

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Thursday, January 9, 2025

The Town of Rushford January 2025 Board meeting was called to order by Thomas Egan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Tom Egan, Jerry Schoonover, Katheryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 3 additional persons per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of this meeting, January meeting date change and the Public hearings for January 29th 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 December 4, 2024. 2nd by Kafer. Discussion: Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Katheryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of December was \$132,030.43. The balance in the tax account was \$1,070,186.16 *Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Payment of Monthly Invoices: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve and pay \$47,087.38 invoices for January and \$887,408.89 for tax settlements.. Motion carried.*

Public Input:

Tricia Rathermel from Greater Oshkosh was present to update the Board of their 2025 projects and how they benefit Winnebago County.

Jim Moore inquired why the speed limit is lower in Eureka then Waukau. He thought it should be 35 mph as Waukau is. Egan explained Eureka is on a County Road and they can put it at what ever they want. Years ago the board did go to the County to request they raise it on the out skirts of Eureka, but that did not go anyplace. Egan said he would bring it up again to the County.

Communications & Correspondence: The Board received a sympathy card from the Schoonover family. Hendricks received an email from Sonya Bock. She is looking to sell her property and there were previous issues with the County permits. She was wondering if anything is pending. Egan said there is nothing pending from the Town but has to get confirmation from Winnebago Co Zoning. Egan suggested she go down there and talk to them directly.

Hendricks received an email from the Town of Omro that there will be a meeting at the Omro Town hall on January 30 at 6:00 to discuss EMS options.

Egan received an email from Terry Goodermuth, 7311 Bluebird Xing informing the Board that a structure was put up on the Kasuboski property during evening hours.

Old Business: Updates on Kasuboski: Freund stated court was held on December 18th. Kasuboski contacted Freund stating that he did have the electric completed the day before court and just needed an inspection. On December 19th Marty Johnson inspected the property. Some progress has been made and may be livable, but the current state does not meet the requirements for occupancy. There is another court hearing on January 22nd. The reason why the little building went up on top of the house was to try to be compliant with the requirement of natural light and ventilation. Freund did request new building plans to the Town, for the ones submitted are not what he is building. Marty said his building permit is good until July. The Court also wants a list of other issues he has with the Town. Freund wanted to know from the Board how they wanted to continue. He feels he will get somethings in compliance, but Marty said he still would not have an occupancy permit unless he submits a new building plan. Kafer stated that he feels if he is not in compliance by the January court date, the penalty phase should begin. Marty Johnson retired at the end of 2024, but stated since he started this case, he would continue instead of starting with a new State certified building inspector.

More action will be decided after the January 22nd court date. The Board decided at this time to continue with actions.

The Town of Rushford has received \$1,938 for the 2025 per capital economic development grant allocations. The Town did receive a letter from Greater Oshkosh to ask if we would continue to partner with them. No other letters were received to the Town. Egan asked them if there was anything the Town could use these funds for, but it does need to go to an economic activity. It could not be used for roads, etc. It could be used if we acquired a park, but form submittals for approval need to be sent into the IDB Board. This is due January 17th. This is premature at this time. ***Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover that \$1000 would be allocated to Greater Oshkosh and the rest be sent to the Town of Omro for the study of Hwy 21. Motion carried.***

Winnebago Co Sheriff representative: Officer Jacob Noffke was present to answer any questions from the audience.

Town Zoning Report – Eric Freund: Eric reported a CUP was received for public hearing on January 29th. He has received a few calls on future zoning changes and CSMs.

New Business: An email was received requesting the Town appoint a representative for the Rush Lake Watershed Restoration Board since Doug Bohn has passed away. The Board will think of people that they could ask.

Building Reports:

US Cellular Operating Co, Chicago ILL for
Modernizing cell tower equipment at 7726 Archery Dr, Omro
\$30,000 0220794 12/13/2024

County report: There will be an election in February for there are 3 people running for County Executive.

Upcoming meetings:

The Town Caucus will be held at the Town hall on January 11th at 9 am.
Zoning Hearings will be held on January 29, 2025
Discussion of EMS on January 30th at the Town of Omro at 6 pm

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. Motion carried.
Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk