

Rushford Town Board Minutes  
Wednesday, April 1, 2020

The Town of Rushford April Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Egan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Thomas Egan, Patrick Kafer, Jerry Schoonover, & Peggy Hendricks present. Kathryn Lewis was excused. 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. Tom Egan stated that meetings might change as far as them being at the Town hall. He advised residents to check pandemicthe website and the posting areas in case the Town would have to broadcast or use another means for their meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Statement of Public Notice:** Notice of this meeting and the Zoning meeting and the road tour 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 election testing and Public hearings were published in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

**Clerks Report & Minutes:** *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover, to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2020 board meeting. Motion carried.*

**Treasurers Report** was given by Peggy Hendricks. The balance for the general account at the end of March was \$244,697.70 The balance in the tax account was \$1956.02. *Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

**Payment of invoices:** Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for April in the amount of \$38,561.02. Discussion – Kafer asked how much brushing was done by the County. Egan went through the last bill from the County. *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to pay the bills for the month of April. Motion carried.*

**Communication & Correspondence:** Tom Egan explained about the letter from Advance Disposal which was posted in all posting areas pertaining to putting garbage and recyclables in containers during this time. The bins are planned on being delivered the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>. They will be delivering them to the hall and then delivering them to each household. There was an email read concerning gravel fill on Lost Lane by Kate Putzer. Kafer talked to Freunds today and Schoonover will check out with Freunds. The plan is to pulverize that road, so probly just fill in the potholes for now and then get the County in to pulverize. An email was ready by Dawn Kealey wondering if the Town was going to supply dumpsters at the hall until the bins arrive. Egan's thought was no and the Board agreed. They are still picking garbage up. An email was sent by Lara Vendola pertaining Slow No Wake when we were under a flood warning. But before the Town could enact, the SNW had been enacted by the County. An email was received by Bob Sewas concerning a culvert at 4258 Rushford Ave. Tom Egan had stopped over there to talk to him, and it is taken care of. Tom Egan thanked Peggy Hendricks and her family distillery for switching over from alcohol to hand sanitizer at this time. He has seen it all over and there are people and businesses coming for the product. He mentioned it was too bad that the businesses in Town were not open, for it would have bought them a lot of business.

**Town Zoning Report:** Tom Jackson reported on the March 25, 2020 zoning committee meeting. *Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Egan to approve the CSM for Don Malson, parcels 022 073601, 022 0736 (part), 022 073901 (part), located at 2820 CTH E, Berlin WI Motion approved 2 – 0 - 1 (Kafer abstained)*

*Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Egan to approve the Zoning change for Don Malson, parcels 022 073601, 022 0736 (part), 022 073901 (part), located at 2820 CTH E, Berlin WI from RR & GA to LER from CSM, 5.032A. Motioncarried 2 – 0 - 1 (Kafer abstained)*

*Motion by Schoonover to approve the Zoning change for Michael Kafer, agent Peggy Hendricks, for parcel 022 043302 located at 3326 Cty Rd K, Omro, WI from GA to SER, 1.61A Motion carried 2 – 0 – 1 (Kafer abstained)*

***Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Egan to approve the CSM for John, Matthew Doro & Daniel & Patrica Rose, parcel 022 0723 located at 9053 River Road, Berlin. Motion carried 2 – 0 – 1 (Kafer abstained)***

***Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Egan to approve the zoning change for Agent Kyle Kafer, owners John, Matthew Doro & Daniel & Patrica Rose, parcel 022 0723 located at 9053 River Road, Berlin from GA to LER on Lot 2 on CSM, 5.44A. Motion carried 2 – 0 – 1 (Kafer abstained)***

**Old Business:** Tom Jackson wondered if the Board got a call from Brenda Traxler concerning trees and stumps that might be backing water up. The Board did not get a call. Kafer was wondering about using chemicals on the stumps left from the cleanup. Egan said that was done on Eureka Road, but they grew back. There might be chemical that will help it rot faster or kill the roots. Kafer will check into it.

**Discussion on Hall Maintenance:** Hendricks said that the router at the hall stopped working. She did not have time to look around, so NTD came to replace the one and the Town is leasing it for \$10/mo. After election, Hendricks will purchase one for the hall and return the leased router to NTD.

**Discussion on Town Maintenance:** A lot of brushing has been done by the County. Because of COVID 19, the County did the road tour themselves, for they only wanted one person in a truck at a time. The report has not been received yet. When the Board does go to look at the roads, it will be posted. Freunds has been doing some patching.

**Assessors Report:** Mr. Timm got most of his work done before COVID-19 became a problem. There were only 2 homes where the people did not want him to come into because of the virus and they were started in 2018. He thought he could get a fair assessment for he did walk though them earlier. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2<sup>nds</sup> by Kafer to have the Board of Review on May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm. Motion carried.*** Open book was scheduled for April 30, 2020 from 2-4 pm.

**County Report:** Tom Egan reported that the County has been using ZOOM for their meetings. There will be an election of County Board this month and they are deciding on how to swear in the new board members. A lot of committee meetings have been canceled.

**Reports of attended meetings:** 4 went to the WTA District meeting on March 6. There was BOR training in the morning and security training in the afternoon. Hendricks had election testing on April 1. Egan asked if there were going to be enough poll workers. Hendricks said one canceled today, but another person volunteered her services. Hendricks reminded people they can vote absentee until tomorrow.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Spring Presidential Preference Vote on April 7, 2020

Annual meeting on April 22. Hendricks said you can call the meeting to order and then adjourn to have the meeting within 30 days. The Board said that they will plan the meeting for the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Congressman Grothman Town Hall meeting at Rushford Town hall on May 28<sup>th</sup>

**Building permits – Tom Egan:**

Ron Fink, 7755 Cty Rd K, Omro 28 x 45 Pole shed, 12' walls by Nemo Builders, West Bloomfield \$35,000

Justin Wilke for parcel 022 060112 40x63x13 pole shed built by self \$15,000

Jeff Rogge, 2350 Hiwela Trail, Pickett 40x80 pole barn with ribbed metal exterior, concrete floor, no plumbing, unheated, for storage \$102,000

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 7:50. Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk

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