

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, May 1, 2024

A special meeting of the Board was called to order by Thomas Egan at 6:30. In attendance was Thomas Egan, Jerry Schoonover, Patrick Kafer and Peggy Hendricks. Bids for roadside mowing were opened. Two bids were received from Ripon Truck and Friends Excavating. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to accept Ripon Trucks Town road mowing for 2024-2025. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.***

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 Tom Egan, Pat Kafer, Jerry Schoonover, Katheryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. 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 and Open Book 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 to approve the minutes from April 3, 2024. 2nd by Kafer. Discussion: Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Katheryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of April was \$414,664.64. The balance in the tax account was \$2,126.10 *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of Monthly Invoices: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve and pay \$33,697.32 for invoices for May. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Jim Moore, 7505 Archary asked what constitutes an abandoned house, for in his neighborhood, there are at least 4. Egan said he would have to ask the attorney on the time limit where it would be abandoned. Corner of Mechanic and Archary, Jim Schoonover, & Curt Carlsons. Kathryn asked if they were, wouldn't they come up for Sheriff's sale.

Communications & Correspondence: Hendricks said she received a flash drive for 2024 Winnebago Co Emergency Response plan.

Old Business: A report was given with updates on the legal activities the Town of Rushford has in motion. On the Spencer property – The town went to court and the Judge ordered \$12,030 fine to be paid in 60 days, but if they don't pay it or clean it up we might have to have the attorney see what else can be done. It cannot go on the taxes. If it is sold, there will be a lien on the property and it will be paid. If they did clean it up, the Town would significantly reduce the fine.

Update on Kasuboski case – The Town was granted the damages. There is mediation scheduled in June.

Update on Carlson property – His son is helping Curt take care of this. There will be somebody cleaning it up and then burning the debris. He was advised to call the Fire Department prior to burning.

New Business:

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover, to grant the Flying Mane a picnic license for May 4-5, June 2, June 15, July 13-14, August 17-18 and Oct 5, 2024. Motion carried.

The DNR is exploring a direct lease with the Berlin Boat Club for the Eureka Locks. They would like us to approve a lease extension until Oct 15, 2024 to explore. Kafer said to make sure that we do have insurance from Eureka Landings for the tubing. That is on file at the Town hall.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the lease extension to October 15, 2024 per the DNR for Eureka Locks. Motion carried.

Town action for variance for Winnebago County for parcels #022-0801 & 022-0817: The County sent a notice of public hearing for this variance for the Waukau Creek. They going to work on the carp pond, make the bridges handicapped accessible and do millions of dollars of improvements.
Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the variance for Winnebago County for parcels 022 0801 & 022-0817. Motion carried.

Town Zoning report – Tom Jackson: Jackson has been working with the City of Omro to write up a fire extinguisher enforcement ordinance. The Town will need to work on an enforcement ordinance for commercial properties. A lady did call and did not leave her name about moving a house. Tom could not reach out to her for he had no contact information. Hendricks thought it might be Liza Malzhan, who was talking about moving the church house, but unsure. Blue Sky gardens might be putting in more commercial buildings. They would like to have a commercial kitchen to sell jams, jellies, etc. Tom Schrader had inquired about a variance or CUP to put in a carport. Setbacks are a problem and it was mentioned to him that for a hardship case, a Conditional Use permit would be best for then if the property was sold, it would not be with the property. It would have to be built in the road right away. I

Discussion on Hall Maintenance: Egan would like to see two of the larger trees on the property be taken down for they are dead. Peggy will talk to Jim Schuster, for he had inquired about cutting them. Our two smaller trees should be staked. Jim Moore said he would come and stake the smaller trees when he comes to repair the cabinet in the kitchen. Hendricks pointed out the defibrillator that Pat Kafer purchased for the hall.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: Hendricks received an email from John Groth pertaining about the Archary Drive pipe at STH 116. There is not evidence of pipe failure, but it should be jetted in order to check the pipe condition. The Wis DOT will require a no fee permit application from us and we would hire a contractor for the install. A 18x55 culvert cost would be about \$1750. He also said the WiDOT has been working with Wayne Kettlewell to reestablish a ditch and driveway at 2652 STH 116. They would like to reinstall the pipe under Commercial St if the Town is willing to purchase the pipe. Then WiDOT would cover the installation costs. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to supply the pipe for Archary & Commercial St. Motion carried.*** Tom will talk to them to see if they would lay the pipe on Archery also.

The Town had received an application for culvert aid for 2025 project submittals. The Town does not have anything to submit.

It was suggested the pipe on Archery and 116 to put cover over the pipe, for there is no cover.

Building Reports:

Jeff Keller, 4389 Eureka Road, Omro, WI
30 x 37 Concrete patio, 28x20 apron extension, 16x37 screen in porch
Built by self Parcel #022 0155 \$25,000 3-28-2024

Dowling Investment for 8476 Cty Rd E, Omro, WI
Remodel – 13 x 24 bedroom addition
\$15,000 Parcel #022 04501 4-8-2024

Waukau Youth Center, 2711 St Rd 116, Waukau, WI
12 x 70 concrete slab
\$3000 Parcel #022 1102 4-11-2024

Dan Kallas, 8913 Eureka Lock Road
Remodel by self – inside of home, siding for 1200 sq ft, electric & heating
\$30,000 022 064801 04-11-2024

Jim & Donna Laabs, 8531 Liberty School Road, Omro, WI
Garden Window for kitchen East side by Window Install, Fond du Lac, WI
\$4,000 #022 0069 4-15-2024

Ruth Holly, 2592 Mill Run, Omro, WI
19 x 19 deck addition by Davis Building Services
\$19,000 #022 085002 4-15-2024

Joseph Robl & Chloe Beach, 4117 Alida Lan, Oshkosh for 3479 Blackbird Ct, Omro, WI
Single Family home built by Fox River Development, Oshkosh WI
\$325,776 #022 1436 4-14-2024

Amanda Robson, 3068 County Road E, Eureka, WI
Replacement windows by ARC Contracting, Neenah, WI
\$2,189 #022 1522 4-24-2024

Shelia Stanbery, 4617 Eureka Road, Omro, WI
12 x 16 deck by Integrity Decking Company, Green Bay, WI
\$13,832 #022 008803 4-23-2024

Rebeca Lehndorf, 4315 Eureka Road, Omro
24x24 brown metal shed with rollup garage doors, built by Wisconsin Backyard Sheds
\$10,000 #022 015507 04-24-2024

County report: Egan got elected as Chairman of the County Board again this year. Committees are being established. There are 13 new County Board members.

Attended Meetings:

Mowing bids opened prior to this meeting. Ripon Truck received the bid for 2024-2025. Thank you to all who submitted bids.

Tom Egan went to the Winnebago Co Unit meeting at the Town of Neenah on April 4th.

The Towns Annual meeting was held on April 17th.

Upcoming meetings:

Open book will be held by phone on May 21st.

A road meeting will need to be scheduled so road work can be decided for 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk

