

## Village of Rudolph Minutes of June 11th, 2024

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

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

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

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

### Public Comments/Concerns:

- ❖ The Village Hall Flag needs to be replaced-we will be replacing that through The Legion.
- ❖ Treasurer Joanna Mack would just like the Village Employees that do maintenance for the Village to turn in their timesheets by the end of the month.
- ❖ \$14,488 less than last year for the sewer treatment cost through the City of Rapids.
- ❖ Thursday, June 13th at 8am Summit is coming out to the Legion to check the fire extinguishers and he will check the Village extinguishers as well.
- ❖ Dan & Cindy Zubella-Landlocked when they bought the land at 1500 2nd St S-was tentatively to be an extension of Hartjes Ave-they had since bought the land that was landlocked, the Village mows the area currently and they are wondering if they can buy any part of that road/driveway there. President Whipple will do some digging to see how the roadway was created and we can go from there.

### Old Business:

- Park Project-The Village has been talking about the park bathrooms for years-when the sinks were replaced there were pieces of the tiles that were chiseled off and never replaced, Trustee Steinle went ahead and paid for the bathroom remodel consisting of redoing the tiling and the flooring. All white tiles with black and white speckled flooring-it looks really nice! Trustee Steinle is

looking to be reimbursed \$4,773.65 for the work done. Motion made to reimburse Trustee Steinle for the \$4,773.65 by Trustee Larsen, seconded by Trustee Ziebell-carried unanimously.

- Park Improvements-potholes filled by the park by Trustee Larsen. Dumpsters in the park have been used by the public, other than when the park is rented out or in use-these are not open to the public or for public use. This area is under video surveillance as well.
- Park woods update- Some trees have emerald ash borer, Trustee Larsen met with a county forester and they walked through our five acres-the yellow brick road is completely covered with poison ivy; buckthorn, honeysuckle and poison ivy are covering the majority of the woods. It was guesstimated \$20-25,000 to have someone come in commercially to take care of the weeds. If we don't take care of the weeds, they will eventually die because nothing will be able to grow-years down the road. Goats eat buckthorn, honeysuckle and poison ivy-Trustee Larsen met with a lady who rents out her goats-she would come in with 50 goats and fence off an acre at a time and in a day or two the goats will have it cleaned up and move on to the next acre. \$5,542 per session for her goats to work. Town of Whiting-the goats do all of the work-something for the Village to think about-she has openings in September for the 2024 year. Once we have the poison ivy taken care of then we can have a logger come in and clean up all of the logs and trees. Motion made to proceed with booking one session with the goats as long as the fire department agrees to also clean up their area next to the Village area by Trustee Steinle, seconded by Trustee Ziebell-carried unanimously.
- Status on Annexing property-nothing more has been said.
- Status on unregistered/vacant vehicles-The Village attorney Luke is working on a solution to hopefully help resolve these ongoing issues.

#### **New Business:**

- Liquor/Tobacco licenses-Motion made to approve Patsys liquor license once received by Trustee Steinle, seconded by Trustee Ziebell, carried unanimously. Motion made to approve RStore liquor and tobacco license, paid \$200, by Trustee Steinle, seconded by Trustee Ziebell, carried unanimously. Motion made to approve Dollar General Tobacco license by Trustee Steinle, seconded by Trustee Whipple, carried unanimously.
- Village vehicles-with Tony on board for maintenance the Village should really look into purchasing a vehicle-Tony shouldn't have to use his personal vehicle if he needs to run to Rapids to check the sewer pumps or driving around town. State surplus has some vehicles that we can look into-a truck with a plow would be

beneficial year round. As a board, look for a village vehicle not to exceed \$30,000-motion made by Trustee Ziebell, seconded by Trustee Larsen-carried unanimously.

- Ditch between 3rd & 4th between Tammy Bloniens and the duplex-is just getting bad-it is on Tammy's land. Ron could go in with his mini excavator and dig it out so that it would drain properly again once it dries out enough.
- One day beer license-Andy Hartjes for the All Star Game, all of the teams are getting together for a fun game and they wanted to serve some beer for the adults. They want to use the lights and the Village charges \$15/hr. Motion made to approve one day beer license by Trustee Steinle, seconded by Trustee Whipple-carried unanimously.
- Approval of sewer bill insert-Dumpster
- Agenda for CN/AIB grant media event-Final grant we received from America In Bloom. They will arrive June 23rd, tour the Village the 24th & 25th, 9am ceremony at the park the 26th with an American in bloom leader and the railroad. Fuller Mechanical will be done with the sign this week. Agenda has been posted on facebook pages and the village website
- August meeting date-Partisan Primary on Tuesday August 13th the Village meeting will be held at the Fire department at 6pm instead of the Village Hall.

**Agenda Requests:**

- Goats from fire dept.
- Rezoning meeting at 5pm before July meeting
- Dan & Cindy Zubella Land

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

Adjourned at 6:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristina Rebarchek, Village Clerk