

Rushford Town Board Minutes  
Wednesday, May 6, 2006

The Town of Rushford called to order a Public Hearing to present the Responsible Recycling Ordinance #052026 at 7 pm. There were no concerns and the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:05.

**The Town of Rushford May 2026 Board** meeting was called to order on May 6, 2026 following the Public Hearing by Jerry Schoonover, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Jerry Schoonover, Patrick Kafer, Katheryn Lewis & Peggy Hendricks present. Tom Egan was excused. Also present for all or part of the meeting: 7 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, Notice of the public hearing for Ordinance #052026 and Notice to Meet and adjourn the Board of Review was posted at the Waukau post office, Town hall door and the Towns website. In addition, publication of acceptance of mowing bids for the park and the Town hall was published in the Omro Herald.

**Clerks Report:** *Motion by Kafer to approve the minutes from April 1, 2026, 2nd by Schoonover. Motion carried.*

**Treasurers Report** was given by Katheryn Lewis. The balance for the general account at the end of April was \$182,139.53. The balance in the tax account was \$4,130.09. *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

**Monthly Invoices:** *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to pay \$42,379.81 for May 2026 bills. Motion carried.*

**Guest Speakers from Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp (GOEDC)** – Brittany Calkins and Trisha were present to explain what GOEDC does and they handed out a Municipality Report for the Town of Rushford that shows a breakdown of the Townships income & Spending, Housing, transportation, economic development, housing market, population growth, etc

**Sheriff's Department Representative:** Deputy Langenburg was present to answer questions from the citizens. Discussion was speeding, road construction and detours for State Hwy 21 and Cty Rd E.

**Opening of bids for Town Road mowing for 2026-2027 (two year contract):** Two bids came in from Ripon Truck and Robert Schuessler. Kafer expressed concern with Ripon Trucks Contract which has changed from previous years. Item #4 was put in to include a fuel surcharge if diesel exceeds \$4/gallon. The Board would like to see a chart on what it could be and what it is based from. Also item #5 was added that states damage to tractor/mowers from rocks, stumps and unmarked utility boxes in ditches would be billed at shop labor rate plus parts for repairs. Kafer would like to see this taken out of the contract, for he does not feel the Town should pay for repairs. He feels this is their job, you don't know the operators running the equipment and they could go out and mark now to avoid those areas. They have been doing our mowing for many years, and they had a map last year of areas that were questionable. For example on Edgewater where it is tight and there are rocks. The Board does not feel we should be responsible. *Motion by Kafer to use Ripon Truck if they provide a chart of the fuel surcharge and scratch item 5, with the understanding they could go around and mark the areas that they do not want to mow. If they do not agree to this, the bids will be relooked at. Motion 2nd by Schoonover. Hendricks asked about the mow dates to include. The first mow date should be by July 1st and the 2nd mow date to be done by 3rd week in October suggest by Chuck Freund. Motion carried.*

**Public Input:** None

**Communications & Correspondence:** Hendricks received insurance renewal quotes from Horton. The package went from \$4578 to \$4956 and Cyber went from \$659.29 to \$692.16.

Kafer requested to have Terry Larsen to submit his certificate of insurance for the mowing at the Eureka Park. Freund said it was discussed that when you go to parks, the individual has the responsibility.

**Old Business:** Updates on Spencers: Eric Freund visited Spencer's today. He took pictures and Eric said they have minimal clean up left. He just needs to clean up his burn pile and maintain the trash and recycling pickup and mowing. Eric told them they would monitor and come back before the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and that time the Board would review their 2<sup>nd</sup> citation and then it would be up to the Board for consideration on that. He is in compliance with the vehicles.

Update on Kasuboski property: Eric Freund received an email from Roger Kasuboski on April 28<sup>th</sup> stating the walls material and trusses were delivered and being stored out the weather and moved to the property. He started laying out walls as they need to be built before being placed and that date is dependent on the weather and storms. He expects the walls and trusses to be in before starting the HVAC which he expects may be done by the end of July, which is on track according to the tentative plan that was sent to the Town. He will let us know if there are any changes. On the very same day, Attorney Muza sent a letter to Mr. Kasuboski informing him to provide proof of progress to the Town and a response was not timely provided, the Town will move to lift the stay and request immediate imposition of the previously ordered fine. The Attorney set up a time by May 10<sup>th</sup>. Eric said when he drove by, there was a semi trailer parked on the property, which is not allowed to do. He is not allowed to use the property. Eric sent an email back thanking him for the update and pointed out the semi trailer along with trailers and pickup. He reminded him that the Court ordered he is not to be using the property and remove all vehicles within 7 days of receiving Eric's email. If they are being used to store building materials, he requested to unload and remove all vehicles. Eric went by today and the semi trailer is moved. He has not moved the pickups or trailers yet, so that will be monitored. Eric did ask the Attorney that since we have been dealing with the first court date with the fine sitting there, it would be a year and 4 months and Eric asked if that time could be added to this which would be another \$24,000 fine. He would like to have the court put the fine on him and then give him something telling him we need to get this done. Eric suggests that if something is not done within the next month, he recommends we go back to court and ask the judge to attach this fine and the other one like we did with Spencers. When he comes in compliance with it, gets the house finished and gets his occupancy permit, the Board can review the citations. He is behind on his tentative plan and we do not have any confirmation from any contractors. The Board will stay on top of this.

**Town Zoning report - Eric Freund:** Eric has received calls on new buildings going up in the subdivisions pertaining mainly to set backs. Received calls on culverts and there might be something coming down to Zoning on a property on State Road 91 which will need a CSM. He did have communication with Attorney Blazel with the Sam Pinchart citations. There was another incident with him where his cattle got out and got into his neighbors' property. Chuck Mier issued 4 citations for \$200/each since this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time he has had a problem with animals in the neighbor's property. Pictures and video that was time stamped was given to the attorney. He wanted this to be added to the existing case, but that cannot be done, but he stated he would open up another one. With the first citation, the attorney had a problem with the process server contacting him. It looks like he did have success on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We should be seeing a date for the court date coming up.

At the zoning meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>, the zoning committee discussed 2 different zoning changes. A review of the proposed Town of Rushford responsible unit recycling ordinance #052026.

**New Business:** *Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the zoning change for Rocco & Kathryn Lewis, 8950 Bell School Road, Omro, WI, parcel #022 041305, to rezone 3.593AC- Lot 1 of the approved CSM to SER and leave Lot 2 of 20.231AC as agricultural. Motion carried.*

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the Zoning change for Patrick & Beverly Ostrander, 9179 Stone School Road, Omro, WI, parcel #022 033604 to rezone 2.006AC (Lot 1) as SER of the approved CSM. and leave Lot 2 of 68.797AC as agricultural. Motion carried.***

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the Town of Rushford Responsible Unit Recycling Ordinance #052026. Motion carried.***

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the Adoption of Rushford Town Board Resolution Supporting a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution and to have the resolution sent to the WTA, the Governors office and members of the WI state senate and Assembly representing the Town of Rushford. Motion carried.***

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve a Picnic license for Waukau Youth Community Center for June 14, 2026. Motion carried.***

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to approve the Picnic licenses for Flying Mane Riding Club for May 2-3, May 15, June 19, June 27-28, July 18-19, July 24, August 22, Sept 11, Oct 3, Oct 10-11. Motion carried.***

**Town Hall Maintenance:** It was suggested to see if the front doors of the Town hall can have an electronic door lock. These seem to be very expensive, so it was suggested to get a code box on the outside of the back of the building. The door in the back should be repainted. It was suggested to get rust protective paint.

**Town Maintenance:** The Board had a road tour on April 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a meeting, but basic maintenance, potholes, brushing, trimming, continued work in Waukau streets and fixing of bad stops. The Board will ask for estimates on possible crack sealing, etc.

Eric Freund asked if the Town had heard anything back about the shoreland zoning, which Hendricks said she has not, but she did see it on the County Board agenda. He was wondering if the GIS maps would change. He is dealing with a couple of properties in shoreland zoning in Waukau.

### **Building Permits**

Eureka Dam Campsites, 9361 Eureka Lock Rd, Omro  
Pole Building 24 x 50 x 14.4 by Cleary Building  
\$85,500                      022    0685                      4-30-2026

Rick Gehrke, 9136 Bell School Rd, Omro, WI  
Rebuild of 16 x 20 enclosed porch built by Gehrke Construction  
\$15,000                      022 040802                      4-30-2026

Phillip Horejs, 2945 WI 116, Omro,  
Generator install by Adams Inc  
\$13,762                      022 05570101 4-30-2026

**County Report:** None

**Attended meetings:**

- Spring Election on April 7, 2026 – 391 voters
- Annual Town meeting on April 15, 2026
- April 29, 2006 – Zoning hearings
- April 28-29, 2026 – Eric Freund at Town Road School, Wisconsin Dells

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- Open book tentatively planned for May 21<sup>st</sup> has been postponed for a later determined date.
- May 31<sup>st</sup> – 4-H staining playground
- Meeting to Adjourn Board of Review until a later date on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:45 pm
- Mark your calendars! Free electronics recycling event at the Town hall on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 1:00 pm.

The June Board meeting will be postponed to 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in June – June 10<sup>th</sup>.

***Motion by Kafer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schoonover to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk