

Village of Rudolph Minutes of July 8th, 2025

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

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

Trustee Steinle moved to approve June minutes as typed, seconded by Trustee Whipple; carried unanimously.

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

Public Comments/Concerns:

- ★ Originally \$90,000 for our Sewer project last fall and we talked with the City of Rapids to go half with us on this. It will be about \$45,000 for us which we should receive the bill by the end of August.

Old Business:

- Feed mill - Talked with the attorney, he is sending a certified letter and he let us know this could become costly for the Village. Hopefully this just jumpstarts them to start cleaning up the building before we look into getting the state involved.
- Chemical building - Evan is trying to source the chemical we currently have, if they can not do that then we will need to look at doing a different building.

New Business:

- Permit Fees-Someone had put up a fence and USIC came out and charged a locating fee four times-we were looking to see if our fees cover the cost enough or if we needed to raise the fees. Currently a fence permit is \$50, that should be enough. The company that was contracted should not have had to have USIC come out as many times as they did (normally this isn't the case).
- Naloxone- We were asked by the county if the Village wanted to have a vending machine with the nasal spray available-however it has to be out of direct sunlight and in a controlled temperature area. The only place we would have in the village that is accessible 24/7 would be the Post Office. When it is administered people seem to want to fight because it takes their high away-this is why EMS is there or cops tend to cuff the individual before administering. Is this something we need to pursue? The fire dept carries this on their trucks if it is needed and

cops have it in their cars as well. At this time we do not feel the need as a Village to have a vending machine in place.

- Village mower-We have 3 mowers and 2 are used constantly-the green one was bought 15-20 years ago and our mechanic says it isn't worth fixing and we can't get parts for it. The Kubota works well, needs tires-the current ones are bald. If the Kubota breaks down, we are out of a mower. We can keep our eyes open for something on auction and touch base on this topic again. It is okay for Tony to purchase tires for the mower as this is in our budget under maintenance/repairs. The door on the Ag building is in terrible condition. We need to look at a new service door, this one doesn't even close-\$400 for a new metal service door. Motion made by Trustee Steinle to replace the service door at the ag building, seconded by Trustee Whipple; carried unanimously.
- Solar Energy/development (ordinance 13-1-131) We do not have solar energy in our ordinance book. Do we want to have something in it so your neighbor can't just put up 8 solar panels whenever and wherever they want to? Trustee Steinle will take care of adding this to our current ordinance.
- Rudolph Fire Dept Street Dance permit Trustee Steinle made a motion to approve the one day beer license for the July 18th Street Dance held at the fire department, seconded by Trustee Reid; carried unanimously.
- Splash Pad-Legacy foundation grant for the splash pad was approved for \$500,000. Marion WI is doing a splash pad for around \$280-300,000-includes everything. Cashton WI is putting one in right now too for about \$350,000. Who keeps it up afterwards, where do the funds come from, how does this affect our sewer? Start up and winterization takes one person and 2-4 hours. Closed loop system is more expensive-an additional well would budget for \$16,000. When it needs maintenance and upkeep who pays for that? How will putting in the well affect the residents? When the tennis courts were built there was a trust made for it and you can only use the interest for maintenance (example of how that is paid for). Nekoosa and Port Edwards have splash pads and we will reach out to them to see if they can shine some light on our questions. Should we get a committee together and look into this more? Kevin will get in touch with Nekoosa and ask them some questions. There is another grant due tomorrow we are asking for 100,000 for park improvements, splash pad and ball diamond improvements-park maintenance and updates. Our pavilion needs to be updated. Can extra funds go towards other aspects of the park if we didn't spend the whole \$500,000? They were a huge funder when we moved the playground. Legacy foundation is the money from the hospital when it sold. In longevity-it only has to be chlorinated if it's a closed loop system. If that is the route we take then we have to look at those expenses as well. It's not constantly running, only if kids push the button. We did receive the \$500,000. First State Bank is willing

to give us a money market rate of 3.7% if we keep at least \$50,000 in that money market account. CD 6month is .50% Would it be a local construction company? We can use whoever-we are basically ordering the equipment through them. If it is a grant does it have to go out to bid? The company is Brian Strack CPO recreational specialist. There is a circle area where the black top is around the barn-we want it close to the playground. If the drainage is run off would it just run to the firemans park?-yes Steinle will put a committee together and we will talk about this in August again.

- Ordinance officer-Trustee Reid mentioned the Village needing someone in that position. Mainly for there being a contact person for when something needs to be addressed, not necessarily running around knit picking places. (2-3-7 ordinance reference) Our ordinances are all online and available for the public. A new resident probably would not know of said ordinances until they received a letter from us letting them know. Motion made by Trustee Steinle to appoint Trustee Reid as ordinance officer, seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously.
- Compost arrow/sign-Trustee Reid thought we could do better than the red wooden arrow on the ground. He used to work for a plastics company and can get a 42in long by 24in high shape of an arrow, Yellow sign with black letters for \$160 and he can throw a stand together for about \$50. Motion made by Trustee Larsen to approve \$160 plus the \$50, seconded by Trustee Steinle; carried unanimously.
- Tractor club permit Trustee Steinle made a motion to approve one day beer license on August 9th for the Rudolph Old Tractor Show, seconded by Trustee Reid; carried unanimously.
- Church picnic permit Trustee Steinle made a motion to approve one day beer license for St Philip Church picnic on Sunday August 3rd, seconded by Trustee Reid; carried unanimously.

Agenda requests

- Recycling/Garbage bids
- Solar Energy/Development Ordinance
- Splash Pad
- Events at the Park-Compensation for Patty
- Ordinance Officer wages

Trustee Steinle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm , seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina Rebarchek, Village Clerk

