Rushford Town Board Minutes Wednesday, September 3, 2025

The Town of Rushford September 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 and open book on September 29th 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 August 6, 2025. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kafer. Discussion: Motion carried.

<u>Treasurers Report</u> was given by Katheryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of July was \$153,646.85. The balance in the tax account was \$3,311.42 Motion *by Kafer*, 2<sup>nd</sup> *by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.* 

<u>Payment of Monthly Invoices:</u> Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve and pay \$71,063.96 invoices for September. Motion carried.

**Winnebago Co Sheriff Department:** Deputy L. Greunstein was present to answer questions from the public.

**Public Input:** Adam Ellison, 3845 Ferry Lane asked when the road will be done. It was stated it would be towards the end of September for seal coating. There will be a double chip seal done.

<u>Communications & Correspondence</u>: An email was received from a resident about trash on Archery Drive. Freunds took care of that. The clerk read an email received from Roger Kasuboski pertaining to the dogs and horses he has on his property. He did apply for 3 dog licenses but they have 4 dogs. He felt with the attached family land, he had enough land for horse animal units on his parcels. The clerk will send him a letter to inform him animal units are only for his parcels. This will also be bought up at the court hearing.

<u>**Old Business**</u>: Updates on Kasuboski: There has been no communication about permits and house plans. The attorney filed today for court. This should be scheduled in 2-3 weeks.

Updates on Spencer Property- Freund stated Attorney Blazel has Freunds affidavit filed and a court date will be scheduled with a possible date of September 28th.

Egan received complaints about Shaun Edinger property. Freund will check into it.

Memorandum of understanding regarding the Eureka Boat landing park between Town of Rushford and Winnebago County. This was approved at last months meeting, but after the fact, an email came from the Attorney with some suggestions and concerns. This has already been approved by the County Board already. We will just wait and see how things go.

Discussion on brushing done by Ripon Truck. Last month Ripon Truck was here with an estimate to clean out the Towns ditches. The company did send a map so the Board members could see where they had concerns. *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to table this until we got estimates from other.* Discussion: Charlie Knigge suggested to talk to the landowners to see if they would want to clean out the ditches that are attached to their property. Freund said a lot of the areas marked are not mowed anyway. For example, on Senn road. *Motion carried.* 

## **New Business:**

Discussion on humane officer: Egan said this came up because of a couple reasons. The Town has had problems with goats getting out. Mr. Mier was either gone or could not go out, so Chuck Fruend had to. Then a call was made to Mr. Mier later on evening where he was very rude to the caller. Mr. Mier did explain that he thought it was a telemarketer, but it still does not matter. Egan did not think that kind of language should be used. Mr. Mier stated he would like to keep the appointment of humane officer. Egan asked if he will be able to carry out his duties and if he is gone, if he would contact Chuck Freund. Mr. Mier agreed. Egan discussed with the Board about the goat problem. His goats have gotten out a few times, his neighbor has finished landscaping which goats have gotten into in. His fence is laying down and it is not considered a fence. He was told if he did not fix the fence, a fine would be issued. The landowner has not fixed the fence and has received more animals in. *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover is to follow the penalty ordinances for this violation and to issue a \$100 fine and if not taken care of, the 2<sup>nd</sup> ticket would double 30 days later. Motion carried.* 

Motion by Kafer,  $2^{nd}$  by Egan to approve the picnic license for Waukau Community Center for Waukaufest. Motion carried.

**Town Zoning Report - Eric Freund:** Mr. Freund has gotten a few calls on what residents can do on several parcels such as what they can build and moving property lines.

**Town Hall Maintenance:** Kafer says he will repair a letter on the Town Hall that is leaning. Kafer will also find someone to fix the mens urinal in the bathroom.

<u>Town Maintenance:</u> Freunds will start ditching soon. <u>Building Permits:</u>

Quincy Cimpher, 8495 State Road 21, Omro, WI Install new 200 amp service by Black Hawk, Appleton \$2090 022 0210 8-8-2025

Quincy Cimpher, 8495 STH 21, Omro, WI New windows, soffet, facia and gutters on house and garage \$16,554 022 0210 8-20-2025

<u>County Report:</u> The County is discussing a .5% County sales tax and asked what the residents thought. Egan said the way it is written, is that the Towns and cities would get a percentage of this instead of all going to the County and he would be in favor of that. They estimate that would generate about \$20 million dollars.

## **Attended meetings:**

• Pat Kafer gave a report of the EMS meeting at the Town of Omro on August 7 and the 27th.

## **Upcoming meetings**

- EMS meeting on 9/10
- Fire Department meeting on September 17
- Open Book on September 29, 10 am 6:30 pm. Call Action Appraisers for an appointment at 920-766-7323.
- WTA meeting at the Town of Rushford on October 2, 2025
- WTA convention Oct 12-14th. Registrations due 9/27

*Motion by Kafer,* 2<sup>nd</sup> *by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 8:18. Motion carried.* Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk