

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, September 2, 2020

The Town of Rushford September 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, Kathryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Patrick Kafer was a few minutes late. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 7 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of this meeting was posted on the Town hall door, the corner of K&E in Eureka, the Waukau post office and the Towns website.

Clerks Report & Minutes: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan, to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2020 board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of August was \$134,580.83. The balance in the tax account was \$1,956.80. *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for September in the amount of \$49,043.22. *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Egan to pay the bills for the month of September. Motion carried.* Hendricks had a worksheet showing the actual budget to year to date ending in August. There were many questions pertaining to item accounts which Hendricks explained.

Guest Speaker: Fire Chief Jay Treleven & Jan Treleven: The Fire Chief gave a report on the membership, fire department runs, vehicle status, possible grants, the proposed budget, the LOSA service award and updates on the sale of the hover craft which was sold.

Public Input: There was more questions answered pertaining to the yr to date expenses, for example extra postage (elections), hall maintenance (boiler repairs), beautification projects and trimming, mowing, & roads. It was asked if the Town purchased sneeze guards, why were the Board members not using them. (All members had masks)

Communication & Correspondence: Tom Egan received the WISLR Local road certification documents which need to be completed by the Board by December 15th, though they prefer it be sent in by October 16, 2020. Kathryn Lewis said she sent out letters to the people who had outstanding checks. Ken Basil replied and was re-issued another check. Ryan Helmuth did not respond. He had a check out for \$27.70 since 2/2/2018 for a per diem for a zoning meeting. Kafer offered to deliver the check. Lewis disagreed for it was not consistent with all residents. *Motion by Schoonover to mail the check to Ryan Helmuth. Schoonover rescinded his motion to void out the outstanding check and mail a replacement check. Motion carried 2-1. Schoonover aye, Kafer aye, Egan nay. Motion carried.* Egan stated he would have liked to see the check delivered to save postage.

Town Zoning Report: Tom Jackson said that the letter was issued for the resident to remove the posts in the Town right away and it has been taken care of. He has been visited with the Attorney pertaining to the rewrite of the Towns ordinances. He has concern with the unregistered vehicles and what the Board agreed upon in May. The board had agreed on 3 unregistered vehicles on a parcel. Jackson pointed out some residents were a combination of several parcels, therefore allowing more. Kafer stated he meant for his motion that it would be per residence. Egan suggested that this go back to the committee for rewording. Egan asked if a resident was planting a lot of trees if that would be agricultural.

Old Business: Egan stated that Mr. Kasuboski has tinned his building, but Marty Johnson, the building inspector has not been out there yet. Mr. Johnson (State Inspector) is considering red tagging the parcel because there have his permits are expired and he has not followed his plan. Egan also has concerns on how he can vote in the Township if he is not living there. His mail goes to Berlin. Jackson said he stopped and there was a vehicle by a travel trailer. A woman answered the door and she said she was staying in the travel

trailer on the property. Jackson has tried calling but has not received a response. Legally the Town allows someone to stay in a travel trailer for 30 days.

New Business: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Egan to approve a picnic license for Waukau Community Center for the 2nd annual Waukaufest on September 12, 2020. Motion carried.*

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the Joint powers agreement which is required by State Statute with Winnebago County Sheriff Department. Motion carried.

Hendricks said that at the WTA Unit meeting, there was a lot of discussion and instruction on the WEC Cares Subgrant and the Routes to Recovery Grant. The Town is eligible for \$1,248.40 for the WEC Cares Subgrant. On September 1st, she submitted a claim for \$1,345.93. She explained both grants which will reimburse the Town for COVID related expenses along with extra election cost due to COVID. Routes to Recovery grant has submittal dates of 9/15 and 11/18. The Town is allocated \$26,061. Hendricks went over some of the ideas for submittal.

Discussion on Hall Maintenance: The light is repaired and the two trees that have to be removed before the donated trees can be planted will be done by Kafer.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: Lost Lane is being done at this time. The Town would like a new updated yr to date on the budget, for the last one was prepared after August meeting.

Building permits - Tom Egan:

DuWayne Hess/Bonnie Barkow, 3535 Cty Rd K, Omro WI
Pole shed addition by Cleary Builders, Verona WI
24x24 with 2 garage doors to be added onto front of existing pole shed
Parcel 022 040101
\$13,000 8-6-20

Edward Rosenthal, 8812 Ann St, Eureka, WI
6 windows by Window World, Fond Du lac, WI
\$6,064 8-5-20

Reid Wrage, 2681 Quincy St, Omro, WI
Remodel house, garage addition, full basement built by Eric Wrage
\$70,000 8-10-20

Brian Poppy, 2868 Morrow Road, Omro, WI
40x100 pole shed built on 100x100 concrete slab
Built by self
\$50,000 8-10-20

Chris & Heidi Seaman, 3143 Morrow Road, Omro WI
Two story addition built by Chris Seaman Carpentry Services LLC
Parcel #022 0586
\$50,000 8-11-20

County Report: The County had a meeting where they talk about things which will be discussed at the next meeting. One of the things was racism and the health department. Egan thought it was a not great time to be discussing these at this time. He said it was a good presentation. The airport has been started.

Reports on Attended meetings: There were 241 voters at the August election. The WTA meeting was very informational, and the discussion was primarily on the grants available which was discussed earlier. Congress Grothman and Senator Dan Feyen were present and gave reports.

Upcoming Meetings:

Omro Rushford Fire Department meeting will be help on September 16th. It is unknown at this time if it will be virtual or if it will be at the fire department.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk
