

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, October 6, 2021

The Town of Rushford October 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, Patrick Kafer, Kathryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 8 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 Kafer, to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2021 board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of September was \$254,213.33 The balance in the tax account was \$1,662.96. *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 October in the amount of \$222,194.96. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the invoices for October. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Art Rathjen reported on Greater Oshkosh. He had a packet of information on what they are working on. They have appointed a new CEO, Tricia Rathemmel since Jason White resigned from the position in April. Tom Egan commented that he is very happy that they are working on Board band for the rural areas.

Jim Moore, 7505 Archery Dr, mentioned that there is a culvert that looks plugged on Delhi Rd between Freunds and Flanigans. It looks like it was plugged on purpose. The Board members will take a look. Mark Nelson, 3020 Florence, Eureka, expressed safety concerns. Traffic has been cutting though on Forence & Wisconsin St from E & K at high speeds. They take that way to bypass Eureka. Kafer said he has seen this. He suggested putting a stop sign at Florence & Wisconsin to help deter this. It was suggested to put in a speed bump or rumble bumps in. This will be on the agenda next month.

Pat Schoonover, 2575 Hwy 116, Omro, mentioned that by Trails Inn bar to the south, there has been gathering trash & brush. He was wondering if it was on Towns property or private.

Pat Kafer stated he is required to put in a handicap parking spot by Bill & Stels. Most of it will be on that property, but some will approach on the road at Liberty. It is part of the State plan. Egan said he had no problem with it and Schoonover said it is required.

Egan thanked the board, the residents and everyone who sent cards, called and messages while he was ill.

Communication & Correspondence: The County sent a report of the speeds recorded at STE 116 & Archery Dr in Waukau from 08-31-21 to 09-18-21.

Town Zoning Report: Egan stated that Kasuboski has purchased DT's on Cty Rd K and will be moving his trucks there. Because of building material costs, he can not get funding to finish. Hendricks read a memo from Attorney Muza pertaining to the conversation he had with Roger Kasuboski on September 9th. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to wait 30 days to see if there is progress with moving his vehicles to a Commercial lot. Motion carried.*

Old Business:

Egan went around by the trailer on Quarry St. They have not picked up anything on the outside. A letter was to be sent and to contact Tom Egan. Hendricks said she did not send out the letter, for that was when Tom Egan fell ill, but she will get the letter out. Egan was told that he had a realtor working on it, but there has not been a sign out. Tom Egan asked if Starlight was closed. Hendricks said the DOR closed them. He was wondering if someone purchased it, if a new liquor license would be needed. Hendricks said when the time came, she would call the DOR and did advise Phil Rew to contact his attorney.

New Business:

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the CSM for Matt Wirth for parcels #022 0012 & 022 0008, Melvin & Betty Wirth Revocable Trust, located at 2345 Ct Rd M, Pickett, WI. Motion carried.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the Joint Powers Agreement Winnebago Co 911 Emergency System from Winnebago Co Sheriff's office. Motion carried.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to stay with the City of Oshkosh for ambulance service & to approve the Ambulance Service agreement for January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026 from Oshkosh Fire Department of per capita \$3.58 (up from \$2.70.) Motion carried.

Redistricting has been worked on in the County. This is done every 10 years. It goes by population and new lines and/or wards are drawn up. Egan showed the map (Option 3) that the County approved.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adopt Resolution #10621 to establish municipal wards and to combine wards for voting purposes.

Discussion on Hall Maintenance: Kafer has some adhesive and will repair the stone that fell out of the Bell School monument.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: Friends have been topping off trees and brush. They need to look at some culverts. Egan said the County does not charge to go and look at the ditch that is up by Bob Wolffs and check it out. Kafer thinks that he thought Land & Water would have to approve to have it cleaned out. Chuck Freund said last month Jackson said there was a narrow bridge sign down of Liberty School Rd before Chicago Ave. That is the Town of Poyissippi sign.

County Report – Tom Egan: They had discussed redistricting. They have lost a couple of board members. One passed away and another one quit. Pat Schoonover said the old terminal at the airport was gone. It was ground up and will be used for roads. Art Rathjen asked Tom Egan his thoughts on the County Executive hiring some one external to manage the ARPA fund program. He stated he is not for it.

Building Reports:

Mike Butler, 9105 Eureka Lock Rd, Omro
Roof mounted solar install by Sun Badger Solar Waukesha, WI
Parcel #022 06571101
\$41,973 8/24/2021

Rodney Gabrielson, 2200 Colorado Ave, Sun Prairie for
3628 Island ave, Omro, WI
20x22 detached garage built by American Garage Builders, Appleton, WI
\$24,840 9-8-2021

Steve & Sharon Wolff, 7505 Cty Rd E, Omro
Reroofing house and attached garage by
Infinity Exteriors, New Berlin WI
\$11,000 8-31-2021

Derek Seidler, 8858 Edgewater Ridge, Omro
30x30 pole shed, metal roof, vinyl siding wood frame, 9' overhangs
\$15,000 9-10-2021

Adam Hein, 7927 Cty Rd K, Omro
To install generator by Black Haack Heating, Appleton, WI
\$8,000 9-13-2021

Lisa Bates, 2578 State Rd 116, Omro, WI
Re-roof by Security Luebke Roofing, Appleton, WI
\$13,999 9-9-2021

Lucas Neitzke, 8793 Cty Rd K, Omro, WI
159' Chain link fence by Rammer Fence, Oshkosh
\$3,200 10/1/2021

Joe & Linda Kronschnabel, 3314 Meadowbrook Rd, Oshkosh for
7410 Bluebird Crossing, Omro, WI
New home by Installation Specialist – Eric Hoffman, 520 W Huron St Omro
22,924 sq ft with unfinished basement, 12,764 sq ft garage, 40' deck
\$488,100 8-1-2021

Attended Meetings: Jerry Schoonover reported on the Joint Fire Department meeting. He reported on the Chiefs report. Kafer reported on the discussion on the Rescue 24 Replacement vehicle. At the joint meeting, the Town of Rushford voted no. It is not that we don't think they need something, but just not something at the cost. They had a committee formed to get the information to present to the Town of Omro, Rushford and City of Omro. There will be another meeting on December 15th. He would of like to see more than one option on the truck. Hendricks reported we got the numbers for the upcoming 2022 budget. We have received info on possible funding for the rescue truck. They sent a possible 6- and 10-year repayment plan. Over \$34,000 was tacked on for administrative cost. That is not included in the \$600,000+ price tag of the truck. Kafer would be interested in what the Town of Nepesikum pays per capita for fire protection. He is not thinking at all that we should do something different. It is just for information.

Assessors Report: Larry Timm presented the Board with a report of changes in equalized values by class & item. He stated we are not in compliance with valuation in residential properties. We are at 89% and should be at 90%. To get in compliance, a Town can do a re-evaluation, which is very expensive, or he can increase the residential properties, possibly 10-15% to get us in line. He could also switch to 2018 pricing manual. At this time, he is using the 2003 pricing manual. Egan asked what this will cost the Town. Mr Timm said that he would probley charge an extra \$3000 for the extra work. He will go though things and send a contract to the Town.

Upcoming Meetings:

WTA Unit meeting at the Town of Poygan at 6:00 pm on October 7. 2021
WTA Convention on October 10-12, 2021 at Kalahari Resort & Convention Center

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. Motion carried.
Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk
