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.

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

<u>Treasurers Report</u> 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.

<u>Payment of Monthly Invoices:</u> 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 Bark. 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 though 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 Lifefest. 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 though 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.

<u>Communications & Correspondence</u>: 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 paser 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

the end of this year, the Town will not have ambulance service in 2026.

<u>Old Business</u>: Updates on Kasuboski: Freund said he talked to Mr. Kasuboski last week. He said he has everything turned into the State Inspector. Peggy received an email from Ms. Racine and said she is waiting for more information and then will recheck. He did come for a Town Building permit, but Tom denied it for he does not have his state permits. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to send a letter to Mr. Kasuboski to evacuate immediately including the animals for he has not met the criteria from the Court hearing and this will be returned to the courts. <i>Motion carried.*

Updates on Spencer Property- Freund stated Attorney Blazel that a suit was filed and they will be served. They will have 45 days to comply.

Town Zoning Report - Eric Freund: A meeting was held on June 25th. He went through the minutes from the meeting which are on the website.

New Business:

Motion made by Schoonover, 2^{nd} by Kafer to approve a zoning change for Ron & Marilyn Fink, 7755 Cty Rd K, parcel 022 077901 to rezone Lot 2 – 2.266A to SER on approved CSM. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kafer, 2^{nd} by Schoonover to approve the Agreement for Maintenance Assessment Services from Action Appraisers for 2026-2029 for \$18,367/year. Motion carried.

Motion by Kafer, 2^{nd} by Schoonover to approve Chapter 11 – Sex Offender Residency restrictions into the Towns Ordinance. This ordinance will take effect upon passage and publication required by law. Motion carried.

<u>Town Hall Maintenance:</u> Hendricks the door fell off the posting board in the Village of Eureka and the air conditioner in the office is not working.

<u>Town Maintenance</u>: Freunds received from Robert E Lee & Associates a replacement cost estimate for the Eureka Lock Road Structure. The estimate and report would cost \$2000. This bridge was applied for bridge/culvert aid. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to table this until we find out if we would be granted this aid. Motion carried.*

Parcel #022 067704, Shoot to Thrill on Eureka Lock Road has their building permit expired. The Clerk will send him a letter to either re-apply or take down.

Building Permits:

Bryce Pomplun, 3175 County Rd E, Eureka, WI Remodel done by Pacer Valley Builders \$40,000 022 06150101 6-3-2025

Krista Knigge, 8097 State Rd 21, Omro
Roof and bathroom remodel by Bobbers Construction
\$40,000 022 220237 6-3-2025

Curtis Yonke, 7855 Cty Rd K, Omro, WI 40 x 40 storage shed built by self \$12,500 022 078001 6-30-2025

Jacob Burns 7112 STATE Rd 91, Pickett, WI
Siding and Windows by self
022 090501 \$15.000 7-1-2025

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