

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, April 3, 2024

The Town of Rushford April Board meeting was called to order by Thomas Egan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Tom Egan, Pat Kafer, Jerry Schoonover, Katheryn 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, election equipment testing, the road tour, the annual meeting and notice of acceptance of mowing bids 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 Schoonover to approve the minutes from March 6, 2024. 2nd by Kafer. Discussion: Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Katheryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of March was \$416,914.03. The balance in the tax account was \$2,125.82 *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 \$41,736.65 for invoices for April. Motion carried.*

Communications & Correspondence:

Hendricks received an email from Dep. Kyle Belonger on March 16th regarding a number of road signs were taken or broke on the River Road. The damage report number was 24-0814. On March 17th. The speed bump in Eureka was burned and damaged also. Chuck Freund said they did fill in the speed bump with cold mix but will put it in permanently with a rubber speed bump. Adam Breest from Winnebago County had applied for a permit to construct a public boat ramp at 3103 Liberty Street which was approved by the DNR. Hendricks received a complaint that all the mailboxes on Wayside were down. Freund said that this was from the heavy snow that came off the blade and it is beyond their control. They follow the same protocols as the County. There was a pile of snow left on Fairview & State, and East on State St, a neighbor had to drive in the ditch to get out of his driveway. Egan read an email where someone from Eureka would like a basketball hoop to the park in Eureka. Egan had talked to the people who were in charge of Eureka Daze to see if they wanted to do anything about that. This will have to go the County Park Department for it is County property. Egan did get a call to see if anyone was going to come down Lost Lane to clean up after the brush cutting. Egan told them they could rake it up and burn it. Craig Bartell had contacted the Board wondering if the Town really wanted to pave Wayside Dr, for he is worried about speed. Also, there will be larger farm equipment using the road. He would like the speed limit to be lowered to 25 mph. His son also has concerns on Wayside for it is used by a lot of ATV's and he would like to see the road graveled. Kathy said we did get an installment on our transportation aid. There are also concerns for help on boat tending at the locks. The contract with the DNR and boat club is not up until July 15th.

Old Business: A report was given with updates on the legal activities the Town of Rushford has in motion. On the Spencer property – there is a hearing set for April 15th to determine the status. Egan said it does not look like there has been much cleanup done. Blazel was wondering if we wanted to give them any more time. The Board thought they have had enough time and they have not cleaned anything up in years.

Update on Kasuboski case – Hearing is set for April 17th at Winnebago County Court. Jackson had met with the attorney and was informed at the last court date, Kasuboski said he never got an affidavit, and this hearing is a continuation of the last hearing. Egan said that the only communication is through Jackson. The Board was to be informed about this meeting and Hendricks should be receiving all communications from the Attorney. At this hearing he will have an attorney present. Hendricks could not make the meeting, but copied all the files from the complaints, etc though out the years. The Board did not know when this meeting was, for one of them would of accompanied Jackson. Egan said he would be at the hearing on the 17th and Kafer will try to make it. Update on Carlson property – the Board has been in communication with his son and has agreed to give him until May 15th.

Representative from Winnebago County Sheriff's Office: A representative was present to answer any questions. He mentioned to be sure to lock your vehicles, for there have been vehicle thefts and problems in the County. There has also been a rash of someone breaking or stealing road signs. There have also been reports of dirt bikes riding though the Waukau Preserve and the Town dump area.

New Business:

CSM for Noah Pomplun, 3175 Cty Rd E, Omro WI for parcel #022 0615 and 022 061502. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the CSM for Noah Pomplun, parcels #022 0615 and 022 061502. Motion carried.***

Town Zoning report – Tom Jackson: The board will have to get together to create an ordinance to enforce fire inspections.

Discussion on Hall Maintenance: Hendricks reported that on April 9th, Legacy will be coming in to replace the hall floor. Hendricks had the fire extinguishers tested and a new one was purchased for the kitchen. Kafer was able to purchase a defibrillator for the Town hall for \$670.

Discussion on Town Maintenance: Mowing bids will be accepted until noon on April 30th and will be opened ½ hr before the May Board meeting at 6:30.

The Board went on a road tour with Freunds on March 26th. The roads the Town wants to do will have to be discussed. North & South Spring Road, Ferry Lane, Fox Lane, Liberty, O'Reiley, and Bell Line should be decided on. A decision will have to be made on Wayside. Chuck Freund asked if the Town should consider an ordinance for semis to help protect the roads. Putting weight limits on the roads were discussed.

Kafer will contact North East Asphalt this week regarding paving in the Spring. Bids will also be gotten by Scott and Spencer Main.

Building Reports:

Sergio Parra Gonades, 8752 Ann St, Eureka
Redoing windows, deck, door, roofing & siding
Done by Blue Team Exteriors, Omro WI
Parcel #022 1534 \$14,850 3-11-2024

Dallas Larmore, 7382 State Hwy 91
24 x 40 pole shed with gravel floor by Fox Valley Framing LLC
Parcel #022 0871 \$17,000 3-15-2024

Fred & Lori Muller, 8201 Edgewater Ridge, Omro
Remove roofing, replace decking, install underlayment and install shingles
Work by Erie Construction, OH
Parcel #022 026101 \$38,825 3-14-2024

Brandon Schultz, 7367 Bluebird Crossing, Omro, WI
Inground swimming pool by Poll Works, Depere
Parcel# 022 1448 \$98,000 3-20-2024

Jeff Keller, 4389 Eureka Road, Omro, WI
30 x 37 Concrete patio, 28x20 apron extension, 16x37 screen in porch
Built by self Parcel #022 0155 \$25,000 3-28-2024

Kafer reported there were some residents who are building without a building permit. Signs should be made up to post.

County report: Election was yesterday. 5 County Board members did not make it back on the Board. They will have between 11-13 new County Board members. They will be going through committee appointments.

Attended Meetings:

Special meeting of the Board on March 21 - Minutes are in the back
Election equipment testing on March 25th
Road tour on March 26th
Spring election - April 2 - had 327 voters.

Upcoming meetings:

Winnebago Co Unit meeting on April 4th at 6:00 at Town of Neenah
Annual Meeting on April 17th at 6:00
Mowing Bids due by April 30th
Opening of mowing bids prior to May 1st Board meeting

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 8:15. Motion carried.
Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk

