

**Rushford Township Planning Committee Meeting
January 14, 2026**

Board and Committee Members Present: Zoning Administrator Eric Fruend, Town Chairman Tom Egan, Town Clerk Peggy Hendricks and planning committee members: Town Supervisor Jerry Schoonover, Dan Stokes, Rob Resop, Noah Pomplun and Nicole Bahn. The only additional attendee was Dean Kaderabek.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rob Resop at 7:00 P.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Discussion on New Town Zoning Map to Include Shoreland Areas and Draft Resolution 012026

- Change being made to allow more township influence over shoreland areas in Winnebago County
 - The county will no longer be zoning or enforcing general land uses in these areas
- This included parcels within the flood plain as well as buffer zone for navigable waters
- Almost 1,000 parcels were affected and existing zoning districts were extended into the shoreland areas
- Confirmed with town attorney that no written updates to the ordinances were required, just the map updates
- Public hearing will be held on January 28th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. following final publication on January 21
- Winnebago County will then review the updated map with turnaround by April 1, 2026
 - At that time, land use permits will begin with the township
- New construction projects will start with the county (would issue sanitary, address etc. permits then come back to the township)
- Anything extending out into the water would still involve the DNR as would items involving Wisconsin's Shoreland Protection Program NR 115 (impervious surface calculation on new construction etc.)

Motion made by Stokes and seconded by Pomplun to recommend approval of resolution 012026 to adopt the Official Zoning Map as presented. All voted in favor.

Discussion on ATV / UTV Route Ordinance 022026

- Updates were prepared by town attorney John Blazel
- This follows changes made at the county level for consistency
 - 24/7 operation, insurance/helmet requirements, follow posted speed limits etc.
- Most township roads can be utilized excluding state roads (Highway 21) and ones which are posted
- Public hearing will occur on February 4, 2026 at 6:30 prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting

Motion made by Schoonover and seconded by Stokes to recommend approval to the town board of the ATV / UTV Ordinance 022026 as presented. All voted in favor.

Old Business:

- Court status conference for the Roger Kasuboski case on 1/16 was cancelled. A timeline had previously been established and if progress does not follow accordingly, this matter will be back in court. Building to commence by March and the building permit is good through November 2026.
- Comprehensive plan rewrite
 - Kaderabek mentioned that he is about half done and hopes to have a draft completed by the end of March with finalization by May

New Business:

- Discussion on recent data centers in the news. Although town is unable to outright deny, parameters can be set for where they might be located or enact a short-term moratorium while evaluating / researching.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M. following a motion by Bahn and seconded by Stokes.

Submitted by Nicole Bahn – Recording Secretary