

October 17, 2016

Special Meeting of the Town of Rushford Board at the Rushford Town hall at 11:00 am

The meeting was called to order with Tom Egan, Jerry Schoonover, Pat Kafer & Peggy Hendricks present.

There was much discussion on road work that should be done. Hendricks explained the steps that would have to be taken if the Board wanted to exceed the levy so there would be money to put towards the roads. A resolution for the Town of Rushford Board to Propose Exceeding Levy limits was presented. The levy for 2016 payable 2017 would be \$270,450. The Board agreed that they would need over \$100,000 extra to the work they would like to do.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to adopt the Resolution for the Town of Rushford to propose exceeding levy limits by 40%, which would increase the levy by \$108,180 for a total amount of \$378,630 to use for road maintenance, which will be placed on the agenda for the Special Town meeting of electors to be held in December. Motion carried: 3 ayes – 0 nays.

Tom Egan stated that the loan at First National Bank for Blue Belle subdivision road work has been approved. Hendricks explained the steps that need to be taken before the loan can be taken out. She presented a Preliminary resolution declaring intent to levy special assessments under municipal police power pursuant to Sec 66.0703, state statutes. A legal opinion letter from the attorney stating that this is a tax exempt borrowing was obtained. This directs the Clerk to file a report on the proposed special assessments for public improvements and against which properties in the Township. Once this is done, a notice of public hearing shall be posted as Class 1 and notice sent to all property owners. At this public hearing, a final resolution will be presented. Hendricks would like to be able to schedule the public hearing at 6:30 on November 2 so anyone who wanted to pay in full would be done before the tax bill is figured out. If the preliminary resolution is adopted today, she will be within the time limits for posting, publication and mailing the notice to the property owners. The Board questioned if the legal fees would be included in the total estimated cost of improvement. After a call to Attorney Blazel, he stated that legal fees are added to the final cost and the final resolution explains that anyone who does not pay in full will also have interest added to their payments which will be due yearly for 3 years. The signees of the loan will be Thomas Egan, Town Chairman and Peggy Hendricks, Clerk.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to borrow the money from First National Bank in Omro for the road work in the Blue Belle Subdivision and charge back the amount to the owners of Blue Belle Subdivision with the understanding they will have so many days to pay their share and after that, they will have to pay the interest that the bank charges and all other fees that are accumulated and to have the clerk and the attorney take care of all the paper work. Motion carried 3 – 0.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adopt the preliminary resolution declaring intent to levy special assessments under municipal police power and if the clerk gets everything finalized, to set the public hearing at 6:30 on November 2, 2016. Motion carried: 3 – 0.

There was discussion on the WISLR local road certification map. Last year John Groth completed this for the Town. This is all done online now, which after John put in the ratings, the clerk goes in to finish the report. Tom gave John Groth a call and he agreed to do the ratings on the Town roads for the report. He also asked if the County was going to finish up on Ivy lane.

Budget discussion will be taken up at a later date. Bids for snowplowing will be closed on December 1st. The County should look at Fairview and see what their thoughts are on the ditch.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn at 12:10 pm. Motion carried.