

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, September 2, 2026

The Town of Rushford September 2026 Board meeting was called to order on September 2, 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: 6 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, and the public hearing was posted at the Waukau post office, Town hall door and the Towns website.

Clerks Report: *Motion by Kafer to approve the minutes from August 5, 2026. Helmuth 2nd. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Katheryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of July was \$163,728.54. The balance in the tax account was \$4,132.18. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Helmuth to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Monthly Invoices: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Helmuth to pay \$62,144.61 for September 2026 bills. Motion carried.*

Public Input: A resident of Waukau was present, for there is a neighbor who is escalating. He has received restraining orders, multiple issues with neighbor, viral videos online of him threatening fisherman fishing in "his spot", and the last weekend with a gun, a neighbors little girl of 10 years old was riding her bike with another child after dark with lights on their bicycles. He came to the front yard with a tactical weapon with a light on the end threatening the girls for he said he thought they were a gang going though Waukau. The neighbors are concerned about their safety. The police have been contacted and are aware of the situation. The person just wanted people to be aware of the situation. The address of the person is 7395 Mechanic St, Waukau. It was suggested that they form a neighborhood watch. There is a semi there that is not allowed under his zoning of HDR and he is working on lawn mowers as a business, which is not allowed. He can not block the road way, has to keep everything tidy. Chuck will go and look into it to see if any Town ordinances are being violated, but the police are aware.

Communications & Correspondence: Hendricks received a letter Amy Zacharias from Action Appraisers who stated she is retiring and thanked us for allowing her to serve us. Business will continue as usual with Zach, Amanda, Ann and Brett.

We received a letter from the Department of Transportation that our LSSIP application for structure V700135 was reviewed and the proposed project was not approved to receive funding. Schoonover received a call from John Bartel to check the ditches. Freunds did go out and check it out and he called to leave a voice mail. Chuck said one issue with the water getting into his yard. Other ditches down the line would have to be cleaned out before the main ditch that starts at his property, which is in a low spot. This is on O'Reilly road. He thinks the water is coming from State Hwy 21, but it is not.

Old Business: Attorney Blazel submitted a bill for his services in connection with the Sam Pinchart case. This matter will be tried on October 23rd at 10 am.

Ryan Helmuth mentioned that Rick Tritt had called and requested the Bradley Farm be removed from the tax roll. He would have to contact Action appraisers for this. The tax bills that come out this year will be for properties as of January 1st.

Update on Kasuboski property: Eric Freund stated he is building on the parcel now and making progress. His building permit will expire the first of November. The state inspector has not been contacted yet for inspection.

Town Zoning report – Eric Freund: A zoning meeting was held on August 26th. The Committee approved a conditional use permit for Ron Fink, 7755 Cty Rd K, parcel 022 07790102, with zoning of SER for placement of a 40' x 8'. Public input was from Mark Stralow who had some questions for the zoning committee regarding putting up storage units on a piece of property he just purchased. He has almost 22 A, would like to break off 2A for storage units. This was just preliminary and wanted to see what he could and not do. Freund also discussed several calls he has gotten from residents regarding building, set backs, etc. and running dogs, who Mr Mier did issue a citation. He also received a call from someone wanting a kennel license.

New Business:

Motion by Helmuth, 2nd by Kafer to approve the CUP for Ron Fink, 7755 Cty Rd K, parcel 022 07790102, with zoning of SER for placement of a 40' x 8'. Motion carried.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Helmuth to approve a picnic license for Waukau Community Center for Waukau fest on September 12th. Motion carries.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Helmuth to approve the Joint Powers agreement for Winnebago County E911 users. Motion carried.

Town Hall Maintenance: None

Town Maintenance: Freunds have been busy with downed trees on Bell Line, 37th, Job and Fox St. It was asked when the last time the parking lot was done. It was sealed and cracked sealed not too many years ago.

Building Permits

Paula Schultz, 4823 Rushford Ave, Omro
Shed built by Retsy's, Berlin WI

\$19,245 022 005602 8-11-2026

Jacob Buskager for 3165 County Road K, Omro
Roof, siding windows to repair old feed mill to use for storage

\$5000 022 0611 8-11-2026

Ryan & Mackenzie Hrubes, 2566 Mill Run, Omro, WI
16x24 garden shed with concrete floor, 12' overhead door, service door & 2 windows
Built by self

\$12,000 022 085004 8-17-2026

Attended Meetings:

- Eric Freund and Jerry Schoonover attended the County Comprehensive meeting on August 18th.

Upcoming Meetings: 2026 Fall workshop dates are at various locations from September 15-24, with virtual programming from 9/28 to 10/01. Peggy did sign up for the virtual training.
Winnebago Co WTA Unit meeting on October 1st

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Helmuth to adjourn the meeting at 7:55. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk – posted September 18, 2026