

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, January 2, 2013

The Town of Rushford January Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Thomas Egan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Thomas Egan, Jerry Schoonover, Patrick Kafer, Kathryn Lewis and Peggy Hendricks present. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 9 additional persons per attendance record on file, although several others were present, but did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of this meeting, the meeting of the board to pay the end of year bills on December 29, and the meeting of the board with Radtkes on January 3rd was posted at the Town Hall, the town web page, the Waukau post office and the corner of K&E in Eureka. In addition, the Public hearing notice for the alley closure for Schoonover was posted in the Oshkosh Northwestern. Notices were mailed to Town Board members and the Zoning Administrator.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the minutes as presented for the December Town board meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the minutes from the December 29th meeting for final bill payments. Motion carried.*

Mr Egan wished everyone a Happy New Year from the Board.

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of December in the general account is \$160,452.10. The balance at the end of December in the tax account was \$620,238.72. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.***

Kathryn Lewis stated that the Town has 4 outstanding checks from 2009, 2010 and January of 2012. The \$37.30 check to Jason Kallas is from a tax overpayment in January of 2012. A check from 2009 for \$4.00 for a tax over payment to Ralph King, a check to the DNR for \$15 in 2009 and a .63 check for tax overpayment in 2010. Discussion was on the cost of stop payment on the checks. ***Motion by Egan, second by Kafer to put the money back into the accounts. Motion carried.***

Payment of invoices: Peggy Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for January in the amount of \$10,022.67 for approval of payment. She also requested \$6,847.87 from the tax account to pay the Real Estate tax over payments. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay January's bills as submitted Motion carried. Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the tax overpayments in the amount of \$6,847.87 from the tax account. Motion carried.***

Discussion of Hall maintenance: Peggy Hendricks stated that the light was out for the flag. Pat Kafer will take care of that. Tom Egan asked about waxing the floors at the hall. After the meeting, Tom Jackson and Peggy Hendricks will set the dates. Patsy Pomplun offered to help.

Discussion of Town Maintenance: Tom Egan went over the bridge inspection reports from the Highway Commission. All the town bridges came in at good ratings of 90 or above.

Peggy Hendricks stated that on the webpage and in the entry way there is a survey for the Winnebago County Parks and Recreation areas. This survey will aid the County to see how they can make future improvements. The County and East Central Wi Regional Planning Commission is working on updating their 5 year comprehensive outdoor recreation plan.

The DNR has requested 911 signs for several parcels where they put parking lots in. Pat Kafer feels that the DNR should pay these signs. Tom Egan said for home owners, the Town pays for the first sign. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to bill the DNR for the 911 signs before they are put in. Motion carried.***

Hendricks stated that road videos of Morrow Road for Clausen/Zillges pit have been received and filed.

New Business: ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve \$50 for WMCA dues. Motion carried.***

Tom Egan stated that there were complaints of a utility trailer owned by McClellands which is 2 ft off the road and in the Town right away. The board members have requested that it be moved. The snowplows have to go around it when plowing. Constable Edinger and Supervisor Kafer had talked to the property owner with orders to move it tightly against the shed. The resident then called and wanted their neighbors to remove

boulders that he feels was in the road right away. Mr Kafer said that there is a stone by his fire sign. If a plow with a wing comes down, the stone will be moved. Supervisor Kafer has much more concern for McClellands side. Mr. Kafer would like a letter sent to both residents and he will go and talk with them. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to send a letter to McClellands and Fredricks indicating there is nothing to be in the Towns road right away. Motion carried.***

Mr. Kafer is concerned with the plowing of the snow and where it is pushed on Liberty. A meeting is scheduled with Radtkes tomorrow. Mr Egan stated that there have been a lot of complaints on the snow plowing. He learned that there are new drivers for both Radtkes and the County. Previously the drivers had worked together on plowing certain roads. They will go over the Town roads at the meeting tomorrow.

Building Permit Report:

Russell Lee, 4511 Eureka Road for new windows and trim for \$1200.00

Reports of Attended Meetings:

1. Peggy Hendricks reported on the meeting on December 29th to pay the bills for the end of the year. She stated that the bill paid for Radtkes was just an estimate from the company, for a bill had not been received yet for Decembers work. All the bills paid are in the minutes for that meeting.
2. Thomas Egan reported on the Public hearing for James Schoonover for the alley closure. A resolution was passed and the neighbors had signed off on it. Mr Schoonover is paying all the expenses that the Town incurs for this.

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings:

1. Meeting of the Board and Radtkes on January 3 at 10 am
2. Town Caucus January 19 at 9:00 am
3. Winnebago Town Association Meeting at Poygan Town Hall on January 3 at 6:30. This will be held at the Town of Rushford on April 4th.
4. Town of Rushford Zoning Committee meeting on January 30 at 7:00

County Update by Thomas Egan: Bids have been approved for the Eureka Bridge. Construction will begin in April and be done in October. The state is kicking in \$1.6 million dollars and the County has to pay \$575,000. The bid went to Lunda. The bridge will be raised the same as Omro.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn at 7:35. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk