

Rushford Special Town Board Minutes
Thursday, March 21, 2024

A special meeting of the Board was called to order by Thomas Egan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Tom Egan, Pat Kafer, Jerry Schoonover, & Peggy Hendricks & Tom Jackson present.

Discussion on Roger Kasuboski court hearings: Hendricks had sent the last communications from Attorney Muza. On March 6th, the court ruled for default judgement to the Town. The damage and punishment hearing is on April 17th. The Court said they will allow testimony from Kasuboski. It was stated that Kasuboski finally got legal council. His letter to the Court said that he was going to rebuttal this for he stated that he did everything the Town wanted, he did not have time to respond and when he received the summons it did not inform him how to respond. Letters have been sent numerous times before the March 6th hearing. Even a letter from January gave him 20 days to reply to the summons. He states he never had a chance or instructions on how to respond. He also stated that many of the allegations from the Town are inaccurate. He stated he had documents, for example – a building permit and photos that shows his partly built house. He wants to ask to vacate the default judgement awarded to the Town. The building permit that was submitted was issued in 2008 and 2016 to build a house. Building permits expire after 1 year and has to be re-submitted unless constant work is shown. The Town has been dealing with this since 2008. Muza emailed Jackson on the 20th and asked him to bring new pictures and any other paperwork. Kafer said what ever the paperwork the Town has on Kasuboski dating back to 2008 should be copied and given to the Attorney. Though out the years, the Town has had multiple attorneys to try to get Kasuboski to conform to the Towns ordinance. This has been going on for 16 years. The Board goes along with Jackson to set up a meeting date with Attorney Muza with Jackson, Hendricks and one or more of the Board members will attend along with all the communication the Town has to discuss this before the April 17th Court hearing.

Egan received a letter from Blazel with the communication from Calson. Jackson said he got a voice message on the 15th stating that he has decided to tear down the barn. He will have an estimate done on March 22 and would like 3-6 weeks to complete this. The Town agreed to give Carlson until May 15th. Hendricks gave Blazel a call to inform him.

Discussion on culvert-bridge inspections: *Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to sign the contract with Delmore Consulting to complete the inventory phase of the WisDOT 6-20 foot culvert/small bridge program. Motion passed unanimously.*

Kafer forwarded an email from Northeast Asphalt on finishing up the work from last year. It was agreed that they would wait until after the road tour. Egan said another one they should look at is repair on Liberty. There are broken up spots that they said they would come back and fix. Kafer said the Board has to make sure that roads are shouldered.

Motion by Kafer, 2nd by Schoonover to adopt and pass Resolution 2024-0321, a resolution requesting coordination and collaboration by and between Winnebago County Zoning department and the Town of Rushford. Motion approved and adopted by 3 – ayes, 0-nays.

This resolution will go to the WTA and then they will approach the Winnebago Zoning Department with resolutions from all the Townships. Discussion – Kafer said at the last town meeting, that some of things the County wants our townspeople to cohere to regarding shoreland zoning were ridiculous.

Egan said we should contact Dean Kaderabek to redo our comprehensive plan or to recommend someone.

Kafer asked if the Board could go over to the new Community Center to look at the new floor they put in so since the same floor is going into the hall.

The Board said they have not done much cleanup on the Spencer property.

Motion by Schoonover, 2nd by Kafer to adjourn the meeting at 11:15. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hendricks, Clerk
