

Rushford Annual Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, April 16, 2025

The Town of Rushford 2025 Annual meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on April 16th, 2025 by Chairman Tom Egan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for all or part of the meeting was Supervisors Patrick Kafer & Jerry Schoonover, Treasurer Kathryn Lewis, Clerk Peggy Hendricks and 2 persons per attendance record on file, though more were present.

Guest Speakers:

Attorney John Blazel: Attorney Blazel is located in Berlin and presently the work he is doing for the Town is working with a Waukau resident who have property clean up issues that the Town would like to see addressed. It was asked what the procedures are. The Town will send a letter and if compliance is not done, and complaint will be filed. They can file an answer and if need be, court proceedings will start.

Tom Egan appointed Attorney Blazel for 2025-2026. ***Motion made by Kafer, 2nd by Jerry Schoonover to appoint Attorney Blazel for 2025-2026. Motion carried.***

Representative from Winnebago Co Sheriff Department: Sheriff John Matz was unable to attend, so Lieutenant Darin Rice was present. It was asked about the fraud cases in Winnebago Co. He stated a County wide ATV/UTV ordinance has been proposed.

Action Appraisers & Consulting: Zack & Amy Zacharias attended to explain that a full evaluation of the Town is being conducted. Open book and Board of Review will be at a later date after completion.

Chief Jay Treleven – Omro-Rushford-Omro Fire Department: The Chief said he has been with the fire department for 43 years and this is his 18th year as chief. The department is 100% volunteers. He went through the history of the fire department. The department is owned equally by the Town of Rushford, the City of Omro and the Town of Omro. All the monies from the fund raisings are used for items needed for the fire department so the tax payers do not need to pay for it. They have a Jr fire fighter program that starts if you are 14 years old till you are 18. CPR training is available and they do about 200-400 acres CPR burns a year.

Pat Kafer & Bonnie Barkow and of the zoning committee have their terms up and a replacement is needed for Robert Woods. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to appoint Dan Stokes for a 3 year term. Motion carried. Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to appoint Nicole Bahn to finish out Robert Woods remaining term of 1 year. Motion carried.*** Jerry Schoonover will be the Town representative for 2025 and 2026, replacing Pat Kafer. ***Motion by Jerry Schoonover, 2nd by Pat Kafer to appoint Jim Moore as alternate.***

Hendricks gave the annual report. Booklets were printed out with important information along with a PowerPoint presentation. ***Motion by Jerry Schoonover, 2nd by Pat Kafer to approve the annual meeting minutes from 2024. Motion carried.***

Motion Rocco Lewis, 2nd by Jim Moore to adjourn the meeting at 7:00. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk