

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, July 2, 2025

The Town of Rushford July 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, Pat Kafer, Katheryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 8 additional people per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of this meeting, public hearing & the zoning meeting was posted at the Waukau post office, Town hall door and the Towns website.

Clerks Report: *Motion by Schoonover to approve the minutes from June 4, 2025. 2nd by Kafer. Discussion: Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Katheryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of June was \$249,708.27. The balance in the tax account was \$3,310.61 *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 \$219,649.80 invoices for July. Motion carried.*

Speaker Adam Breest from Winnebago Co Parks Department: Mr. Breest was present to present a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Town and Winnebago County in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises set forth pertaining to the Eureka Boat Landing Park. They would like to have the Town maintain the park and grounds. This would be renewed every 5 years unless either notifies the other with a written notice. The MOU described the County's and Towns obligations. Then this would have to go to the County Board for approval.

Discussions were how far the mowing goes in the Park, prairie grass plantings, liability insurance. Bryce Pomplun, 3175 County Road E, Eureka expressed concern with the playground in the park. It is geared to children 8 years and up, has weeds growing through the equipment, about a 30" step to access the playground and needs attention. He said Winnebago is spending 2.6 million on the parks in the County and this one has not been touched in 8 years. He does not see on the County website where there are any plans to update. There are a lot of young families in the Village and was hoping the County was planning improvements and/or replacement. Mr. Breest said the Eureka Park is in the capital plan for the parks. They do a 5 year plan and they are into this 3 years. They have listed a playground replacement and dredging. This is scheduled for 2028 and 2029 for \$300,00 for the dredging and \$100,000 for the playground. They have over 1000 acres and 5 staff in the parks department. If they work with Eureka Daze, fundraising and others, they could increase the budget for the playground.

They do plan on mulching with wood chips after Lifest. It was asked if a basketball court or pickle ball court was put in, how would that work. Kafer asked if plans could be drawn up for the future and if we could do some projects ourselves. It was asked if private citizens could donate monies for the park. Breest said projects would just have to go through the standard permits with approval. If private citizens or groups wanted to donate, it would have to be presented to the County Board.

Sheriff Department representative: Deputy Rassmanson was present to answer questions. There was concern with the traffic on Archery because of the road work on State Hwy 91.

Communications & Correspondence: There was conditional approval by then state for 3928 Cty Rd K, Omro for Commercial HVAC. An email was received from Delmore Consulting to see if we would be interested in the company doing our 2025 passer rating on roads.

Egan had an email on the EMS meeting with the City of Oshkosh. The City Council decided to conclude their current EMS services to the Towns of Algoma, Black Wolf and Nekimi if interested. This means at

Jacob Burns 7112 STATE Rd 91, Pickett, WI		
Siding and Windows by self		
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County Report: The parks director talked earlier. If the Town does sign the MOU, it will cost the town \$2000-\$5000/yr.

Attended meetings:

- First official EMS Board meeting on May 22 at 6:00 pm at the Omro Town Hall – Pat Kafer: The Intergovernmental agreement was sent to 7 municipalities. Kafer said we are on the clock since Oshkosh terminated their contract with us effective the end of 2025. There is another meeting on July 24th. Rumor has it that Winneconne had new information and a meeting might be called sooner. Kafer said it still is not concrete who is in or out.

Upcoming meetings

- Winnebago Co Unit meeting at the Town of Poygan, Thursday, July 10th – dinner at 6
- EMS Meeting at Town of Omro on July 24th

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk