

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 4, 2015

The Town of Rushford March Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Egan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Thomas Egan, Gerald Schoonover, Kathryn Lewis and Peggy Hendricks present. Pat Kafer was excused and was present later on in the meeting. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 4 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of the March Board meeting was posted on the Town hall door, the corner of K & E in Eureka and the Waukau Post Office. Notices were emailed to Town Board members and the Zoning Administrator.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to approve the minutes as presented for the February 4, 2015 Town board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of February, 2015 was \$126,166.12. The balance in the tax account was \$180,246.57 *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of invoices: Peggy Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for March in the amount of \$37,243.81 from the general account for approval of payment. *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to pay March 2015 bills from the general account as submitted. Motion carried.*

Communications & Correspondence:

- Hendricks read an email received from Frank Frassetto, WTA Winnebago Unit Chairman pertaining to the WTA Press release on Opposition to Proposal for County Property Tax Assessment & Boards of Review.
- The 2014 Winnebago County Land & Water Conservation Department Annual Report is on the Towns Web Site under NEWS.

Discussion of Town hall maintenance/needs:

Hall cleaning and purchase of a floor buffer was discussed after being tabled last month. Hendricks had emailed the Clerks List and had a survey of what other Towns do for cleaning and lawn mowing. She had prices from 3 places for a floor buffer ranging from \$400 to over \$2000. The owner of Royalty Maintenance from Ripon will be coming next week to give a bid on buffing the hall floors. They do a lot of other Town halls in the area, such as Manchester, Rosendale, Berlin, Ripon Drug, etc. Fred Kasten said he talked to Ralph King, who is the head of maintenance for Omro Schools. He stated we could use their buffer. He recommended doing the floors every 3 months. Pat Schoonover thinks it would be beneficial for the hall to purchase their own. Hendricks stated that if you put anything out for bid, they will need liability insurance and certification. Peggy Hendricks read an email from the 4-H concerning cleanup around the outside of the Hall in May. It was suggested someone from the Master Gardeners be present to show the kids what is weeds and plants. They also are selling flowers and if we had planters, they could fix those for us. Hendricks asked if we should purchase a couple of planters. Tom Egan suggested that we put the decision on buffing the hall floors and the planters on the agenda for April's agenda.

Discussion with Sheriff's Department representative: Deputy Huth was available for questions. Tom Egan asked if the correct people could be notified concerning where we drop our animals off. The Town takes them to Traxlers, but the Sheriff's department has been taking them to Oshkosh. He will contact the necessary people. Pat Schoonover asked if there could be more speed checks in Waukau around Old Mill road in the morning hours. Tom inquired about a speed check sign outside of Eureka. A couple of months ago an officer was going to check to see if there would be one available to put out.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: A road trip will be scheduled as soon as possible. The County has marked Liberty Street in Eureka to redo and to take out the culvert. Friends has been patching what they can at this time.

Assessors Report – Larry Timm: Mr. Timm reported he has started looking at properties for the 2015 assessments. Tom Egan spoke about the Governor's Budget which would eliminate the assessors, property tax assessment and the Board of Review at the local level. Tom Egan feels this would not be a good thing for the Towns or the residents.

Town & County Zoning – Dan Stokes: Dan Stokes reported on the Winnebago County Comprehensive meeting. He left booklets and maps for anyone to view if they wish.

Old Business:

There is a court order to enter the Erdmann property with a state inspector. This will be scheduled with Marty Johnson, the attorney and Tom Egan. Attorney Sondalle is waiting for pictures from Fred Kasten on the Kasuboski property before he can proceed any further.

New Business:

- Hendricks inquired about hall rentals for meetings. She was wondering if it should be \$20 or the normal fee. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to have a \$50 hall rental fee for businesses who rent the hall for meetings. Motion carried.***
- Hendricks inquired who the Town would like to have invited to the Annual meeting. It was suggested to invite the Fire Chief, the Attorney, the Assessor, Dean Kaderabek and suggest to the Omro Fire Chief to invite Jim Franz from the Oshkosh Fire Department for information on the ambulance service.

Animal Report: Mr Mier visited a property twice pertaining to a loose dog, but one was never found. There have been several complaints of a lot of dogs owned by Tyler Kettlewell. There have been a number of complaints about barking dogs in Waukau at the property of Scott Lewis. Mr Mier will be contacted to check on these properties.

Building Report – Thomas Egan:

Richard Bond, 8688 County Road K for \$32,000 for siding of a barn for storage and office.

County Report – Thomas Egan:

- Discussion on members' receiving and using I-pads.
- Airport & terminal discussion
- Tom left a map of the new 441 exchange.
- Tom went over Winnebago County 6 year highway improvement program. There will be a map at the hall pertaining to these areas.
- There are concerns on the radios and the maintenance that is required.

Reports of Attended Meetings:

- Omro/Rushford Fire Department meeting on Feb 11th – the fire truck should be done by fall.
- 2015 WTA District Meeting: There was a 6 Legislator panel present. The Legislator agenda and budget was discussed. Other topics were State Trust Fund Loans, Board of Review Changes, Fire Department and Emergency Services and funding local transportation.
- Winnebago Plan Commissioner Network meeting: The meeting highlighted enforcement of Conditional Use permits. This is a round table discussion for area Towns.

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Spring Election April 7th
2. Annual Meeting on April 15th at 7:00.

Pat Kafer asked about the permits needed for the Vehicle Husbandry Law. It was mentioned that someone could ask for higher limits in Winnebago County.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to adjourn at 8:15. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk