

## Village of Rudolph Minutes of October 8th, 2024

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Board Members Present: President Kevin Whipple                      Trustee Erin Whipple  
   Trustee Rich Larsen                                      Trustee Christy Steinle  
   Trustee Barb Ziebell    Treasurer Joanna Mack

Not Present: Clerk Kristina Rebarck

Meeting called to order by President Whipple at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Ziebell made a motion to accept September minutes as typed, seconded by Trustee Whipple; carried unanimously.

Reading of the Bills by Treasurer Joanna Mack. Motion made to accept bills as typed by Trustee Steinle, seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously.

### **Public Comments/Concerns:**

- ❖ Gerry Laska-Asked that there be no snowmobiles on the sidewalks. Wondering if E-bikes could be on sidewalks? (No, e-bikes should follow the rules of the road as bicycles do as well)
- ❖ John Small- 86th Assembly district; former President of the League of Municipalities, he came tonight to introduce himself and brought his resume.
- ❖ Ashley Kelnhofer-Issues Pete's Market noise after hours. Lights on the tow motor are blinding on main street, the back up beeping sounds like an alarm clock all night long waking her kids up and there is garbage blowing over into her yard. Wondering if there is anything the Village can do to help or what her next steps would be. The Board will draft a letter to Pete's asking them to be more neighborly and seeing how the board can help resolve these issues.

### **Old Business:**

- Pothole by Hillcrest-Trustee Larsen updated that Ron with Jaco will repair when he has time.
- Step at the Park-Nathan with Fuller Mechanical will repair.

- Village Vehicle- The Village purchased a 2005 Chevy 3500 1 ton for \$20,000. A plow and sander were added to the vehicle for \$7,000. Rich Larsen and Larry Hartjes paid for the plow and sander and will be reimbursed for them. There was a one time fee of \$169 to register the truck. Ending total of \$30,100 (including all the wiring for the add ons). Lettering/Decal will be \$90 through Rapids Sign. Insurance was \$69 for the year through The League of Municipalities.

### **New Business:**

- Rudolph Country Christmas - Trustee Larsen made a motion to appoint Trustee Steinle as Chair of the event, seconded by Trustee Whipple; carried unanimously.
- Halloween - Trustee Ziebell made a motion to have trick-or-treat hours on October 31st from 4:30p-6:30p in the Village, seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously.
- Solar Farm - On Wednesday October 2nd, business reps, legislators and senators came to visit our site in the industrial park of where the solar farm will be. Small scale solar farms are not yet approved in the State of WI but they hope for it to pass when the State starts to hear testimony on it in January. This site encompasses 17 acres.
- Budget Hearing - The Board met on Monday October 7th for their annual budget hearing and we will await the final figures for approval from the Treasurer for the 2025 Budget.

### **Miscellaneous:**

- ★ America in Bloom - We received the Community Vitality award and a plaque will be put up. There is a 36-page report from America in Bloom and it is now available online.
- ★ Rich Larsen fixed the outside light in the front door area of the Village Hall, Thank You for donating your time and the light.
- ★ Trustee Ziebell thanked Tony Konkol for the work he did around the Welcome to Rudolph Sign.
- ★ November 5th Election- Don't forget to Vote!
- ★ Dilly Britz - She spoke last month with the Village in regards to the Monarch butterfly project and she brought seeds in tonight to pass out for people to plant. Please refer to the Village Sewer insert for more information on this project.
- ★ Dorshorst will chip the brush pile towards the end of October.

**Agenda requests**

- Approve Budget

Trustee Steinle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Ziebell; carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted-with the assistance from Trustee Steinle,  
Kristina Rebarck, Village Clerk