

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2026

The Town of Rushford October 2026 Board meeting was called to order on October 7, 2026 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Jerry Schoonover, Patrick Kafer, Ryan Helmuth, Katheryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. 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 was posted at the Waukau post office, Town hall door and the Towns website.

Clerks Report: *Motion by Kafer to approve the minutes from September 2, 2026. Helmuth 2nd. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Katheryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of September was \$102,077.50. The balance in the tax account was \$4,132.69. *Motion by Helmuth, 2nd by Kafer to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Monthly Invoices: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Helmuth to pay \$51,123.96 for October 2026 bills. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Marlyn Carpenter, 9591 Liberty School Road, was present to express concerns about a rumor he heard of a possible construction of storage buildings close to his property which he is against. The Board informed him that the property owners had attended a meeting to just ask questions and no formal paperwork has been filed with the town. If and when that happens, all the neighbors will be informed of the scheduled public hearing.

Communications & Correspondence: The Board received a thank you card from the Thomas Egan family. Schoonover received an email that the pit will be blasting the week of October 12th. Hendricks received an email from the Clerk of Winneconne informing the Towns in Winnebago County of a resolution their Board had sent to the County in response to the proposed amendments to the County's in passing a similar resolution. Hendricks also received an email from the Clerk of the Town of Omro expressing their concerns on the rewrite and points they would like considered in the final draft. They were concerned about the metering of water, transparency for the annual POWTS fee which they would like to have the County planning and zoning committee approve before County Board and the actual cost to the County to administer the POWTS program, for in the past 10 years, residents have been charged in excess of what the county code allows. This fee has more then doubled since 2022.

Old Business: Updates on the Kasuboski property: Freund reported nothing has happened on the parcel in the last month. He recommended a letter be sent out, for he is behind on his timeline and his building permit will expire on October 15th, which will have to be renewed.
Update on Sam Pinchart – in regard to the citations for the goats and cattle – they had one meeting with Attorney Blazel, and Mr. Pinchart requested another meeting in the next week to discuss the citations. The Board agreed that they should try to negotiate the citations or go to court.

Sheriffs Representative: Deputy Brent Exner was present to answer any concerns from the residents. He mentioned it is homecoming week and to request residences to keep their vehicles locked for there has been an increase of stolen vehicles. State Hwy 21 is tentatively scheduled to open October 23rd.

Town Zoning report – Eric Freund: Eric Freund has received calls about information for a residence to clean up a channel for increased water flow, residence inquiring about moving over a shared driveway, property splits on several parcels. Mr Heise was present, for he was one individual who inquired about a parcel split. This parcel is in an encouragement zone, so they are able to do a split.

They are in a wooded lot and with housing shortages in the County, this would be helpful. There was also another split on Eureka Lock Road. He received a call on a residence wanting to build a container house, a call on doing a possible sub-division, extension to culverts and if some trees were in the Towns right away. Schoonover asked if he received a call, for he was informed someone put in a pool without a building permit. Schoonover said this was going in at 3461 Wren Ct owned by Martin Duxbury. Hendricks said no building permit was issued for that property, and she will send out a letter. It was also asked if the pool would have to be fenced in, which we do not have anything in our ordinances for pools.

New Business:

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Helmuth to approve the CSM for John Masters, 7950 Broadway Rd, Omro, WI for parcels 022 0471 & 022 047106. John and his son, Aaron Masters would like to adjust the lot lines between the properties. Motion carried.

Bruce Mueller, the Town of Rushford representative, is retiring from the Rush Lake Watershed Board. Schoonover has talked to several people, but they would like to know what it all entails. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Helmuth to table it until next month. Motion carried.***

Resolution 2026-10-6, approving levy adjustment for increase in Omro Rushford Fire Department expenses. The State Statutes provides a levy limit adjustment for increased costs for joint fires departments, where the adjustment cannot be more then the CPI for the 12 months ending August 31, 2026 + 2%, was determined to be 5.3%. ***Motion by Kafer to approve the levy adjustment for the Omro Rushford Fire Department expenses in the amount of \$2787.33. Vote: 3-ayes, 0-nays. Motion approved.***

Discussion- action on Winnebago Co Chapter 16 Sanitary Code. The County sent a resolution for the Town Board to approve the proposed amendments to Chapter 16, of the Winnebago County General Code. Discussion: The Board opposes monitoring of private well usage and the Board would like to have annual fees approved by the County Zoning and Planning Committee before the County Board approval. They also would like a detailed list of expenses for the POWTS fees, for they have increased significantly in the past few years.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Helmuth to Disapprove the proposed amendments to Chapter 16. Motion carried.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Helmuth to approve Resolution 010-2026- a resolution stating the position of the Town of Rushford in regard to monitoring private wells within the Town. Vote: 3 - ayes, 0 - nays. Motion carried. This resolution will be sent along with the disapproval of the proposed amendments to Chapter 16 to Winnebago County.

Town Maintenance: Northeast Asphalt sent a quote of \$53,172 for Quincy St & Monroe for \$18,656 and \$30,316 for Senn road.

Building Permits

Wayne Resop, 8841 WI Street, Eureka, WI

Concrete by Tanner Equipment

\$15,000 022 1520 9-2-2026

Olivia & Ray Trabbold, 7752 Cty Rd E, Omro, WI

Replacing 5 windows by Windows Solutions, Appleton, WI

\$40,744 022 0466 8-20-2026

Bill Schuhart & Susan Curran, 8726 Cty Rd K, Omro, WI

Replacing 1 door by Window Solutions, Appleton, WI
\$35,115 022 1551 8-26-2026

Zach Malnory, 2688 Hwy 116, Omro, WI
Decking by self
\$3000 022 1042 9-3-2026

Cheryl Traxler, 8332 Liberty School Road, Omro
Acrylic tub and shower replacement by Trident Bath & Shower
\$16,026 022 004601 9-8-2026

Pat Kafer for 3130 Liberty St, Eureka, WI 54963
Remodel by Tanner Concrete, AT Builders & Self
Adding 8 x 45 concrete porch and remodel inside of existing house
\$65,000 022 1564 9-30-2026

Jason Bohn, 3218 Quarry Road, Omro, WI
New doors and windows by Renewal by Anderson
\$50,000 022 060701 10-5-2026

Attended Meetings:

- Rushford Omro Fire Department meeting on September 16 – Jerry, Ryan & Peggy attended.
 - Winnebago County Comp Plan Ad-Hoc Steering Committee Meeting – Jerry and Eric attended this meeting.
- Winnebago Co Unit Meeting on October 1st at the Town of Winneconne – Jerry, Ryan and Peggy attended.
- WTA Convention on October 4-6 at Stevens Point – Hendricks attended for the workshops.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Omro Rushford Fire department meeting on October 8th to amend the budget
- Chapter 16 public hearing on October 21 at the Susan Ertmer Conference Room
- EMS meeting on October 29th
- November election on November 3rd.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Helmuth to adjourn the meeting at 8:15. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk – posted October 19, 2026