

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, November 6, 2024

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 Tom Egan, Jerry Schoonover, Katheryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 11 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 testing of election equipment 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 October 2, 2024. 2nd by Kafer. Discussion: Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Katheryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of October was \$115,257.82. The balance in the tax account was \$4,717.80 *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 \$33,174.49 invoices for November. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Jason Johnson, GFL, stated the Board just opened up the proposals for garbage/recycling. He mentioned these were proposals, not a bid, so the Board can do what ever they want. He said GFL was the low bid and feels their service is better. He urges the Board to consider their 5 year option because it is less money and they are including 3 containers for waste. They appreciate the opportunity.

Communications & Correspondence: Hendricks said they received the first notice of non-compliance from the Department of Revenue for full value assessment. If you are out of compliance for 4 years, this is issued. The Board knew this was coming and that is the reason the Town has had Action Appraisers complete a full, exterior evaluation this year. Hendricks received the 2 approved permits for connection to a state highway for culverts on Archery and Commercial and 116 in Waukau. They are putting in the culvert on Commercial, but the Town will have to do Archery.

Old Business: Updates on Kasuboski: Eric Freund reported on October 23rd, he attended a hearing for Kasuboski was not in compliance with the mediation agreement, so the Town moved to reopen the case. This was granted to the Town. The penalty portion of this matter adjourned for 30-45 days, There is a hearing scheduled for December 18th at 9:15 am Freund did go back and take pictures and Kasuboski has had sub contactors working on the property.

Egan talked to Attorney Blazel concerning the Spencer property. The Attorney said we have the right to sue them again, for Spencers are not doing anything and there is no communication. We do have a judgement of \$12,000 against them, but that can only be collected when the property is sold. Freund did stop at Spencers to take pictures that were emailed to the Clerk and the Attorney. Kafer said Freund should stop and reach out to them. Jackson had stopped previously. Chuck said he will reach out to them.

Carlsons property is mostly taken care of.

Hendricks had tried contacting three different companies inquiring about a state building inspector for the Town of Rushford. She also reached out to Action Appraisers for suggestions. So only one company has reached out. The company that did reply offers remote inspections. She will continue looking.

Town Zoning Report – Eric Freund: Eric reported that he received a couple calls which has been taken care of.

New Business: Resolution requesting Winnebago Co to investigate and study a County wide EMS service: The Town has been looking into alternatives for EMS service in the Town because of the 1000% rate increase to be implemented over 3 years with the City of Oshkosh. The County is willing to study a possible County wide EMS. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the resolution requesting consideration of potential County wide ambulance service to be sent to Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel. Motion carried.***

Discussion on animal shelter: Green Lake animal shelter will no longer take strays from municipalities outside Green Lake County. Hendricks will contact the other shelters in the area. Egan had contacted the Attorney to inquire about the legalities of the Town housing their own if someone would consider this. The attorney is checking into this.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to apply for the Winnebago County erosion control permit for the Town. Motion carried.

Discussion/action on garbage/recycling proposals: Prior to the meeting, the Rushford Town board opened 3 proposals for garbage recycling pickup for the next 3 years. At that time, Kafer had made the motion to contract with Waste Management which was 2nd by Schoonover to bring to the Board meeting. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to contract Waste Management for the January 2025-December 2027 at \$18.90. Motion carried.***

Discussion on Town Maintenance: Freunds said they are working on the 2 ditching projects on Rushford and Liberty School. If the weather holds out, they will try to get them done. Egan asked if anything could be done with Quarry this year. Other than putting on recycled asphalt or gravel until next year. Gravel was suggested, for recycled asphalt will need warmer weather and rain.

Building Reports:

Bailey Jischke, 3094 Spring St, Omro, WI
Remove shingles and replace by Security Luebke Roofing
\$8,131 022 1558 9-25-2024

Ryan Schatzke, 3281 Quarry Dr, Omro, WI
13 windows by Window World
\$23,000 022 060103 10-10-24

Peggy Hendricks, 3570 County Road K, Omro
Concrete in front of buildings and framing in existing building for storage
\$28,000 022 043002 10-10-24

Wayne Kettlewell , 2652 Hwy 116, Waukau
Siding and windows by Waukay Wood works
\$20,000 022 0915 10-14-2024
Schmitz Farms, 9139 River Road, Berlin, WI
48' x 80x machine storage built by Cleary Bldg Corp
\$98,110 022 0721 10-10-2024

County report: They have finished up the budget sessions. Friday they will be interviewing for a new Veterans service agent.

Attended meetings: Schoonover and Egan attended the WTA unit meeting at the Town of Nepeuskun. Hendricks attended the WTA convention at Stevens Point.

The election went very well. We had 1104 voters. The Town had a lot of early and in office voting. Hendricks thanked her election workers, for they did a wonderful job and she is very appreciative of them.

Upcoming meetings:

Public hearing for livestock waste management ordinance on November 7th.

A budget hearing and meeting of electors to approve the levy will be held at 6:30 on December 4th.

Winnebago Co Sheriffs Dept Representatives: A representative from the Sheriff's office was present. He is about 2 months into the job. Egan thanked him for attending.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 8:05. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk

