

Village of Rudolph Minutes of August 12th, 2025

Board Members Present: Trustee Erin Whipple
Trustee Rich Larsen
Trustee Darren Reid

President Kevin Whipple
Clerk Kristina Rebarchek
Trustee Christy Steinle

Excused: Treasurer Joanna Mack

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

Trustee Steinle moved to approve July minutes as typed, seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously.

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

Public Comments/Concerns:

- ❖ Tractor Club would like to fix the entrance on both sides of the baseball diamond, they will take care of the grading and everything else. Motion made by President Whipple to approve the Tractor club fixing the entrances, seconded by Trustee Steinle; carried unanimously.
- ❖ Rob Dix-Received a letter in July about his grass being too high. He has been keeping it cut since-he did receive an invoice for \$150. He doesn't feel like he should have to pay that since the dates were off in the letter-he can disregard the letter as that is a typo on our end.
- ❖ The door was changed at Ag building for a total of \$155. Thank you Howie for providing the door to the Ag building.
- ❖ Jake braking-there are milk trucks that are coming through town, down main street that have their jake brake on the entire time. Larsen will mention that to Mark from Dairy State.

Old Business:

- Feed mill-There has done some mowing and clean up being done around the building. They do have dumpsters and Scott's brother has been cleaning up the place, there is talk about repairing the building as well. What about the gas leak in the building across the street?-That beam was fixed that broke the gas line in the basement and the gas is back on. The health inspector said that is not their jurisdiction, but the building inspector never got back to us after he was contacted in regards to all of that. Do we still need to send a letter from the attorney? We do believe we still need to send a letter. President Whipple made a motion to have the attorney send a letter, seconded by Trustee Steinle; carried unanimously.

- Chemical building-Trustee Reid we have to decide if we want to continue using the chemicals we currently have or invest in a new building. Rapids wasn't aware we have been chemically treating so we need to up our dosage-we are currently out of chemicals. Evan said they would supply us with a meter for a few weeks to see if we can get our chemical levels correct. If we buy two barrels we get a better deal on shipping however we do not have enough room in that building for two barrels to be stored. Let's see if we can get it in a tote-bigger container. Motion made to buy another barrel/tote, see if we can get anything in bulk, check how the levels are over the next month by Trustee Larsen, seconded by Trustee Reid; carried unanimously.
- Splash pad-Rapids splash pad was toured-Kevin spoke with Nekoosa and Port Edwards about their splash pads. We are looking at \$15,000/year to maintain it (\$35,000 in water in Nekoosa which is treated going into the splash pad). We received a grant for \$500,000 plus additional \$7,500 from another organization to get the splash pad set up and running. Our main concern is water quality and water volume-if we recycle it (closed loop) we have to have someone on staff to check it daily-this is not something we would want to have. We would have to look at an open loop system in which a well would need to be put in. Originally we thought of putting it in the black top area but we were also looking at putting it closer to the parking lot with some sort of barrier needing to be put up to separate it from the parking. It would be nice during baseball tournaments and games with all the kids and families. We can restrict the time of the splash pad. (Q)How is that going to affect the residents around the park area and their water? We are still looking into that. We would have to put in another well which we might have to go through the DNR for that. Jim and Jason Juneman would be good people to talk to about the water system.
- Ordinance officer-Darren Reid volunteered to be our ordinance officer-Motion made to accept Darren as our ordinance officer by Trustee Steinle, seconded by Trustee Whipple; carried unanimously. In 2021 we had talked about paying \$125/mo along with \$27/hour-Joanna said she would prefer to keep it one way or another for bookkeeping purposes. Darren accepted this not looking for the extra pay. Trustee Steinle made a motion to pay Darren (ordinance office) \$150/month with re-evaluating in three months, seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously.
- Solar Energy/Development Ordinance-The guy we originally talked with is not getting back to us in regards to re-typing this ordinance. Trustee Whipple is going to re-type this for us.

New Business:

- Little League-Brian is here tonight they have raised \$38,000, spent \$10000 on misc. Their next step is to put up the batting cages-picture was provided and

they wanted to put it by field one behind the shelter where the ground is a little higher. Approximately 24x70ft, this can be used from little league all the way up though high school. If we can shift it down closer to the dugout area that would work better so it isn't right behind the shelter/picnic area. Motion made by Trustee Steinle to allow them to build as discussed on that map, seconded by Trustee Whipple; carried unanimously.

- Recycling/Garbage bids-Harters representative Chris is present; he is a GM here in Rapids-started 2 years ago. They have grown the business over the last few years they just took on a few other Villages. They do not have automated trucks yet they are getting out of the trucks and dumping the garbage. Garbage & Recycling are in a split truck-so one truck for both loads. Option of having recycling every week or every other. If trash bins are damaged by residents' negligence then it is the residents responsibility to pay for it. WM representative here, the company started in 1968 as a small company-they are in every state now which allows for larger sample size in the market. They are reinvesting back into the company and site-Rapids just got all new trucks. Carts are standard-if it needs to be replaced WM will replace them-Pittsville, Vesper, Saratoga, Grand Rapids, Eric Johnson is the driver and has been for the last 10 years so the people know him. Local company with the backing of a nationwide corporation. Is there a possibility of weekly recycling pick up?-yes the cost would be different or you could get an additional cart for every other week at no extra charge for the every other week pick up. Thank you both for attending-this will be added to September's agenda for a final decision.
- Compensation for Patti for park events-Patti goes up to clean the shelter before and after each event. We are looking to compensate her for her time in doing this. Motion made by Trustee Steinle to pay Patti \$25 per event for Patti, seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously. Should we look into raising the rent for the Shelter? We will discuss this at the next meeting.
- Village Street parking- We received a phone call from Bank-a-Count followed up with a nice letter. They have had two very near accidents with people parking by their entrances-people are parking very tightly. We talked about painting curbs and we have to be 4 ft from a driveway entrance and 10ft in front of a fire station. Can we paint parking spots in front of these businesses? Those would bring more awareness to people parking on Main St. At this point we should paint the curbs yellow. Any business driveways from the Railroad tracks up will be painted yellow. Motion made to paint 4ft in from all driveways directly associated with commercial buildings by Trustee Larsen, seconded by Trustee Steinle; carried unanimously.
- Raising Generator Slab on Cty C/Main St Met with concrete raisers and the slab is all twisted out of shape-it can be raised with the gas line on it-not worried about

the electrical lines at all \$450 to have that done and it is guaranteed for 3 years. Motion made by Trustee Larsen to pay the \$450 and have it raised, seconded by Trustee Reid; carried unanimously. There are no pillars in front of that generator to protect it if a car were to run off the road and hit that-we do have some guardrails we could look into having someone install them.

- Stray animals/humane society contract-Table this for next month Kristina will find out an exact quote.
- Railroad quiet zone We are looking into becoming a quiet zone from 10p-7a. We shouldn't need any further modifications to the current crossings. There have only been two accidents in 1998 and 2011 so we should be able to have this pass. (Q) Who would be liable if there is an accident that happens during the quiet time? There are still lights and guardrails for people to see; the horn just would not be blown between certain hours. Other towns are quiet zones-and it is posted throughout the railway. Motion made for Trustee Reid to continue with the application by President Whipple, seconded by Trustee Whipple; carried unanimously.
- The stop sign at Dairyland and Sunset-Traffic is moving pretty quickly through that road there. Rotate stop sign to North & South (currently East & West). We have been asked multiple times about slowing this traffic down. We had previously talked about putting up a 15mph sign. (Q) As people come down-they come flying down the gravel road-how can we enforce the speed back there? Dairystate owns that chunk of land back there. Septic trucks shouldn't be back on that road as it is. Motion made by Trustee Steinle to turn the stop sign, seconded by Trustee Whipple; carried unanimously.
- Park rental/ flea market/small animal swap-Penny Shanks called and asked about potentially renting out the shelter at the park so she could host a flea market/small animal swap. (Flea market fee is \$10/event and park rental is \$100/day) All animals are contained, no mess left behind as they are all in crates. Small animals only i.e. rabbits, chickens, ducks etc.. No dogs, no hoofed animals and no sick animals. Follows all Dept of Agriculture rules and regulations. She has done 3 of these events in Neillsville and Rudolph is MUCH closer. (potential dates August 29, 30, 31 or Sept 12, 13, 14) Board approved her to rent this out.

Agenda requests

- Garbage Bids-WM & Harters
- Shelter rental amount
- Chemical Building
- Humane Society

Trustee Whipple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm, seconded by Trustee Steinle; carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina Rebarchek, Village Clerk