

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 4, 2026

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

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of this meeting was posted at the Waukau post office, Town hall door and the Towns website. In addition, publication of acceptance of mowing bids published in the Omro Herald.

Clerks Report: *Motion by Schoonover to approve the minutes from February 4, 2026, 2nd by Egan. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Katheryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of February was \$299m,707.22. The balance in the tax account was \$4,129.04. *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Monthly Invoices: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to pay \$95,370.73 for March 2026 bills. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Jan Clausen, 9361 Eureka Lock Road, requested the Board to purchase 2 more buoys for up by Edinger's. Egan said it would be on the agenda next month, but they would be ordered.

Communications & Correspondence: Peggy Hendricks received an email from the Newcomers 4-H club. They wanted to know if there was any specific details for landscaping that might need to be done at the hall and to inquire about staining the playground. The board decided it would be great if they would re-stain the playground. The Town will purchase all the items needed. Egan read an email from Sargent Ryan Helmuth from Winnebago County Correctional center. He was wondering if the Town would like their assistance this year for roadside trimming and brushing. They only have March open. Hendricks sent out a few letters per Eric Freund to residents who have been plowing snow across the road, which is illegal according to State Statutes. A number of people called when these letters were received. In the email that Egan got, the resident stated he has never plowed snow across the road and also his mail box was taken out and was wondering if the Town would take care of that. Friends said if their plow hits the box, they will, but not if it goes down because of the snow.

Old Business: Updates on Spencers: Eric Freund talked to Spencers on and went over the check list of requirements of cleanup, which he had signed and promised to take care of. They have been working on clean up. Eric went and took pictures on 03/03/2026. The conversation was recorded. This violation is still open with the Courts. Freund told the Attorney not to close this violation out. They have been paying on their fine, but the Town did mention if they cleaned up, the Town would reduce the rest of the fines. Eric Freund suggested that this case be kept open to make sure after cleanup, they maintain the property during the summer. He felt the ticket should be open a year from the original citation. If they maintain the property during the summer months, then the Town can go back and address it and the Board can decide what they want to do with the rest of the monies owed.

Update on Kasuboski property: Eric Freund sent a text to Roger Kasuboski to see how the building was going and if lumber and trusses were delivered. He responded that things were coming along. According to the timeline that was agreed on, the lumber and trusses should be there by the end of February, but he did not confirm that or did Mr. Freund see them on his property. He is suppose to start building the first floor by the end of March. Since it is just the first of March, we will wait to see if the lumber comes in the next couple of weeks and he will follow up.

Discussion on legal procedures with Sam Pinchart: Freund contacted Attorney Blazel. He wanted to clarify the violation and citation. He is filing the information from the neighbor and the information that Eric had. He is in the process of sending this through the Circuit Court.

New Business: none

Town Zoning report – Eric Freund: Eric had discussion with Brian Wilke. He wants to do some changes on his property. He sent a preliminary CSM to Chuck and this will be on the zoning agenda for the end of the month. He has received a few calls from residents pertaining to setbacks and ordinances. He did receive a call from a resident that a commercial business was being ran on 2303 Hiwela Trail, which is zoned Rural residential. He stated that they will have a building for the business by April 1st. The call was received, for there were employee cars parked in the road where the snow plow could not plow. He also went and talked to the resident at 2094 Hwy 116, for there is a RV parked there that is now being used for storage. He went over the ordinances. The owner said there will be another one there, for they are her grandsons, where they will be coming up this summer to stay for a short while.

Town Hall Maintenance: Hendricks got her thermostat fixed in the office.

Town Maintenance: Tom Egan asked the Board if they wanted the Correctional Department to do some roadside trimming and brushing. They have some of March open. They have access to a chipper. Friends mentioned they could also use their chipper. It was thought that they can finish the roads they could not get to last year, which is some areas on Wayside, Delhi and Senn Road. Hendricks will email them so they can start.

Freund did get a call from a gentleman who resides on Meadow Ridge. He was plowing snow in the ditch and his concern is that the neighbors do snow blow in the ditch.

Egan received a call from a resident in Blue Belle, who has water sitting on their property. She wanted to know if Tom got ahold of their builder. He did not, for the Town has nothing to do with that, but he did get ahold of the gentlemen who put the culvert in. He felt he did not feel it was his responsibility. Egan told him it would have to be between the owner and who ever put in the culvert.

Building Permits

David Keran, 3097 Quarry Dr, Omro
House window replacements by Window World
\$4600 Parcel 022-064401 02/23/2026

Michael Hogan, 9212 Stone School Rd, Omro
8 Column supports in basement by Basement Repair Specialist
\$16,000 #022 033401 02/23/2026

County Report: There will be 8 new County districts in the upcoming elections and 15 are uncontested. There has been a lot of conversation On ICE in the County.

Attended meetings:

- Meeting of the Board to discuss IDB funding on February 16th
- Omro Rushford Fire Department meeting on February 18th
- Webinar for 2026-2027 Local small structure improvement on February 19 – Hendricks and Freund were on the webinar. Hendricks started signing up for the grant, but an estimate of cost has to be gotten. Hendricks said on the webinar, there were phone numbers of people from the WDOT who might be able to do this. Hendricks did contact them and said they would get back to her.

- County IDB meeting on March 4th – Hendricks attended this and did a presentation to receive the IDB funding, which was granted.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Spring Election on April 7, 2026
- Annual Town meeting on April 15, 2026
- March 10 at 4 there will be a brief presentation and discussion of Winnebago County's 10-year comprehensive plan update with East Central.
- April 27 – April 29 is the 2026 Spring Road School at Wisconsin Dells.
Registration due by April 3

Sheriff's Department Representative: Deputy Dalia McGuire was present to answer questions from the citizens.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to adjourn the meeting at 8:05. Motion carried.
Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk