

**Village of Rudolph
Minutes of August 13th, 2024**

Board Members Present:

Clerk Kristina Rebarcek
Trustee Barb Ziebell
Treasurer Joanna Mack

Trustee Erin Whipple
Trustee Rich Larsen
Trustee Christy Steinle

Excused: President Kevin Whipple

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

Trustee Whipple made a motion to accept July minutes as typed, seconded by Trustee Ziebell; 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:

- ❖ Minch-was there anything found out about the weight limit sign by his house? Are we going to do anything about the jake braking? They are doing this at 2am. The Village was quoted \$680 for all 4 signs printed and installed. Is it possible for Rapids sign to print something and we install it ourselves? The Southbound sign is still up, northbound could have fallen in 2021 the count would be installed at the Village expense-league of municipalities gives us a safety grant for \$600, if we can use that grant to cover that expense that would be ideal. Trustee Steinle is going to apply for that grant and have the county do that.
- ❖ Petes market is offloading semis right on Cty C and they are sitting. Tow motors are tearing up the sidewalks and roads; driving with big loads and not being able to see in front of them.
- ❖ Has there been any more follow up with the ditches?-still trying to wait for the ditches to dry up to do anything.
- ❖ Reusch is working on their clean up, slowly but they are getting stuff done.
- ❖ “15 MPH When Children are Present” signs for up at the park? We can check to see if we have any.
- ❖ There is a step that seems to be missing at the Park- The Village will contact Fuller Mechanical to see if they can come up with something.

- ❖ AIB did send their \$25,000 check, we have not received a write up or evaluation about the village yet.
- ❖ What is the plan with the brush pile? It is getting pretty big Dorshorst is going to come in from Auburndale to chip the wood pile.
- ❖ Kurt & Tony thank you for the pop up Splash Pad.
- ❖ There is a new president for the snowmobile club and he is wanting to be put on the agenda next month for use of the village land.

Old Business:

- Lawn Maintenance-Proceed with long grass if it is seen, we should mow and then proceed accordingly.

New Business:

- Purple Heart Village-Rich approached Trustee Steinle about having Rudolph be a Purple Heart Village; it is one of the most prestigious honors a Village can receive; honoring the Military. Rudolph would be the first Village in WI-Marshfield was the first city in WI to receive this honor. The sign would consist of the Village logo, seal, and proclamation signed by the president. Motion made the Village of Rudolph become a Purple Heart Village by Trustee Ziebell, seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously.
- Pete's Meat Market-Two buildings were moved in and they did not approach the board about permits for these buildings. Trustee Whipple is going to bill Petes accordingly for the buildings that were put up. Minch had heard that they were going to build a cooling building off Rybicki Ln-the property is still zoned residential and it would have to be zoned commercial before anything could be done-the board is going to look up where the residential line is for Petes and see if the buildings are on the correct property.
- Noise Complaints-It is recommended that the land owners call the sheriff's office after 10pm for noise complaints with fireworks going off at all hours of the night. The factory owns that house that is shooting off fireworks so Trustee Steinle will send a letter to the owner of the factory and hopefully they will talk to them.
- Stop Sign-3rd St and Blonien-we can flip the stop sign to face the other way just add flags to the sign so it is marked and people are aware. Trustee Whipple made a motion to flip the stop sign and add flags, seconded by Trustee Ziebell; carried unanimously.
- Shelter by the Tank-Trustee Larsen thought of going to rapids sheet metal to see if they could come up with something similar to add up there to cover the chunk that is missing.

- Weeds at Park-We were going to have the goats come in and Trustee Larsen had heard that using the goats is not going to work long term. John-county weed commissioner for 8 years in Wood and Portage county a bunch of farmers this year have had a lot of issues with weeds-John has the authority to enforce getting these weeds controlled-viable seed becomes a DNR issue and John has no control over that. The problem with using goats is that it is not economical; John can get the paperwork to us and we can have them deemed noxious for the Village. Mowing and herbicide would be used-he can help us with the best chemicals to use. UW extension weed specialists will work with the County weed commissioner-the cheapest way to contract. Steps to deem noxious weeds refer to state statutes 66.0517, 66.0960 and 66.0417.
- Water Well at Park-Ran out of water at the All Star Game, Jim went to take a look at that and they had it go from 1 gal/min to 5 gal/minute. They said to not worry about the cost.
- Repair Cost of Knowledge Ave- A farmer decided 24 hours after the road was done a farmer went in and tore up the road, the county got us an estimate to fix at \$3,700.00 they also had to do some ditching with that. What does the Village want to do about this? Cops said there was no criminal intent so no ticket, the farmer tried to get out through the culvert and it was too wet therefore proceeded taking the street. Kevin is going to follow up with the farmer and we will touch base next month again.
- Repair cost of sewer pump-Xylem came to the lift station by the school. One pump was very broken \$3,424.10 to fix that pump. Right now we are running on one pump which is ok but if it fails we do not have a back up. Motion made to approve cost for repair by Xylem by Trustee Steinle, seconded by Trustee Ziebell; carried unanimously.

Agenda requests

- **Lawn maintenance**
- **Weeds at Park**
- **Repair Knowledge Ave**
- **Snowmobile club**

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

Adjourned at 6:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina Rebarcek, Village Clerk