

Rushford Town Board Minutes and Public Hearing for UTV/ATV Ordinance
Wednesday, February 4, 2026

The Town of Rushford Board Public Hearing for Ordinance #022026 – ATV/UTV Route Ordinance for Town of Rushford was called to order at 6:30 pm. Hendricks went through the Ordinance, and the floor was open for questions and comments. There were no comments or questions. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

The Town of Rushford February 2026 Board meeting was called to order on February 4th at 7 pm by Thomas Egan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Tom Egan, Jerry Schoonover, Pat Kafer, Katheryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 9 additional people per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of this meeting, the Zoning meeting on January 14th, the agenda for the Public hearing and meeting of the Board on January 28th & resolution #012026 was posted at the Waukau post office, Town hall door and the Towns website. In addition, publications pertaining to the Public Hearings of the Zoning map resolution and the ATV/UTV ordinance was published in the Omro Herald.

Clerks Report: *Motion by Schoonover to approve the minutes from January 7, 2026, 2nd by Kafer. Motion carried. Motion by Schoonover to approve the minutes from December 29th. Motion 2nd by Kafer. Motion carried. Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the minutes from January 28, 2026. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Katheryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of January was \$110,277.83. The balance in the tax account was \$1,288,944.10. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Sheriff's Department Representative: Deputy McGuire was present to answer questions from the citizens. Egan asked about ICE in Winnebago Co. She stated that nothing has changed. If they get an illegal in custody, immigration is called.

Monthly Invoices: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay \$138,244.76 for February 2026 bills. Motion carried.*

Communications & Correspondence: Action appraisers emailed and was wondering if May 21st would be a good date for Open Book and June 8th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm for Board of Review. The Board agreed to the dates.

Hendricks received a notice of timber cutting for Bohn Farms, 2512 State Rd 116, Omro.

The Township received their erosion control permit from the County for ditch work located Town wide.

Old Business: Updates on Spencers: Freund asked for an update, but nothing has been done. He requested a timeline for work being done. Kafer did get a text message from Mrs. Spencer and he will text back that the Town would like a timeline submitted. Mr. Spencer did get a list from the Town on things to complete which he did sign.

New Business:

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve #022026 – All terrain/Utility Route Ordinance.

Discussion: a public hearing was held prior to this meeting with no objections. Hendricks explained the differences between our previous ordinance to the current one. ***Motion carried by voice vote – 3 ayes, 0 nays.*** This will be posted tonight and will be in effect tomorrow.

Discussion on plan submittal for IDB allocations. The Board had voted to apply for the Towns allocations of IDB funding. A submittal form and application needs to be submitted by February 20th. Hendricks will schedule a meeting for the Board to meet to discuss and fill out the application to send in.

Town Zoning report – Eric Freund: Eric had discussion with residents inquiring about building permits, easements, purchases etc. Freund did get some information from Attorney Blazel pertaining to Sam Pinchert. He wanted to verify the ordinance violation, and he will file in Circuit Court. He received a call from the Fire Chief, for they received a call on Saturday for an ice rescue down by the Dam and the road was not plowed. He was wondering whose responsibility that was. It was stated the DNR owns that and was suppose to maintain it. The ambulance could not get down. Eric asked the Clerk to send an email to Roger Kasuboski inquiring if he plans on paying for his dog citation. If not, it will be filed with the other proceedings in Circuit Court.

Town Hall Maintenance: The parking lot light is repaired. The thermostat in the office for the in-floor heat is not working. Hendricks did get information on repair companies and she will call someone in.

County Report: There will be 8 new County districts in the upcoming elections and 15 are uncontested. The County is going over the rules so they are bought up to date before new people are bought in.

Attended meetings:

- Unit meeting in the Town of Utica on January 8th that Jerry Schoonover and Tom Egan attended.
- Public Hearing for Town of Rushford Zoning Map on January 28th followed by special meeting of the Board to approve the official zoning map for the Town of Rushford. The new map was sent into the County for approval.
- SWEMS meeting on January 29, 2026 – Jerry Schoonover

Upcoming meetings

- Fire Department meeting on February 18th
- SWEMS meeting on April 23, 2026

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to adjourn the meeting at 7:45. Motion carried.
Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk