

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, June 2, 2021

The Town of Rushford June Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Egan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Thomas Egan, Jerry Schoonover, Patrick Kafer, Kathryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 6 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of this meeting was posted on the Town hall door, the corner of K&E in Eureka, the Waukau post office and the Towns website. In addition, Notice of liquor/beer license application was posted in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer, to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2021 board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of May was \$274,118.68. The balance in the tax account was \$1,662.55. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for June in the amount of \$35,586.81. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the invoices for June. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Art Rathjen from Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation was present to give a couple of updates. They have not heard if the USDA grant they applied for has been approved. Mr Rathjen said the Dan Kesslermier is installing internet though Winneconne right now and next year will be going though Waukau. He is going to be applying for another grant though the Public Service Commission for 3.5 million – 6 million dollars to finish the Lake to Lake project installments. Dan asked him if Art would approach the Town Board to request a symbolic gesture on behalf of the Town for funding. Dan then plans on installing internet in the remaining 9 Townships who have poor service in Winnebago Co. Art would like the opportunity to reach out to Tom Egan via email or to email the clerk and she will pass it on to the Board. Tom Egan stated for phase 2, which will be going though Waukau with internet, the Town did not have to fund any money. He was wondering if they were asking for money for Phase 3, which would bring internet to other parts of the Town of Rushford. Art thinks that he is hoping to get 100% participation from the Townships though a symbolic gesture of commitment. They will be approaching Winnebago Co IDB for possible funding and the Township could donate their IDB money for this cause. Tom Egan said depending on all the information, the Town would be very interested in having high speed internet in the Township.

Communication & Correspondence: Hendricks read an email from Todd Thelen informing the Township that he is the recently elected President of RLWRI and other officer changes. Hendricks stated that the Town of Rushford was awarded \$2,888.68 recycling grant.

Town Zoning Report – Tom Jackson: Tom said he had gotten a complaint about animal welfare, which was taken care of. He would like to have a zoning meeting at the end of the month to discuss certain items.

Old Business: Egan said he talked to Ripon Truck, and they are hoping to get it done by the 4th of July. *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the use of MSB payment Solution to accept credit card, debit card and e-checks for tax payment.* Discussion: The cost will be \$90/year for a maintenance fee.

Tom Jackson mentioned that he knows someone who has bought a tree trimmer and is looking for work. He does not know if he cuts them and then sprays them, which works out nice so there is not regrowth. Jackson will get the number to Egan.

New Business: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the following Class B Beer & Class B Liquor licenses pending payment to:*

1. *Ron K and Marilyn Fink, 7755 County K, Omro WI for:
Trail Inn, 2664 State Rd 116, Waukau, WI 54980*
2. *Renee Smith & Raymond Smith, 2312 Bradley Rd, Pickett, WI 54964
R & R Smith LLC
Shamrock Pub & Grub, 7431 State Rd 91, Waukau, WI 54980*
3. *Jerome L Olklewicz, 3083 County Road E, Eureka, WI for:
Bill & Stels, 3083 County Road E, Eureka, WI 54963*
4. *Lindsey Rae Blaauw, 3084 Cty Rd E, Eureka, WI 54963 for:
Starlight Bar, 3092 County Road E, Eureka, WI 54963*
5. *Jay Hassenius, Eureka Landings Bar & Grill LLC, for:
Eureka Landings, 3114 Liberty St, Eureka, WI 54963*

Motion carried.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve Class B (Wine Only) winery license & "Class B" Beer for July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022 for Shane R Coombs & Laurel L Coombs, 4324 Springbrook Lane, Omro, WI for: Rushford Meadery & Winery LLC, 8389 Liberty School Road, Omro, WI 54963 Motion carried.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve a picnic license to Waukau Flying Mane Horse Club and Waukau Youth Community Center. Motion carried.

Discussion on Hall Maintenance: Hendricks requested the Town order a Subscription to the Omro Herald to be delivered to the Town hall. There was not a motion, so the request was denied. Pat Schoonover stated that one of the new pine trees that was planted in front of the Town hall is leaning already. The tree should be staked.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: The Town did their road tour. Friends will be doing work on Old E, Ferry Lane, Wayside Drive, Senn Road, Fox Lane and a couple culverts and repair of frost heave. The County will start on Lost Lane, Delhi and all the County Aid culvert replacements. The Board will go though the rest of the roads for work to be done this year.

Hendricks read an email from the DNR who requested if they could grade Eureka Lock Road, (fire # 9517) in addition to the road, parking lot and access road to the lock area. The DNR would reimburse the Town.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to ask Friends to do the requested grading work for the DNR and then send a bill to the DNR. Motion carried.

Building permits - Tom Egan:

Justin Wilke, 9201 RiverView Dr, Freemont for:
3207 Quarry Dr, Omro, WI
New home built by Sows Construction, 711 Whispering Way, Omro
3572 sq ft house with 791 sq ft garage
Parcel# 022 060112
\$400,000 5-11-2021

Derek Koch, 7450 Bluebird Crossing, Omro, WI
60 x 60 pool area with 32" round pool, 54" deep built by self
\$15,000 5-20-21

Clint Thull, 3350 Casey Trail Oshkosh, WI for
7271 Meadowridge Dr, Pickett WI

New home – 2044 sq ft home, 3 car attached garage, Covered porch, asphalt shingles, vinyl siding

Built by Chet Wesenberg, 240 Algoma Blvd. Suite A, Oshkosh, WI

Parcel # 022 1405

\$400,000

5-22-2021

County Report: There are lots of changes with the new County Executive. Tom met with him yesterday morning. He would like more staff in his office, and he wants to cut the Board size. Tom thinks if this is done, it will hurt the Townships and not so much the cities. They are trying to come up with a name for the terminal.

Reports on Attended meetings:

Board of Review was on May 14th, 5 pm – 7 pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

Winnebago Co Emergency Management meeting for elected officials on June 17th from 4 pm – 7 pm OR June 18th from 9 am to noon at Rick Meyer Room, Winnebago Co Sheriffs Office, 4311 Jackson St, Oshkosh, WI

WTA Unit Meeting – Town of Oshkosh on July 8 at 5:30 at 230 East Cty Rd Y, Oshkosh – This is a pig roast, so need to RSVP by June 25th

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 7:45. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk
