

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, November 1, 2023

The Town of Rushford November Board meeting was called to order by Jerry Schoonover followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Pat Kafer, Jerry Schoonover, Kathryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Tom Egan was absent. 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 and Zoning meeting and hearings was posted on the Town hall door, the corner of K&E in Eureka, the Waukau post office and the Towns website.

Clerks Report: *Motion by Kafer to approve the minutes from October 4, 2023. 2nd by Schoonover. Discussion: Mike McMonigal stated in October minutes, in the minutes it said the titles lease with the DNR expires in June 1, 2024, not 2023 and in the minutes it said privately owned Lock, where it should say privately operated. Motion carried with corrections..*

Treasurers Report was given by Kathryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of October was \$189,133.67. The balance in the tax account was \$2,006.42 *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 \$31,396.06 for invoices for November. Motion carried.*

Approval of extension of Eureka Lock lease & authorizing Mike McMonigal to coordinate the process: McMonigal stated Kafer raised the question of potential liability at the October meeting particularly regarding the tubing by Eureka Landings. He addressed the problem by contacting the insurance company. A certificate of liability is issued to Eureka Trips LLC with the Town of Rushford and the Berlin Boat Club is additional insured. Kafer said with correspondence the Town received from Attorney Blazel, it was stated on the bottom – “Town of Rushford is an additional insured when required by written contract, subject to policy terms and conditions in regards to general liability”. The Attorney suggested that “when required by written contract” be taken out. Kafer said if they were in agreement with that taken out and if a new certificate of liability insurance would be sent, he was in agreement. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the extension and authorizing Mike McMonigal to coordinate the process with the Berlin Boat Club and the DNR, and proceed with the changes in the Certificate of Liability. Motion carried.*

Communications & Correspondence:

Hendricks received an email from the Omro Area Development Corporation requesting consideration of allocating the 2024 per capita funding to the City of Omro. Hendricks stated she has not received any information about per capita funding as of yet. Art Rathjen, Greater Oshkosh, stated they have not received anything either from Winnebago County, so they have not approached the Townships.

Old Business: Discussion on violations for Curt Carlson, parcel #022 0968 and Spencer – parcel #022 0865. Hendricks said an email was received from Attorney Blazel stating a Summons & Complaint against the Spencers for the condition of their property was served on October 25th. They have 20 days to answer, and he would let us know what he hears. It was mentioned last month Carlson did have people over at the property getting bids to take the buildings down, but no more has been heard.

Regarding the complaints on Broadway road, Egan was going to talk to Attorney Blazel. According to Chuck Mier, they were covered under the Right to Farm law. This will be tabled until next month. Tom Jackson said he talked to the owner and he stated he got rid of the chickens and the geese and a few of the ducks. Kafer asked if there was bells on the goats and Jackson said he did not see that.

New Business:

CSM for Kimberly Kallas, 3133 Cty Rd E, Omro, WI for Parcel #022032902, Spring Road, PT SW NE DESC AS LOT 2 OF CSM-4464 EXC CSM-4924 34.00 A. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the CSM for Kimberly Kallas for parcel #022 032902, Spring Road providing the Zoning Committee approves the zoning change. Motion carried.***

CSM for Nolan Sales, PO Box 486, Marion WI, for Parcel #022 0909, 6978 State Rd 91, Pickett, WI, SE SE 40.00 A. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the proposed CSM for parcel #022 0909 State Rd 91 providing the Zoning Committee approves the zoning change for the new lot. Motion carried.***

Oshkosh Ambulance Service: On October 13th, Hendricks received an email from Dana Woods with an email enclosed from Mark Rohloff. The email stated that we would be billed \$3.60 per capita for 2023 services due February 2024. It appears \$11.40/capita will be the rate for 2024 due in February 2025. We need to decide if we are going to opt in or out to the service. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to stay in the contract for 2024 with the City of Oshkosh. Motion carried.***

Discussion on Town Hall Maintenance: Kafer said he got a bid for \$1600 to change out all the lights in the Town hall to LED's. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to have Brad Ebrert to change out all the lights in the Town Hall to LED's. Motion carried.***

It was discussed to have the vegetation cut down around the Town Hall last month, but it was completed in the last couple days.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: An email was received from Justin Kenneke, North East Asphalt. They were going to work on Wayside Drive, but they will not be able to do it until next year. They offered to hold their per ton price.

There was a TRIP meeting on October 11th. The Town did not send in an application for none was received. There was another meeting the following week where the monies were allocated to two Towns who had never applied. Jerry thought they were the Town of Oshkosh and Town of Clayton.

Pat Kafer said he got a call from Bob Wolff regarding the road and speeding. Kafer talked to Freunds and it was thought a couple of speed bumps could go in this year. It is too late from road repair. Freunds thought one by the culvert and around the corner on Fairview. There would be one on Wisconsin and one on Fairview.

Building Reports:

John Putzer, 2679 Lost Lane, Omro, WI
30 x 60 garage on slab, wood trim, vinyl siding and asphalt shingles
Built by Waukau Woodworks
\$20,000 Parcel #022 0837 10-4-2023

Attended meetings:

Winnebago Co Unit meeting in Black Wolff on Oct 5th – no one attended.

WTA convention in Wi Dells on Oct 22 – 24. Hendricks attended one day for clerk training meetings.

Pat Kafer met with Adam Breest, Director of Parks and Expo, Winnebago Co pertaining getting some of the County Park in Eureka. With the funds from Eureka Daze, they would like to give back to the community in future years. One idea was the County Park. It was agreed to hold off and hopefully we would be able to enhance the park with tree planting, etc. The County plans on doing the stone along the bank, shoreline work, boat launch work, etc. Kafer was thinking more about the green space.

Upcoming meetings:

Zoning hearings on November 15th at 7 pm

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

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk
