

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, May 4, 2022

The Town of Rushford May 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: 14 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of this meeting, the zoning committee meeting, the Annual meeting and open book 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 R. Ellis Family farm and the Board of Review was published in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

Clerks Report: *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the minutes from April 7, 2022. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of April was \$362,159.72. The balance in the tax account was \$1821.85. *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of Monthly Invoices: Hendricks approved and submitted to the board the bills for May in the amount of \$21,282.78. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the payment of May 2022 invoices. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Art Rathjen from Greater Oshkosh presented the 2021 Annual report booklet and reported on the MS4 Lunch n' Learn program which was held May 3, 2022.

Communication & Correspondence: Hendricks read an email from the Town of Nepeuskum that they have updated and adopted their "Town of Nepeuskun Comprehensive Plan 2040. Hendricks received a phone call from Royalty Maintenance who inquired if the Town wanted to strip and wax the town hall floors. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the work done when ever it is convenient.* Discussion: Egan asked how much it would cost. Hendricks did not know for sure, but last time it was done, he had the lowest bid. Kafer stated that the hall is rented out almost every weekend and upkeep is important. *Motion carried 2 - 1.*

Egan reported that there was a couple interested in purchasing the Gathering Place. The seller was holding out for a better offer and the couple who placed the offer in, expires today. Hendricks added that Tim Beck, agent for the seller had put in for a zoning change from Commercial to residential last month, but then canceled the hearing. He called the clerk this morning and wanted to reschedule the zoning hearing next month because he said the sale was pending on the zoning change. Egan and Jackson went to the scheduled hearing. The Sheriff did not get his request to look into the files. The next hearing will decide on the placement. At the last County Board meeting, they are looking at over where the trailer is to house sex offenders, building a complex to house sex offenders. We may have 6 more being released in the future. None are from the Town. They are mainly from the City of Oshkosh. That will cost about a million dollars. They are hoping to get it though all the Boards by the end of the year.

Kathy Lewis reported that she received an email from Mike Hogan stating that they have had several UTV's on the Town's roads after 10 pm and 6 am. She asked if he knew who it was. He did not know. Egan asked Hendricks to send a letter to Tom Yancy, who is involved in all the UTV clubs though out the state.

Town Zoning Report: Tom Jackson reported on the Zoning meeting on April 27th. (Minutes are posted on the website.)

Old Business: None

New Business:

Picnic License for Flying Mane Horse club for May 7, June 18-19, July 9-10, August 13 & October 8
Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the picnic license to the Flying Mane Horse Club for the dates stated. Motion carried.

CSM for R. Ellis Family Farms and Trustees of the Waukau Cemetery Association for parcel numbers 022 0834 & 022 0836 – ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the CSM for R. Ellis Family Farms and Trustees of the Waukau Cemetery. Motion carried.***

Zoning change for R. Ellis Family Farms, #022 0834 from GA to PLI, 1.35 A for addition to Waukau Cemetery. – ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the zoning change for R. Ellis Family Farms for parcel #022 0834 of 1.35A for addition to Waukau Cemetery. Motion carried.***

CSM for Sue Stone, 2602 Fox St, Waukau for parcel #022 1012, 0221017, 0221018, 0221019, 0221020, 0221014, 0221016 Sue Stone stated she is renting out the house on the corner of Mechanic and Fox Street with the intention it will be going to a land contract. To condense everything thing, she would like to change the 4 lots into 1 and on Lot #2, there is an interested buyer to add onto their parcel on Center Street, and she needs a little more room on the parcel she put her new home. She is condensing 10 tax parcels down to 3. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the CSM for Sue Stone for the parcels listed. Motion carried.*** Kathy Lewis did mention to Sue Stone that next years tax bills might still come in the 10 separate parcels.

CSM for AO 9686 River Road LLC, for parcels 022 0696, 022 0697, 022 069802 – This CSM was bought before the Board previously, but the Board had questions on the easement that is on the CSM. Egan asked if that will continue to be an easement or if it would land lock the parcels. He stated that he has no intentions of changing anything or blocking them from their property. He does not utilize that road. ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the CSM for AO 9686 River Road LLC, parcels 022 0696, 022 0697, 022 069802. Motion carried.***

CSM for Big View Hill, LLC, owners Big View Hill LLC, Maurice Fisher, Donna Krueger, Anita Youngbauer, Francis Fisher, parcel # 022 0033 02 and 022 0036 02 – ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the CMS for Big View Hill, LLC, owners Big View Hill LLC, Maurice Fisher, Donna Krueger, Anita Youngbauer, Francis Fisher, parcel # 022 0033 02 and 022 0036 02. Motion carried.***

Resolution 2022-04 – to support NACo’s position on defining the waters of the United States (WOTUS) and regulations with Agricultural Considerations – ***Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve and sign resolution #2022-04 which defines the definition of waters of the United States which could have a significant impact on local governments ability to manage “water” without the Federal Government involvement. Motion carried.***

Resolution adopting the Winnebago County Natural Hazards mitigation plan 2022-2026 – ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adopt the Resolution adopting the Winnebago County Natural Hazards mitigation plan 2022-2026 and to provide a copy of the final resolution to Winnebago County Emergency Management. Motion carried.***

Discussion on Town hall maintenance/needs: A couple weeks ago right before a hall rental, Hendricks was called for there was water leaking from the walls. This was identical to the problem that happened a couple years ago. Kafer was called and he found a copper fitting let loose and was leaking. He thought it was replaced when the other one was leaking a couple years ago. The gentlemen that repaired it will replace the piping. This was under control before the hall rental. The spinner on top of the flag pole is froze and does not spin, so the flag wraps around the pole. The braces need to be reinforced on the playground equipment – the roof. Egan asked Jim Moore if he would take care of this. The 4-H club raked out the gardens last Sunday.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: A road meeting will have to be scheduled. The reports came back from the County and it will have to be decided on where the money will be going for road work. Hendricks stated she has not received a mowing contract from Ripon Truck yet. Freunds has been patching. They got most of the roads done. Fruends mentioned that Liberty School down to 37th where all the trees were cut down, should go on as high priority. Hendricks received an email pertaining to County Culvert aid program – 2023 submittals. The letter of application has to be in by July 1st. Freuends will open the Town dump for wood debris on Saturday May 14th and June 18th from 8 am to 1 pm

Building Reports:

Laurence McDermott, Sue Bohn , 7382 Mechanic St, Waukau, WI 54980 for 7369 Mechanic St
Siding for garage to match house done by self
841 sq ft vinyl siding, 182 sq ft alum soffit
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County Report: They are back in session in there are 16 new Board members.

Assessor Report – Larry Timm: Larry had 16 people attend Open book. Was contacted by about 14 property owners by phone. Hendricks told Mr. Timm that he had the wrong phone number for the clerk on the assessment notices and should take note. Also a few people commented that Mr. Timms voice mail is full a lot of times. Mr. Timm turned over the assessment role to the Clerk.

Attended Meetings:

The Annual meeting was held on April 20th. Attorney Blazel was appointed for 2022-2023, Bonnie Barkow was appointed for a 3 year term, guest speakers were Chief Jay Treleven and a presentation of the Annual Report was presented.

Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Review on May 26th from 5 – 7pm
Zoning Committee will be held May 25th

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 8:05. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk
