

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, January 4, 2017

The Town of Rushford January 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, Pat Kafer, Kathryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 7 additional persons per attendance.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of this meeting, the meeting of the Board on December 26th and December 31st was posted on the town hall door, the corner of K & E in Eureka, the Waukau post office and the Town's web site. In addition, Notice Town Caucus & application for Class B Beer & Liquor License was published in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

The Sheriff's Department had a deputy and intern present to answer any questions.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer, to approve the minutes as presented for the December 7, 26 & 31st, 2016 meetings. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance at the end of December was \$19,133.38. The balance in the tax account was \$597,065.69 *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for January in the amount of \$53,590.71 from the general account for approval of payment. *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to pay the approved January 2017 bills from the general account. Motion carried.* Discussion: Pat Schoonover requested to have a copy of the snowplowing bill.

Public Input: Pat Schoonover had concerns that with the reports the clerk and treasurer, there does not seem to have enough money to pay the bills. Hendricks explained that the reports given by the clerk and treasurer are for different months. The clerk's report is for the monies that will be going out in the current month. The balances and the listing of the checks sent out were for the previous month. The town does not write any checks where there is not money in the accounts or in the budget. Tom Jackson said there is an "arrow" sign missing on 37th & Liberty. He also mentioned that there is not a fire sign on 7832 County Road K. He thinks it was moved. Tom Egan stated that every resident had a fire number. Tom Egan will check it out and ask Bruce Bohn if he might have moved the fire sign. Tom Jackson stated that someone is living in a camper-truck on 37th & Liberty and he also does not have a fire number. Tom Egan said no one is supposed to be living in a camper-trailer. Tom Jackson will try to find out who is living there so a letter could be sent out. Patsy Pomplun inquired why the two meetings the board had on December 26th and 31st were not combined. Hendricks explained that one was for a liquor license where it was thought it would be needed asap to open the business before the 1st of the year. Tom Egan said that the Town of Aurora is doing their part of the road on 37th and Cumberland. The Town of Rushford approved to work with them to repair the intersection.

Communications & Correspondence: Hendricks received a letter from Alliant Energy to update contact information in case of emergency. This will be in their crisis plan. Hendricks said that Chuck Mier checked on the welfare of a couple horses and issued a warning for a dog trespassing and littering on a neighbor's lawn.

Discussion on Town Maintenance:

Pat Kafer said he received a call on a mailbox that was knocked down. He gave them Friends Excavating phone number. Tom Egan also received a call on a mailbox down and a sign on 37th & Stone School road.

Old Business: Tom Egan mentioned the Town of Rushford park. The gates were not supposed to be open and no motorized vehicles are to go through there. The gates are open and snowmobiles are going through. He received a call asking if snowmobiles could go through there, why not ATV's. He inquired who had the keys for the gate. Pat Kafer stated that he was called, for the groomer to get in there needs the gate open and a sign was placed further down. He told him to talk to Fred Kasten to open the gate. With the warm weather, the gate should be closed until more snow has accumulated. Kafer stated that ATV's were not legal in the Town of Rushford trails. Kafer said the gate was open for the safety of the groomer. Pat will go over and talk to Fred about closing the gate and reopening it when there is enough snow.

County Report by Tom Egan: Tom Egan bought a picture of the future airport – which was voted down again at the last meeting. The meetings for January will be starting in the next week or so.

Upcoming Meetings/workshops:

- Winnebago County Unit of Wisconsin meeting at the Town of Poygan , 8693 Town Hall Road, Omro, WI 54963 on January 5 at 6:30
- Town Caucus on January 14 at 1:00 pm
- Collection on taxes on January 31st from 10:00 – 2:30

Kathy Lewis mentioned that the bill for software from the County for taxes will go down by \$100 this coming year. Pat Schoonover inquired about the race track. Tom Egan said they have one more year.

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

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk