20 vendors lined up at this time. Kafer will continue talks with the Parks department.

Tom Jackson said he talked to the Fire Department about the signs for the Fire Department that was discussed for people with long driveways. They would like to take a month to talk about it. They had questions on who was going to measure, who was going to pay for them and who was going to put them out. Art Rathjen said that the idea was the homeowner would pay for them and the measurement would come from goggle maps. There are only about 15 homes that these would be available to.

New Business: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the CSM for Albright Bros for parcel #122 0427, 022 0424, 022 0317 and 022 0319 to create Lot 1 of 1.543 ac and Lot 2 of 57.603 ac. Providing that Lot 1 will be rezoned from GA to RR. Motion carried.*

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the CSM for Ron Carpenter for parcels #02206304, 022 0061, 022 0064, 022 006201, 022 06401, located on Liberty School Road, Omro, WI, providing that the new lots that will need to have the zoning changed will be rezoned. Motion carried.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to grant a picnic license to the Flying Mane Horse Club for the dates of May 6, June 3 & 4, July 15-16, August 12-13 and October 7. Motion carried.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to grant the Picnic License to the Waukau Community Center for Youth Days. Motion carried.

Town Zoning Report – Tom Jackson: Jackson read an email he received from the Attorney with a note from Robert Hess regarding the trailer on Quarry road. Mr. Hess said that he has someone who will be purchasing it. Lewis said that she did get a real estate inquiry on the property, so the sale is planned to close on June 6th. There were concerns that the well is in the Towns right away. If the well is good, it can be grandfathered in, but if the well need to be replaced, it will have to be moved. Egan thought we should leave everything until the Town knows for sure it was sold. Jackson read an email from the resident on 8050 Broadway, Omro pertaining on a well for a new house. Egan said he went out and took care of this.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: The report from the road tour has not come back yet. Friends have been filling pot holes. Mr. Hammerle has done all the work that the Town requested. He did suggest that the Town should do chipping next Fall, for it will be easier to do. Kafer said Senn Road, Lost Lane and Broadway should be chipped. Mr Hammerle thanked the Town for the opportunity to do the work in the Town.

Building Reports:

- Dave Werch, 8757 County Road K, Omro, WI
Pool installation by Above Ground Professionals, Green Bay, WI
Parcel #022 0633 4-17-2023
- Kelly Schuster for 7312 Old Mill Rd, Omro, WI
New home by Portside Builders, Neenah WI
Parcel #022 1465 \$525,000 4-14-2023

- Dennis Retzlaff, 9224 Liberty School Road, Omro
28 x 40 and 34 x 80 Wood frame garage with cement floor
Built by self
Parcel #022 008201 \$76,000 4/28/2023

County Report: Egan received an email from Michael Schraa where he was told there is a proposal for new shared revenue figures. The Town would get 186% increase and the County would get a 75% increase.

Attended Meetings:

The roads took a beating with the frost going out early. The Town has almost 50 miles of road. Prices have gone up dramatically. The approximate cost is \$30,000/mile. The Town does what they can.

April 19th – Annual meeting at 6 pm

May 1st – Peggy took the Board of Review Training virtual program.

Upcoming Meetings:

WMCA meeting at the Town of Algoma on May 11, 2023

Open Book at Town hall on May 25, 2023 from 2 pm – 4 pm

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk
