

**Village of Rudolph**  
**Minutes of February 11th, 2025**

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

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

Trustee Ziebell moved to approve January minutes as typed, seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously.

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

**Public Comments/Concerns:**

- The Rudolph Fire Department is looking for new members! No experience needed, they provide the initial training and continued monthly training. If anyone is interested in joining please stop down at the Fire Department or contact Rich Larsen or former chief Tony Konkol.
- Thank you to Tony Konkol for doing an awesome job at sanding, salting and plowing for the Village this season!

**Old Business:**

- Winter parking signs- follow up-For sign sizes: 12x18-\$13.55/each or 18x24-\$21.32/each. We can get 8 for a total of \$139. It is \$85.28 for 4 18x24 signs, we will also need poles for the signs (approximately \$50/pole) then the board members can set them up instead of having the county come in and paying them around \$400 or more. Trustee Ziebell made a motion to approve ordering the 4-18x24 Winter Parking Signs along with the poles, seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously.
- Dorshorst payment- follow up-Dorshorst was going to do it at a reduced rate this year, which was what we had paid. Next year there are a few local tree companies that are going to come in and take care of our pile for their own use.
- Quickbooks-\$496/year-any check that is cut is a \$9.00 charge for payroll. Would direct deposit be an option?-Joanna is going to look into that and then we can revisit this topic.

- We have the old Village sewer computer and monitor that has been sitting in the office for years. The board has agreed that we can recycle this.

### **New Business:**

- Rudolph Little League-To date they have raised almost \$26,000 which includes the money donated from the Village and Little League. They most recently received \$3,000 from the Jerry Peters Estate-his daughters played softball awhile ago. Little League is trying to get softball going again so there will hopefully be a 10U team to start this coming Spring. Field 1 was done last year with the correct sand which is a costly expense and they have about \$8,000 left after that. Last year after the tractor club event there was some damage done to the field and they had stated they would take care of the damage and fix it. It has been noted that they did fix it up last year so it should be good to go come spring again. Wishlist: Batting cage with power, possible double batting cage-possible donations to help with concrete work (\$10,000 expense), concessions stands need repairs-rotted out door, stainless steel serving counter, addition for storage, improvements to concessions-soft serve machine. Looking to push the tournament back to the end of June-hopefully it is drier out, scoreboard and the lights were all working last year and Rapids donated a mobile scoreboard so that can be used that for field 2, \$35/kid to play for the season-hopefully get a girls softball team back in as well. Legacy Grant was written out for the potential of a splash pad, if we aren't interested in the splash pad we could maybe disperse this towards the field and little league? Alliant grant just came out so that is something that can be looked into as well.
- Sewer Billing/Barbs responsibilities-Kristina will be taking over the sewer account Trustee Larsen made a motion to put Kristina's name on the accounts in replace of Barb Ziebell, seconded by Trustee Steinle; carried unanimously. Jim Janz and Barb Ziebell agreed to still do the billing for this next quarter if needed.
- Trash & Recycling contract-Our contract is up at the end of September, 2025. With Advanced/Waste Management we need to contact them by July to tell them we will be sending out bids otherwise our contract automatically renews for another year. Trustee Steinle will send emails to both Harters and Advanced/WM that we are seeking proposals for garbage pick up over the next couple months.
- Sewer-radio communication-Having trouble with HWY 34 lift station communication back to here, Cty rd c is having trouble communicating back to here as well-Josh came and checked the stations, he adjusted the antenna and that was only putting out 35% of what it should be. He is going to order a new antenna and we are going to provide a lift for him when he comes to install the new antenna. Once this is installed this should fix the communication issues with all lift stations. Midwest chemical-looking at getting a different chemical building

because the one we have is too small. There is a ledge of grease that would have to be treated at Pete's Meat Market, where the source is. Larsen will keep in touch with Midwest/Petes to make sure we know that will get taken care of to help keep our sewer system cleaned and treated properly.

- Christmas light replacements-petes Two christmas lights have been broken by the semis in front of Pete's buildings. Trustee Larsen has talked to Tim and no one is able to get ahold of the trucking company but Tim offered to pay for half of the cost to replace the lights (thank you). Right now there are some select lights on sale so it would be a good time to order them. We can always invoice the trucking company when we order new lights and see if they pay it or not as well. Motion made by Trustee Larsen to have Christy order new lights, seconded by Trustee Steinle; carried unanimously.
- Purple Heart Village- The Purple Heart is a medal that honors service members who have been wounded or killed in combat. Rich Canori-commander of Post 485. This year is the 6th year for the honor walk. With the help of Kevin, Christy, my wife and Cathy we got the Village of Rudolph designated as the first Purple Heart Village in WI. This award belongs to the Village and the Village can have a presentation to announce becoming a Purple Heart entity. The Board is looking at a couple dates in May to host this and will update a confirmation during the next meeting. We will receive 4 18x24 signs to put on each corner of Rudolph and there are 2-3 banners that will go in place of the Veterans on the light poles throughout the Village. The Legion is looking for a \$2,500 donation to help offset costs of the banners and signs. Motion made by Trustee Ziebell for the Village to donate \$2,500 for the banners and plaques for the purple heart, seconded by Trustee Steinle; carried unanimously.
- Honor Walk 6th year in a row.
- Boring permits-We have a few companies that want to bore fiber along Main Street and they are looking at what our fees are in regards to that. Trustee Whipple is going to reach out to Megan Stashek in regards to this to see how this was handled previously.

### **Agenda requests**

- SouthSide Welcome Sign
- Little League Donation
- Antenna
- Chemical Treatment

Trustee Ziebell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm., seconded by Trustee Whipple; carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristina Rebarcek, Village Clerk