

Rushford Town Board Minutes
Wednesday, October 1, 2025

The Town of Rushford October 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: 6 additional people per attendance record on file, though others were present who did not sign in.

Statement of Public Notice: Notice of this meeting, the zoning meeting, open book and Board of Review was posted at the Waukau post office, Town hall door and the Towns website.

Clerks Report: *Motion by Schoonover to approve the minutes from September 3, 2025. 2nd by Kafer. Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report was given by Katheryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of September was \$84,159.77. The balance in the tax account was \$3,311.86 *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 \$95,038.91 invoices for October. Motion carried.*

Public Input: None

Communications & Correspondence: Hendricks said she had inquires pertaining to roads. It was asked when road work was planned for Fox Lane and South Spring Road. She was also informed that at 9667 Liberty School Road has a lot of dead trees which could be a hazard and if the town took them down, Ron Ansay would take the wood. This area also needs to be ditched. She also received an email from SBA Communications saying they are upgrading the existing tower at 458 County Road K and they were wondering if they required a building permit. Egan said as long as it was \$1000 or over. Egan received an email from a resident who emailed dissatisfaction with their assessment and they mentioned they would be at the Board of Review.

Old Business: Updates on Kasuboski: There was a court hearing held on September 26th. The Town asked for sanctions and to fill in the basement, for he is still using the building without obtaining any building permits. An email was received from Kasuboski on September 22nd stating he blew the motor on his dump truck, so he will not be obtaining permits at this time. A court date is scheduled for Oct 17th.

Updates on Spencer Property- Nothing has changed since last month. A court date will be scheduled with a possible date of September 28th.

Humane officer report by Peggy Hendricks: Hendricks read the email from Chuck Mier from September 6th that stated he visited Kasuboski with 2 sheriff deputies, but he would not cooperate and refused permission to enter. A \$100 fine was issued and sent out certified mail. The letter was never picked up, so Hendricks mailed the citation on 9/29/2025 with a due date of November 1st.

Mr. Mier went to see Sam Pinchart on Thursday, September 4th and walked the property line and observed a hodge fence. He also stopped in the evening of the 5th. Lights were on, but no answer at the door with a similar situation on the 6th. He left a citation for \$100 in the drop box since no one would answer the door. This was sent out certified mail on the 10th. This also was not picked up, so Hendricks mailed out the citation on the 29th of September with a due date of November 1st.

New Business:

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the CSM for Greg Jackson for parcels 022 018903, 022 019002 & 022 018904, 4206 County Road K, Omro with amending the note to read "with easement for maintenance of the tile and drainage systems though Lot 2 of CSM 6692."

Discussion: The owners are in the nursing home and put the property up for sale. Jackson owns the land next to it and asked if they could square up the lot. The acreage would stay the same and it squares it up and allows 170' on the backside for access to the fields. The Dobberstein family was present to answer any questions. There was a note on the original CSM that creates a driveway easement for agricultural purposes for lands north & south of driveway located on Lot 2 of CSM 6692. Along with easement for maintenance of the tile and drainage systems through Lot 2 of CSM 6692. There was concern that heavy equipment might be driving down the home owners driveway to access fields. It was agreed to remove the first part of the note. **Motion carried.**

The County is doing their 10 year update of the Winnebago Co Comprehensive Plan and they would like a representative from the Townships on their Ad-Hoc Steering Committee. Kafer nominated Schoonover. He accepted the nomination and he was appointed. **Motion carried.**

Hendricks presented the Board a policy on procedure for sworn telephone or sworn written testimony request for Board of Review. The Board decided that they did not want this policy, for they felt that they would like to face the objector during Board of Review.

Town Zoning Report – Eric Freund: A zoning meeting was held on September 25th. The minutes are on the website. There was discussion on a possible land split at 8252 County Road E. A proposed ordinance for grass length was discussed and sent back to the Attorney for clarification. The UTV/ATV routes were discussed. The zoning committee would like to recommend the adoption of the County ordinance for the Township. He had a few calls on how long a person can stay in a camper, the Town doing a Town assessor plat for the village of Waukau and how a property can be considered an orchard.

Town Hall Maintenance: Hendricks had to purchase a new computer for hers stopped working during the zoning meeting. The urinal is fixed.

Town Maintenance: Ripon truck called to see if they wanted them to do ditching and Egan said no, just to be careful, because as of right now, hopefully people will clean up their own ditches. He said one of the worse ones was Edgewater Ridge. Egan didn't know if the board wanted to see if Ryan and his crew could do something with it. This was done last winter, but there are so many rocks and this is not mowable and has never been mowed. The Board would like Ryan and his crew to come back for ditch cleanup. Hendricks did send a letter to Dave Carpenter on a zoning complaint. It is taken care of now. This was for junk vehicles, unlicensed vehicles, and vehicles in the Towns right away. Chuck did get a call from a person who wants to stay in a camper while they finish up cleaning up at Carlsons.

Building Permits:

Brian Nugel, 7379 County Road E, Omro WI		
Pole storage shed 40 x 56 built by self		
\$35,000	022 052101	9-3-2025
Douglas O'Kon, 9680 Stone School Rd, Omro, WI		
Roofing by Feldco Factory Direct, IL		
\$11,041.00	022 03550101	8/29/2025
Jennifer & Paul Johnson, 2577 Mill Run, Omro, WI		
New home by Envision Building		
\$600,000	022 0850	9-12-2025
Steven Eayome, 2635 State Rd, Omro, WI		
Roof tear off and new roof by Rayome Residentials LLC		
\$10,000	022 0970	9-6-2025

Flying Mane, 3133 State Rd 116, Omro, WI
Siding done by self
\$2500 022 053301 9-7-2025

Nichols Kappell, 8762 Ann St, Omro, WI
Roofing by self
\$2500 022 1532 9-11-2025

Beez Electric for 2820 State Rd 116, Omro
New electrical service and lighting
\$27,751 022 0801 9-12-2025

Jeff Gerkhe for 2591 Mill Run Rd, Omro, WI
New Home Construction
\$450,000 022 085001 09/25/2025

Tom Henderson, 3060 Delhi Road, Omro, WI
Replacing windows and roof by Infinity Exteriors
\$26,000 022 053606 09/16/2025

Tom Egan said Martys son now has AJ Inspections Services for state building permits. His son is finishing up all his credentials, but what he does not have right now, Marty is working with him, for he is licensed. He left a permit fee schedule and they would like to come back to do for the Town of Rushford. The Board thought since he is from the area, it would be nice to have AJ Inspections to do this. He is less expensive and we are not under contract. This will be tabled until next month and Peggy will contact Elisabeth. The Board would like to keep it local if possible.

County Report: The County is working on the budget.

Attended meetings:

Pat Kafer gave a report of the EMS meeting at the Town of Omro EMS meeting on 9/10 and 9/24. They will have a meeting in October and they are thinking of an ambulance service in the industrial park and rent the building. They are looking at a couple of them.

Fire Department meeting on 9/17/2025 – The budget for 2026 was presented. The fire board suggested adding \$4000 to the budget for radios. This would bring the entire budget to \$157,8000
Open book on 9/29/2025 – Hendricks was working in the office during this time, but it looked like Action Appraisers had quite a few residents come to talk to them. It did seem like people were satisfied with the conversations they had.

Upcoming meetings

- WTA meeting at the Town of Rushford on October 2, 2025
- WTA convention Oct 12-14th
- Board of Review on October 16th at 4pm – Eric Freund was appointed as an alternate.
- Court hearing for Spencers on October 27th at 10 am, Branch 4, 2nd floor, Room 211
- Court hearing for Kasuboski on 10-17-2025 at 9 am, Zoom meeting

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 8:15. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk