

# Proceedings of the Regular Monthly Meeting Village of Rudolph Board of Trustees

February 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order by the Board President Bruce Kniprath at 6:00pm.

Present: Trustees Steinle, Ziebell, Moscinski, President Kniprath, Clerk Dorshorst, Deputy Clerk Hoyt; absent: Trustee Van Asten, Treasurer Pawleski. The meeting was opened by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to accept the January 2020 Regular meeting Minutes as presented was made by Ziebell, second by Steinle. No discussion and the motion passed without objection.

A question was raised Treasurer Pawleski regarding what to do about dog license fees. Some had paid for their 2020 dog license under the old fee and some had downloaded the updated form from the Village website and paid the new fee. After brief discussion it was agreed to do nothing unless someone were to bring it up.

Chairman Kniprath asked the Village Attorney Nicholas Flanigan to present details regarding the two citations issued to Scott Fischer. The citation regarding the property at 1587 Main Street for a zoning violation will be dropped. Mr. Fischer has presented the Board with a letter stating that he has been in the continual business of selling automobiles from that property since prior to June 12, 2007 when the Village Ordinance changed. A letter will be sent to Mr. Fischer accepting the legal, non-confirming use and will include limitations as discussed at the meeting.

Specifically for unlicensed, unregistered vehicles, the Board accepts the legally non-conforming use but none of the other items are acceptable. Kniprath moves to dismiss zoning citation, seconded by Ziebell. Motion passes without objection. The Village Attorney will draft a letter.

Regarding the nuisance citation for 1596 Main Street, the Board recognizes progress but does not dismiss the nuisance citation. The Board does agree to accept a no contest plea with a stipulation that the enforcement will not happen as long as the property is deemed nuisance free by July 1st, 2020. Kniprath motion, Ziebell second - passes without objection.

Rich Cournoyer, Commander of ALP 45 of Rudolph, will be starting an "honor walk" in the Village. The honor walk will display 2 foot by 5 foot banners on the utility poles along Main Street. Each banner will display the name and service information for one individual and will include a number that will correspond to a book that will be printed for the Rudolph Honor Walk. Permission has been received by Alliant Energy to use their utility poles. Permission is needed from the Village to encroach 1' onto the parking lane with the bottom of the banner at 14'. Also, requesting a dollar amount from the Village Board to help offset the cost of the book in exchange for promotional material about Rudolph, by March 15, 2020. The banners would be up before Memorial Day and taken down after Veterans' Day and are returned to the sponsor. Steinle moves, Moscinski seconds (for 2020 only), passes without objection.

Kniprath has received information from the WI League of Municipalities regarding the tax levy increase. The increase is not cumulative so a 5% increase in 2021 would not carry over to 2022. The levy increase would be 5% over the base every year. An information session will be held in the early summer and will be advertised in the April sewer bill notice.

## New Business

Bree Richardson with "The Fix Is In" was in attendance to state a cat clinic date of April 24, 2020 has been scheduled for feral or barn cats from the Village or Township.

Letters of concern were sent to residents and businesses in January regarding potential nuisance conditions on several properties in the Village. A&B Butchers spoke to President Kniprath in person; 34 Truck and Auto informed Kniprath that the vehicles on their property belong to CN Railroad and will be picked up when they can. Richard Budzinski and his wife were present at the meeting and discussed the progress of their property. No further action will be taken at this time.

Tom Stasheck was present again with questions regarding the lease of 50 acres in the Village Business Park. Kniprath suggests \$14 / acre or \$700 per year on a five year lease. This was agreed to and paperwork will be submitted.

Poll workers (Election Inspectors) are set for the spring primary to be held on February 18th.

## Correspondence

- Information was received regarding Wood County Emergency Government information - this is to be kept accessible.
- Kniprath will follow up with Van Erht Electric to receive a bill for the street lighting repair after the accident on Hwy 34.
- Many residents have submitted notices regarding street lights that are not working.

A motion was made by Steinle to accept and pay the bills as presented. Ziebell seconded and the motion passed without objection.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ziebell and seconded by Moscinski. Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel M. Hoyt  
Deputy Clerk