

The Town of Rushford September 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, Gerald Schoonover, Patrick Kafer, Kathryn Lewis and Peggy Hendricks present. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 6 additional persons per attendance record on file.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of this meeting was posted on the Town Hall door, the Waukau post office and the corner of K & E in Eureka. In addition, the request for snow removal bids will be posted in the Oshkosh Northwestern on September 18 & September 25th. Notices were mailed to Town Board members and the Zoning Administrator.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Rippl was present to answer questions and concerns.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the minutes as presented for the August 15th Town board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of August in the general account is \$282,766.94. The balance at the end of July in the tax account was \$323.59. *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of invoices: Peggy Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for September in the amount of \$111,492.91 for approval of payment. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay September bills as submitted. Motion carried.*

Town Zoning Report – Dan Stokes: The zoning committee met on August 28th, 2013 for a public zoning hearing for property owners Nancy Albright, Peggy Seuffer and Randall Kirk. The committee recommended to the Rushford Town Board to rezone from A1 to A2 on parcels 022 0146, 022 0145, 022 0148, 022 0149, 022 0345, 022 0346 and 022 0347. Other items discussed were meetings to review the revised ordinance changes, the Winnebago Co Plan Commissioner Network meeting on September 25th and a possible January deadline for the adoption of the revised ordinances.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to rezone parcels 022 0146, 022 0145, 022 0148, 022 0149, 022 0345, 022 0346 and 022 0347 from A1 to A2 for Nancy Albright, Peggy Seuffer and Randall Kirk.

Discussion: Kafer asked if all the names were correct for the re-zoning. Steve Wieckert was present to answer any questions. He stated that a legal search was done and Nancy Albright needs to sign off yet, but Carow Land Surveying suggested that it be presented this way. Fred Kasten explained that all these parcels made up the Kirk farm. A CSM will take the 240 acres and have them divided into 3 parcels. The County already has this property zoned A2. Much of it is under County Zoning because of wetlands and DNR mapping. Each parcel will have their own access off the State Highway. There is a mound system on Lot 1 and Lot 2. ***Motion carried.***

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to accept the CSM as presented for Randall Kirk, Peggy Seuffer and Nancy Albright. Discussion: Kafer asked how many times a lot could be split. Kasten explained that the density is 1 unit on 20 acres. Steve Wieckert stated that Lot 3 is all floodplain and wet lands and would be sold for hunting land. Lot 2, which is 121 acres, could have 6 lots, but the new owner plans on using it as it is now – for farm land. Lot 1 is 6 acres with the home on. ***Motion carried.***

Discussion of Town hall maintenance/needs: It was discussed it has been to dry to pull weeds up around the Town Hall. Pat offered to come with his big weed eater and at least trim up the weeds by the entry ways, the trees, the utility boxes, the LP tank, flag, etc.

Discussion of Town Maintenance: The Board discussed the road work that has to be done on Liberty St after the bridge is done or near completion. The County is willing to put some money towards it for the damage that was done during the bridge construction. Pictures were taken before work on the bridge began. They agreed they should talk to someone as soon as possible to get this set up.

It was asked if a bond was ever found for Blue Belle sub-division. Hendricks contacted the Town attorney, but has not heard back from him yet. The Town has not been contacted by anyone yet, but the paperwork

should be given to the Town attorney so he will be familiar with it. It is unknown who has taken this over at this time.

Bids will be taken for snow removal for the next 3 years. The Town will require proof of insurance, bond, etc. Hendricks will check with the Town attorney on what all should be required.

Old Business: Fred Kasten asked if any citations were given out by the Town of Rushford for the 3 dogs that were involved in a fight. The County had issued tickets. Hendricks stated that she contacted the attorney to give him the details and asked for guidance on what the Town should do. Mr Kasten feels that a certified letter or the constable should issue tickets to the parties involved. Documentation should be noted at the Town level. Kathryn Lewis stated that none of the dogs involved are licensed. Dog licenses go from January to December.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to issue Sean & Polly Thomsen, and Steve Augsburger a warning letter that all dogs they own must be licensed within 10 days. A citation will be issued if they do not license the dogs within 10 business days. Motion carried with 2 - aye, 1 - abstain.

New Business: Pat Kafer suggested having a Bridge Celebration party before the bridge is open to the public. The Town could have a ribbon cutting of sorts, food, music, etc. Since this is not on the agenda, it will be put on the agenda for action in October. Tom Egan will ask the County if this will be allowed.

County Report - Tom Egan: The County has been discussing the effect on Winnebago County with the Oshkosh Corp layoffs. They have also been going through their Code of Ethics.

Building Permit Report by Thomas Egan:

Thomas Jackson, 9393 Liberty School Road, Omro, 410-2910
Metal roof on barn by Jacob Treuor, Richford, WI
\$4900 August 15, 2013

Bob Freeman, 2875 State Road 116
New roof on house built by M&I Roofing
\$5500

Kim & Jeff Proce, 2875 State Road 116
Stick Building with Steel siding built by self
\$25,000

Jim Roberts, 8804 Ann St
Remodel bathroom by self
\$2000

Don Wagoner, 3134 Cty Rd E
Roof built by self
\$4000

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings:

1. Fire District Meeting Wednesday, September 11, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Omro Fire Station.
2. County Plan Commissioner Network Meeting at the Rushford Town Hall on September 25. Tour of Bridge starting at 5:30
3. Election on Berlin School Referendum on October 15, 2013

Jerry Schoonover met with the DNR at the old landfill - the Park. They wanted to check the cells. They were very happy with it over all, except we might have to change the sign and add the permit number. He also suggested clipping it once a year. He will send his report to the clerk.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn at 8:25. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk