

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, August 3, 2022

The Town of Rushford July Board meeting was called to order by 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: 5 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of this meeting, notice of Town Dump hours for brushj and Notice of Disaster declaration 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 public hearing for the Appeals Board and election equipment testing was published in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

Clerks Report: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the minutes from July 6, 2022. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of July was \$371,886.23. The balance in the tax account was \$1,822.54 ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.***

Payment of Monthly Invoices: ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve and pay \$132,337.01 for invoices for August. Motion carried.*** Kafer asked what the administration fees on the County Highway bill was for. Egan explained that a percentage goes to the clerk, etc. Kafer asked the clerk to get a clarification exactly what the extra fees are for.

Public Input: Art Rathjen, Greater Oshkosh – Wisconsin Economic Development was present to talk about applications for the Community Economic Analysis for Rural Wisconsin Communities. Rural internet was discussed. Jason Gutche, 2996 Florence St, Eureka mentioned that the street light on the corner of E & Florence. Hendricks had contacted Alliant for repair.

Communications and Correspondence: Hendricks received a notice of Timber Cutting for Edward and Jane Haedt and Gary Davis from the DNR. The Town received from WI Dept of Safety & Professional Services a Conditional approval permit for Rew's Roadside. Tom Egan heard from Chris Freeman who said who ever was cleaning up after the storm also took a large maple that was sold at 8752 Ann St, Eureka. He was wondering who was going to pay for it. Tom Egan received a message from Harold Ness about cleanup on his rental house in Waukau. He has tried to reach the renter with no success. Mr. Ness will find someone to take care of it. Tom Egan got a message from a resident on O'Reilly Road that something hit the culvert bridge. Freund's explained the bridge and on the east side, it was hit by something for it took a chunk of concrete out and moved one of the blocks. They can move the block back on and put recycled asphalt down. Kafer asked if the bridge was repaired on Eureka Lock Road. Friends said they did complete that. They did notice water coming down on the northside ditch line. There might have to be some ditching done there.

Old Business: Cleanup for 022 0865 and 022 1531. Letters were sent out to have them cleanup/mow. The board went though, and nothing has been done with either parcel. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to turn both these parcels that are in ordinance violation to the attorney with no response to the clerk's letter. Motion carried.***

New Business: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the CSM for Jeff & Cindy Schuster, Parcel #022 0452 located at 8332 Cty Rd E, Omro, WI 54963. Motion carried.*

Discussion on Town hall maintenance/needs: The swing set at the hall was damaged during the windstorm. Hendricks filed an insurance claim and is waiting for a response. Kafer suggested checking out Rainbow up by the valley. Rew/Ross donated monies towards the swing set we have now. Ron Gehrke offered his help.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: There was severe wind damage in the Township, especially in Eureka. A declaration of disaster was declared and will file funding from the Wisconsin Disaster Fund. The Town got Hoover who also had a grabber to help clean up the villages. The County is doing the County Roads. Hoover can also go to the Town dump and stack the pile higher. Kafer will talk to Hoover to see if he will clean another day. There was discussion on the Emergency 911 signs. Some have brush covering the numbers. Others are bent or not in the ground. Friends will pay special attention to the signs and do what ever they can or contact the clerk. Hendricks did put a notice on the website and it was suggested to put a posting on the Town hall door during next weeks election. Art Rathjen said a lot of Townships will repair or replace and put the charge to the resident on the tax bill.

Building Reports:

James Wright, 7478 Monroe St, Waukau
Parcel # 022 1109
Siding & 12 x 12 deck with 22' ramp built by self
\$7,914.35 7-11-22

Steven & Julie Sell, 8253 Cty Rd E, Omro
10 x 12 wood frame side lofted barn with steel roof built by Premier Portable Buildings
022 058401 \$7,339.76 7-14-22

Joe LaBrec, 25 Myrna Jane, Oshkosh, WI for 3197 Quarry Dr, Omro
New Home built by Souls Construction, Omro
Parcel #022 060113 \$300,000 7-6-22

Georgine Fritz, 2524 State Rd 116, Omro, WI
Roof replacement by ARC Contracting, Neenah, WI
022 0868 \$29,551 7-25-2022

Nancy Jackson, 9393 Liberty School Road, Omro, WI
Replacing 8 windows by Window Solutions, Appleton WI
Parcel 022 0118 \$22,463 7-28-2022

County Report: They are looking at amendment 1 and 2. The County is getting over 3 million dollars for the opioid problem. The County has a great scholarship program for anyone who is interested.

Attended Meetings:

Tom Egan went to the WTA Unit meeting in the Town of Vinland on July 7th.

The appeals committee met on July 28th for a variance for William Rew – JABB Properties LLC located at 3092 County Road E. The Committee approved a variance for the property owned Agent William Rew for Rew's Roadside located at 3092 County Rd E, Eureka, WI 54963, for a variance on the east side setback. This was voted unanimously approved by a roll call vote. Tom Egan said they do need to apply for another building permit and a driveway permit.

Assessors Report: Larry Timm passed out the 2022 home sales and the report from the DNR 2022 statement of changes in equalized values by class and item. According to the report, the Town of Rushford is still not in compliance with equalized values. The adjustment Mr. Timm did this year was for 12.8% but the state raised it 17%. According to the state, we should be 90%, which we are at 87%. Mr. Timm also said he will be retiring the end of the year. The Board thanked Mr. Timm for all his years of service.

Upcoming Meetings:

Partisan August Election on August 9, 2022

Zoning Hearing on August 24, 2022

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk
