

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, September 1, 2021

The Town of Rushford September Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jerry Schoonover followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Jerry Schoonover, Patrick Kafer, Kathryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Thomas Egan was excused. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 6 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 Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover, to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2021 board meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of August was \$402,971.16 The balance in the tax account was \$1,662.89. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Hendricks stated that there are 3 signers for Town Checks. She had talked to the bank and they said it was OK for 2 of the 3 signers to sign checks temporary since Tom Egan was in the hospital. They requested the minutes with the motion being made and approved. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to have temporary action for Kathryn Lewis and Peggy Hendricks sign the Town checks until Tom Egan is back. Motion carried.*

Payment of invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for September in the amount of \$150,278.51. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay the invoices for September. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Tom Jackson said he had gotten calls that between Rushford and Poygan Ave, Eureka Road and Liberty School Road, and when the County graded it out, they left piles on the edge outside the gravel and in peoples lawns. He was wondering if the County will come and clean that up. Chuck Freund said that they had the same problem on their road and Tom Egan came out to look at it. Jerry asked Dan Stokes if they had his road done. They got Banner Hill done but Rushford Ave coming up the hill is not done. They will contact John Groth.

Pat Schoonover was hoping to see a diagram of Sawyer Creek and who is all going to be affected by that since it was talked about at the last meeting. Hendricks said that the County should have that information. He would like to have something you can put on the screen and look at it.

Jim Moore said since the storm, he was over at Mark Spanbauer place helping to clean up. He can not see when he pulls out of his driveway. It is dangerous and they should be trimmed up or taken out. Schoonover said it is a State Road. Kafer said that is Schoonover talks to John Groth, he could mention this also.

Town Zoning Report – Tom Jackson: Tom Jackson got a letter from the DNR informing the Town that a permit was applied for to place a miscellaneous structure. The project is located in the NW of NW ¼ Section 23 in Township 18N, Range 14E located in the Town of Rushford. The project consists of replacing old access stairs that extend 2-3' into the Fox River. The bottom step will have 6" breaker rock placed with 2' x 6' x 2' concrete blocks on top. The remaining steps will be framed and poured. He had talked to the attorney on the grass length and the attorney thought we could come up with some verbage that anything reasonably controlled, without putting a length in the ordinance. In the villages, such as Eureka, Waukau and Delhi, that maybe there should be a grass length.

Old Business:

Speed limit on 2nd St: Schoonover said that the Town of Omro is dropping the speed limit on 2nd St to 35. Kafer said he did not know if they agreed on 35 or 45 mph. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to put our section in to what ever the Town of Omro posts the road. He would like the speed limit to coincide with the Town of Omro.*

Motion carried. Discussion: There has been concern were the Prortatzs come in and out from the farm. **Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover suggest to the Town of Omro to put up a sign “Trucks Entering” or “Farm Entry” since that stretch is not in the Town of Rushford and the Town of Rushford will put one up on our side. Motion carried.**

Tom Jackson said on the Northside of the bridge on 37th, a post is broke for the sign. Kafer thought this is done by the mowing by Ripon Truck, for he had reports of residents seeing this done. This should be billed to Ripon Truck. Freunds will take care of this. Kafer requested a separate bill from Freunds so Ripon Truck could be charged.

New Business:

Tom Jackson explained that Attorney Musa has sent a number of letters to Roger Kasuboski pertaining to his violations of the ordinances which he had agreed to take care of. There has not been any response from him. Hendricks sent him a letter informing him he would be on the agenda tonight, but he was not in attendance. The violations are the noise from heavy equipment early in the morning and others which the Town had filed earlier but dropped the case for Kasuboski said he would conform which he has not. **Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to contact Attorney Musa and reinstate the charges in court proceedings for parcels #022 052102 & 022 052801, 3375 State Road 116, Omro WI. Motion carried.**

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to issue a picnic license to Waukau Community Center for Waukayufest., September 11, 2021. Motion carried.

Discussion on Hall Maintenance: Hendricks thanked Jim Moore for putting the Towns picnic tables together outside.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: Kafer asked Freunds how they were doing on the trees and if they needed help, Kafer talked to Hoover and they have a clamp that will haul trees away. Morrow and River Road are bad. Freunds said they will take care of it. Kafer got a call on 37th Ave that there are a lot of trees hanging down low. Schoonover said he talked to the County Executive and Jon had said that all our clean up work should be kept separate. Hendricks said she applied for the grant and the Town was eligible. The reports have to be submitted by September 22.

Building Reports:

Herbert Hoeft, 2871 Cty Rd K, Omro
Remove and replace shingles by self
\$5000 7-14-2021

Fred Kasten, 3034 Delhi Rd, Omro
30 x 50 Pole Shed, Concrete floor, 2 overhead door and 1 main door built by Cleary
\$69,000 7-23-2021

Marv & Char Litton, 7603 Archery Dr
Concrete driveway by Tanner Equipment
\$6,000 7-27-2020

Barrett Champeau, 4405 O'Reilly Road
Asphalt Driveway by Mid State Asphalt, New London
\$5,000 8-4-2021

Betty Wirth, 2345 Co Rd M, Pickett
New roof by Jesus Gonzalas Roofing, Morrow Rd, Omro
\$12,000 8-5-2021

Mark Strehlow, 9394 Liberty School Road, Omro
Blacktop driveway by Northeast Asphalt
\$31,700 8-11-2021

Upcoming Meetings:

Jerry Schoonover asked when the Fire Department meeting was. Hendricks has not received the email or agenda yet.

WTA Convention at Kalahari, Wi Dells on October 10-12. Registration has to be in by 9/21 and it is \$80/day.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 7:40. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk
