

Proceedings of the Regular Monthly Meeting
Village of Rudolph Board of Trustees
August 8th, 2022

Present: President pro-term Ziebell, Clerk Hayes, Treasurer Pawelski, Trustees Larsen, Steinle, Stashek and Fuller.

President pro-term Ziebell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President pro-term Ziebell noticed one correction on the last page of the July Monthly Meeting minutes on the last page it is the corner of Larkspur Rd not Larksnow. Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by president pro-term Ziebell to approve the minutes as typed. Unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- President pro-term Ziebell has tried contacting three law firms in Rapids with no responses therefore she is still trying to find an attorney for the village. The League of Municipalities said they do not recommend attorneys and to check our local community neighboring municipalities.
- Ditch Cleaning on the west side of the tracks. Trustee Larsen contacted Randy C. who wanted the DNR to check because of the cattails there and the railroad has the right away so they would have the final say.
- Solar Farm update. Trustee Larsen received an email from the Solar Farm Company and they wanted to know what category they would go under for license and type; Larsen did not give them anything yet but it looks like it would be a variance request because they are changing it from agriculture to industrial with a \$50 fee. President pro-term Ziebell was approached by an individual who was wondering “what would be the benefit to the Village if we got this solar farm?”. Trustee Larsen stated that we have not made it that far in conversation with the company yet. Trustee Steinle mentioned that we would have to have two different fees, one being the variance request because they are changing the land use and two because they are constructing something on it there would be a construction fee. Nothing has been approved for this proposed project.
- The League of Municipalities was contacted by president pro-term Ziebell in regards to assessing vacant lots for a minimal sewer fee. They had said it was up to the Village/Municipality if they want to assess a charge; we could consider if the lot is too small for another residence, but maybe for just a small shed, then we could assess a lesser fee than a lot in which you could add another residence. Last month we decided to do the 15% increase in the sewer bill for 2023 so we will keep looking at this.
- Carports and the ordinance 13.1.94-we really just need to get this ordinance posted so people who live here know what they can and can not do in compliance with the Village. President pro-term Ziebell did also ask the League of Municipalities about carports and they said a permit is only required for dwellings and commercial buildings unless required by the local municipality. If a carport were on a permanent base, perhaps then you would need a permit to put one up. No permit is needed for carports unless there is

a concrete slab. Mitch Rebarcek had asked in regards to the carports if there was anything that specified the use of a skid shed, garden shed-is there a specific ordinance about that that people need to know? President pro-term Ziebell stated we probably have an ordinance in regards to that but we will have to look into it.

- Trustee Stashek mentioned that she just talked to DigiCopy in Stevens Point in regards to getting the ordinances scanned in, it is ten cents per page. Trustee Stashek is going to compare ordinance books to make sure everything is up to date and then it should take one day to get the entire ordinance book scanned in.
- Park Meeting minutes were turned in. A few picnic tables and benches need painting. The concession stand needs some repairs. The memorial bench needs cleaning and upkeep. Covering the pipes for water flow with gravel-Andy Hartjes has to talk to Randy Livernash. What are we doing with the volleyball areas? There are a couple nets in the barn that Patti VanAsten had seen. Would we need to bring sand in again and get a net up to utilize the volleyball area? If we have a usable net we are going to hang it up and see if people utilize the area and then we can pursue filling it with new/more sand. Trustee Stashek looked online at an auction site and they had some aluminum bleachers for \$4,000. Trustee Larsen has some aluminum bleacher seats he is going to donate towards the smaller bleachers that are there at the park now. Water fountain for the shelter house is going to be donated by Trustee Larsen. There is \$18,302 in the park account so maybe once the playground equipment is up we would have some leftover money to do some of this stuff. Trustee Larsen was wondering who is in charge of the maintenance at the park, president pro-term Ziebell mentioned we do not have a maintenance person and we will have to consider hiring one.
- Culvert at third street north. There is concern that it looks like it is caving down. Randy from the county thought that it was still in decent shape but he could come and blow it out, then we will know more about its condition.

New Business:

Dairyland Culvert

President pro-term Ziebell had asked former president Kniprath if he and John had looked at that culvert and Kniprath said no because the individuals questioning it did not follow through on saying what they wanted done so nothing has been done about it. We could look into it for him however it would be the responsibility of the owner of the property if they want to do anything with that culvert. Trustee Larsen mentioned that Larry seems to think that the neighbor on the corner filled his ditch in and raised it up too high so that the water can't flow that way. Trustee Steinle doesn't think it is fair to say to people-who want to build or put a driveway in or do something, to "figure it out"; as a village we sort of have an obligation to say something but we have to figure out what we can do to help. Trustee Larsen mentioned that we should have Kolo or Adamski come in and officially shoot the grades on the culvert to see what, if anything, we can do to make the water go south. Larsen will contact them.

Grotto & 4th

There is no way of mowing that, there are rocks in there and the water sits on 4th street and Grotto and it doesn't go because it is higher and won't flow uphill. The water is starting to make

a mess between their house and their shed and it is going to eventually wash that area out. Trustee Larsen talked to Ron and he mentioned that short of us getting an engineering company coming in, maybe a retention pond would bring everything down and drain it north, keeping that area dryer.

Maple Street Sewer Extension

President pro-term Ziebell mentioned that Dollar General wants to go at the end of Christy's property and it would require a sewer extension, do they know they would have to put in a lift table there? Trustee Steinle said they do not yet, presumably once they apply for all the permits and start asking questions they would be informed of that, she was unsure of what our expansion process was in the Village. Dollar General driveway would be off of Maple and the back of it would sit towards Meadowview. Haults were concerned about the traffic increase coming in off of Meadowview and just would like the road looked at.

ARPA-SLFRF Funds

\$21,771.06 is what we have in that account, President pro-term Ziebell stated we have to record how we use those funds precisely. Treasurer Pawelski and Clerk Hayes will get together to record what we do use these funds for. Treasurer Pawelski mentioned the first part was used on the sewer computer, it is pretty broad as for what it can be used for-we will check to make sure what we want to use it for will be covered. The parking lot in the park was mentioned as a possibility.

Economic Development Grant

Trustee Steinle wrote the letter on the behalf of Village of Rudolph and they granted the Village with \$4250.00 in which Trustee Larsen was able to sit in on and receive the grant on behalf of the Village.

Village Mowing

President pro-term Ziebell is getting questions from other citizens why Larry is mowing property that is not Village property while using the Village mower. 34 Truck and Auto and some property that Roger owns are the properties in question. Larry was not at the meeting so he was unable to provide an answer.

Appointment of President

President pro-term Ziebell was hoping that someone would have someone at the meeting who wanted to be president, unfortunately no one is stepping forward yet. Tim Minch turned down the position because he did not think he could work with the board. Trustee Steinle said she knew of an individual who was interested and would get in touch with him.

Other

Trustee Larsen: We needed new fuses for the Christmas lights and he ordered them online for \$3.80/piece and he purchased 11 of them, \$42.47 was the total and will be reimbursed by the Village for them.

Trustee Steinle said Waste Management missed the recycling on the rocky run block and they are sending a truck out tomorrow to pick them up.

Trustee Steinle is last in line for the gas station lift pump in her septic, Simon had called and said it was backing up. There was wiring in the manhole and extensions cords holding the sump pump, the pump blew and it blew out the electrical receptacle and they had to cut the road. Ron was wondering if we were having any areas in the Village black topped in the near future to have that fixed at the same time, might just patch it until we can get that done.

Trustee Steinle said Rob mentioned that he is not the general contractor on the Pete's Market project that has been going on, however Petes should be pulling permits for any projects being done over \$2,000. Petes is pouring concrete in that one shed, they re-insulated it-that is a building permit. Petes Market should come to the board members for these permits. Upholding these permits is how the Village is able to pay for some things, it is part of the income for the Village. Trustee Stashek is going to send them a letter. The Village USIC bill was over \$1,000 this last month and president pro-term Ziebell is trying to get in touch with someone to understand why this bill is so high.

Joe Haptops is wondering what the status was on street sweeping because he was going to pay for it. Joe said he would like the bill so he can take care of it. Treasurer Pawelski is going to send him a copy of it.

Whatever happened with the storage sheds that someone was looking to build in the business park? We have not heard anything further on that.

Trustee Stashed and Larsen found an ordinance 15.1.17 that said if it is a new or remodeled commercial building it stated that they are responsible for getting all the permits, plans, and everything else.

Trustee Larsen said Ron Adamski could fix the village door for under \$1,000 and was given the go-ahead to fix it.

Reading of the bills; Trustee Steinle motioned to pay the bills as typed, seconded by Trustee Larsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Steinle moved, seconded by Trustee Stashek to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina Hayes, Village Clerk