

Village of Rudolph Minutes of June 10th, 2025

Board Members Present:	Trustee Erin Whipple Trustee Rich Larsen Trustee Darren Reid Trustee Christy Steinle
	President Kevin Whipple Clerk Kristina Rebarchek Treasurer Joanna Mack

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

Trustee Larsen moved to approve May minutes as typed, seconded by Trustee Whipple; 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:

- ☐ New rock was brought in and Dairy State graciously paid for that on the side road behind the factory.
- ☐ Purple Heart signs-Trustee Reid will work on hanging these signs up over the next month.
- ☐ ATV/UTV traffic is NOT PERMITTED on any sidewalks. If it is a continued problem please call the sheriffs department as the Village does not have an ordinance officer.
- ☐ Dilly- The Monarchs came early this year! Dilly has 7 containers and is wondering if anyone can help raise the caterpillars, she will provide milkweed for them. Please call her and let her know you are interested-715-323-2474.
- ☐ Issue with property next to HIS Meat-4 ft from concrete up onto land the survey marker is right on the concrete they are driving the semis in there and while the semis are there the forklift drivers dont wait and go on the neighboring property tearing it up. Rod says that's not the right marker. Kevin will go and mark the property lines again so they are clear for HIS Meat Market to see.
- ☐ Purple Heart Ceremony in May-Kevin had forgotten the proclamation for the ceremony but he brought it tonight to state that it was signed back in February, 2025.
- ☐ The flag pole outside the Village Hall still is not fixed, the company did let us know we are a high priority on their list.
- ☐ Jaco trucking gave us three options the other day as we have almost a foot of water inside the Ag building. 1-base bid-driveway repairs: mobilize and demobilize all skid steer and excavator. excavate approximately 6" of existing drive, haul in 96 tons of road base, install approx 2,113 SF of road base at 6" thick and roller compact all new road base materials. \$3,195.00. 2- Enlarge a lay down area-excavate 6" and bring in 96 tons of road base, install approx 2,264 SF of road base, roller compact all new materials. 3- build salt bunker furnish and install concrete plank for the floor, furnish and install concrete blocks for

retaining wall, provide bedding materials and build new bunker \$1,448. The total is around \$7,000 for all projects. Motion made to do the full plan and do it the correct way by Trustee Steinle, seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously.

- Piltz ave area-Street sign and possible no outlet sign piltz & blonien sign is white and extremely faded. Larsen will look into the street sign.
- The Highway department will start their projects late July/August here.
- We do not turn our compost pile-the city of Rapids has a budget of \$185,000 to screen it and turn their compost pile-we do not have the funds to be able to do this as a Village. Please pay attention to the piles and dump your loads in the correct piles.

Old Business:

- Cheese Factory-Mark Dahlstrom is here from Dairy State to address any concerns that the Village has and to include the community in there plans moving forward. The main concern the Village has is the smell coming from the cheese factory-**Q.)** Why does it smell so bad and what is being done about it? The smell is due to a product mix shift and it has a 60 day fix. Dairy State is switching to making parmesan cheese. The current smell comes from the protein solids decomposing. The bugs eat this and this creates a methane gas. This started as a former operator error that over wasted the system. Their system is set up for the productivity they are currently running. An expansion for this plant will help as well. **Q.)** When the holding tank fills up what do you do at that point? The current system is an aerobic digester-which means it is an open air system. (Aero digestion-the cheese factory is self-contained. Waste goes to the lift station and then down to the equalizer tank for 24 hours and then it goes over to the aeration basin where the bugs break it down into organic matter and the bug waste water goes into a daft) Dairy State is looking into the option of an Anaerobic digester which would be closed and a methane gas flame would be constant however due to their size they would not be able to utilize the methane gas for anything (not enough) and then it would just be a constant flame burning off. **Q.)** What is the plan for the future and expansion? Next year they project to put through 2 times the amount of milk than what they are currently doing. Currently they are able to extract the water from the milk to use it as part of the water recycling system. The system recycles the current water that they use and they reprocess it to use for washing their equipment. This can be hard on their equipment because of the iron and mineral levels in our water table. The new expansion is projected to be 13 million but they are reviewing this due to its expense. Dairy State has the south and west well compounds. They are working with the DNR on a high capacity well. The DNR reviews if this is feasible or if this would deplete the water table in that pocket. They did drill a new well but it only helped for a short time. The DNR does regular site visits to inspect. Mark stated he is open to phone calls. or if you are down at the cheese factory and you want to ask him a question-just ask for him and he will talk with you!
- Feed Mill-Trustee Reid was wondering if there was a court ruling in which the feed mill was supposed to get cleaned up; yes, from 2017. It was cleaned up then, to where it is now basically. Scott would come to meetings and say he was

working on it and since we didn't have an ordinance officer we haven't been able to push it on him. Is it the Village's wishes that we try to fight this? It would cost the Village \$20,000-30,000. We will get in contact with the attorney and have a letter drafted to start.

New Business:

- Land Swap between Village and Dairy State-Table this for when Dairy state is ready
- Permit Letters & Lawn Mowing - When Trustee Steinle gets the USIC bill we get charged for diggers hotline and this past month there were three different fence marking and building permits in which they never pulled permits for. The basis of the permit fee is so the Village can recoup the \$38 fee we get from diggers hotline. When we receive these invoices from USIC, can Trustee Steinle send out letters to the homeowners to then have them pay this permit fee?
- November Meeting & BOR date-November 11th, 2025 meeting will be pushed back with a start time of 6:30pm. The Board of Review meeting will take place from 4p-6p at the Village Hall preceding the meeting.
- Ag building-windows-Trustee Reid got a quote for plexi glass pieces for the ag building windows at \$20/window. We now have 10 windows broken, extras would be a good idea. Trustee Steinle made a motion to purchase 20 plexi glass window pieces for the Ag building so that we have extras, seconded by Trustee Reid; carried unanimously.
- Chemical Sheds-Trustee Larsen talked with Evan today and in order for us to build a new one the building has to be 8x8. There is nothing wrong with the chemical in there and he would be willing to come over and work with us and our current building. Trustee Reid is going to take the charge on this and touch base with Evan to see our future plans.
- Storage Buildings ordinance-HIS Meat market brought another building in and they did pull a permit after that fact. Car ports-there is no ordinance for them technically, we would need to amend the ordinance in order to change any of this.
- Approval of CMAR report-Kristina has been working on the CMAR report and once everything is filled in we will bring it up at the July meeting to touch base again.
- R-Store Licenses applied for Class A liquor and fermented malt beverage along with tobacco license for a total of \$210. Trustee Whipple made a motion to approve R-Store Class A liquor license and Tobacco license, seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously.
- Dollar General Licenses - Dolgen Corp applied for Class A liquor and fermented malt beverage along with Tobacco license for a total of \$200. Trustee Steinle

made a motion to approve Dolgen Corp Class A liquor licenses and Tobacco license, seconded by Trustee Reid; carried unanimously.

- Patsy's Licenses-\$225 Class B Alcohol and fermented malt beverage license. We have not received payment and paperwork back from Patsy's yet. Once her paperwork and fees were submitted Trustee Steinle made a motion to approve Patsy's Class B alcohol and fermented malt beverage license, seconded by Trustee Reid; carried unanimously.
- Wastewater Invoice -\$85,021.46. These charges are for the Village's estimated 2025 wastewater and treatment. The Village will pay this over 4 installments.

Agenda requests

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Trustee Whipple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm , seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina Rebarchek, Village Clerk