

## **Village of Rudolph Minutes of March 10th, 2026**

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Board Members Present:	Trustee Erin Whipple Trustee Rich Larsen Trustee Darren Reid Trustee Christy Steinle	President Kevin Whipple Clerk Kristina Rebarchek Treasurer Joanna Mack
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Meeting called to order by President Whipple at 6:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

### **Public Comments/Concerns:**

- ★ Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday April 4th at 10am at the Rudolph Park.
- ★ The Board met with Rusty and he is in contact with some contractors about the feed mill and he is waiting for them to get back to him and to find someone that has time to look at the mill; the board did grant him an extension.
- ★ Rich Larsen is going to start getting the park ready for the season this week.
- ★ The Village is hosting a FREE Electronic Recycling event on Saturday, April 25th, 2026. The list of accepted items will be posted in the sewer bill and outside the Village Hall. This is open to Village residents only.

### **Old Business:**

- Tree Grant-Christy wrote the grant for Trees Forever from Alliant and the Village of Rudolph was granted \$5,000! We ordered trees through Urban's greenhouse-have to be 5-10 gallons in size as this allows us about 42 trees. We will host a community planting event towards the end of May. Japanese lilac trees, white oak, crabapple, red bud, serviceberry and aspen trees were ordered.

### **New Business:**

- Legion Honor Walk Donation-Looking at our 2026 Budget we are currently at a loss of \$6,200. Is this something we should be giving the taxpayers money to from an "audit" standpoint? Normally we do give \$500 yearly. Tabling this discussion for April agenda.
- ESA Solar Farm-They want to extend their contract another year until they hope that they get approved for the small solar farm. The Village is only getting \$2500/year with them not developing the land. We are going to look over the contract and visit this again in April.

- Building permits-Should we be charging for re-roofing and re-siding of housing?-That is the only way the assessor knows that something on that house has been done which is the main reason we have a small fee. It's nice that the money the Village does make from these permits helps to cover the permits people don't pull for-diggers hotline. However, those people shouldn't have to pay for what other people are not. How can we regulate this, how can we follow up with the diggers hotline calls to charge the correct residents without a permit being pulled? The assessor said it didn't matter what you were putting on as long as it had siding. That's what he was looking at as long as there was some kind of siding being put on. If you are building something new then yes that adds on to the value and you have to have that inspected so there should be permits pulled for that as that helps cover the cost of the inspector coming. Homeowners are responsible for permits-sometimes contractors are as well. Years ago we used to have permits for everything and no one wanted to "babysit". Do we need to send invoices for the building permits that are not being pulled? We will need to revisit the building permit codes and fee schedule next month. What do we do with those that just sent checks, do we accept them or send them back? There are two separate fee schedules on the website, we need to clean the website up. We are going to back date to January 1st, 2026 and anyone who paid a permit fee for new window, siding, roofing will be refunded. President Whipple made a motion to approve refunding anyone who pulled a permit for re-roofing, re-siding, & windows from January 1st, 2026 until now, seconded by Trustee Reid; carried unanimously.
- Dairy State Wine License-Dairy State would like to start selling wine in store. They are applying for a Class C Wine License-\$50/annually. Motion made to approve Dairy States application for a Class C Wine license by Trustee Steinle, seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously.
- Little League Beer License-Little League is applying for a "Temporary Class "B" Retailers License for the sale of fermented malt beverages at a Gathering" for their Little League Tournament June 26th, 27th & 28th, 2026. Motion made to grant the request to the Little League for their License to sell fermented malt beverages by Trustee Whipple, seconded by Trustee Steinle; carried unanimously.
- Sewer-There was a resident that said he had a sewer smell coming into their house and they called Crockett Septic/Waynes Drains and said that there was no blockage but it was backing up to him. Waynes Drains followed the back up to Bades apartments and started jetting it and there was a lot of stuff in the pipes (clorox wipes, wipes, non-flushable items). He said we could camera it and tell them which apartment it is coming out of directly if that was something we wanted done in the future. The Village will be getting a bill for that since it was in

our drains. Waynes Drains said they would be willing to come out and camera our sewer lines throughout the Village as well. We should be getting in the habit of getting our sewer lines checked even if it is in certain areas each year so that we know what kind of shape our lines are in. Trustee Larsen is going to get a quote from Waynes Drains for this. We will send a letter to Mark Bade in regards to his apartments so he can let his tenants know. Our WEP Loan with USDA in regards to sewer is in the process of looking to refinance the rest of our loan per USDA. We would like to stay at our current rate of interest (2.75%) so that we can start on maintaining our sewer lines efficiently. We will update in April again.

- CD Renewal-There is a sewer CD that is up for renewal in April, 2026. We will be renewing the CD to get the best rate with First State Bank and keeping those funds in their.
- March 23rd meeting at fire station-Join us March 23rd 5:30-6:30pm at the Rudolph Fire Station 1559 Main St, to learn about the upcoming HWY 13 project.
- Ponds Rd-We have a Road Sign. The wastewater treatment plant needs a physical address for deliveries-they asked for Bittersweet but since that is a DeadEnd we think it would be a nightmare. Ponds Rd is not an official Rd so we just need a resolution to name Ponds Rd. Resolution 32026 to dedicate Ponds Rd from Cty Rd C to the extension of Bittersweet-for the public use. Motion made by Trustee Whipple to accept Resolution 32026, seconded by Trustee Steinle: carried unanimously.

#### **Agenda requests**

- Legion honor Walk
- Snow removal - Mowing regulations
- USDA loan
- Fireworks Permit
- Roads
- Waynes Drains follow up

Trustee Whipple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm , seconded by Trustee Steinle; carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristina Rebarchek, Village Clerk

Monville house-no garbage fees now