## Village of Rudolph Minutes of December 13th, 2022

Board Members Present:President Kevin WhippleTruClerk Kristina RebarchekTruTreasurer Sandy PawleskiTruNot Present: Trustee Megan Stashek due to work.Tru

Trustee Christy Steinle Trustee Rich Larsen Trustee Barb Ziebelle

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

Motion made by Trustee Ziebelle to accept November 8th, 2022 meeting minutes as typed, seconded by Trustee Larsen, carried unanimously.

Reading of the Bills by Treasurer Pawleski. Motion made by Trustee Steinle that the bills be paid as typed, seconded by Trustee Larsen, carried unanimously.

Public Comments/Concerns: Trustee Larsen had received a call about a resident who has 6 dogs in their home and they were wondering if they were all registered and that they have been barking a lot lately. There was a phone call from the Humane Society; someone from the Village took in a stray cat and got bit and they wanted to know what the Village wanted them to do with the cat. The Village does not have a contract with the Humane Society so therefore the Village is not responsible for someone taking in a stray cat.

Comments were made about the public use of the dump area for brush/clippings. There are sorted piles of brush/clippings, the Village asks that you please pay attention to where you are dumping said debris and try to dump accordingly in the sorted piles.

## **Old Business:**

- Solar Farm-The attorney looked at the draft for the lease sent by ESA, made some suggested changes. At this point we are going to send the draft back to ESA for them to review our changes and accept or change what we have revised to them and go from there. Once this draft comes back we will vote on it for approval. Location is the Industrial Park-ESA would be leasing/fencing in about 19 acres for the solar farm. Construction would not start on this until approximately 2025.
- Ordinances are being uploaded to the Village website. Some ordinances are on the website and we are working on getting the rest uploaded as we can.

## **New Business:**

- Village re-evaluation 2025-The Government mandates that the Village be reevaluated every few years, which has to be by the end of 2025. Greg Schmidt has locked us in for the 2025 dates at his current rate of \$13,000.00. Motion made to accept the contract as typed for the re-evaluation in 2025 by Trustee Ziebelle, seconded by Trustee Steinle, carried unanimously. (Note: If we do not have this locked in and completed prior to time frame of the tax assessment due date the village faces having a state adjuster come in to do the assessments and would cost the village at least double to have completed)
- Review sewer insert-Village meeting dates, Spring election dates, Property tax payment dates, cat & dog issues, Village brush piles, nomination papers for the President & Trustee position, Thank you from Country Christmas.
- Signature on bank account-There are two names of past board members on the bank accounts still (Bruce and Joel) along with Barb Ziebelle; the current board has agreed to remove these 3 names and have President Whipple and Treasurer Pawleski be the only names on the accounts needing 2 signatures. Signature on bank account- There are two names of past board members (Bruce and Joel) who need to be removed from the accounts along with Barb ZiebelleMotion made to remove names and add President Whipple by Trustee Ziebelle, seconded by Trustee Larsen, carried unanimously.
- Rockwell Automation renewal-\$1200 bill when we got the new sewer computer and licensing; we can let this fee lapse because what we have now should last us 5-7 years and technology could change in that time frame. When it is needed again they can prorate the fee at that time.
- April election-President and Trustee position are open. Please contact the Village Clerk or a board member for the forms. Deadline is December 31st, 2022 to be on the ballot for the Spring Election.

## Updates:

- Cell Phone tower, Bank-a-Count is having a cell tower put up on their property, US Cellular is looking for approval from the board so they can begin the building process.
- Butcher shop, are they connected to the sewer? Trustee Ziebelle is going to let them know what the hook up fee is. Trustee Larsen is going to be meeting with them in regards to their plans and hook up connections.
- Cement blocks-There were cement blocks put up to block the entrance to the Village dump area and sewer area. Fischer had put the cement blocks up on his part of the driveway-the board is going to try talking with Fischer to come to an agreement before pursuing the attorney. The Legion had put up cement blocks around their lot line however the fire department is concerned with these blocks

as they would not be able to safely or quickly get to the house in the back if there were a fire. Also there were concerns with the fence ordinance and the placing of the blocks-the Village needs to look at the fence ordinance again. President Whipple is going to talk with the Legion in regards to their cement blocks.

Next meeting is being moved to Tuesday January 17th, 2023 at 6pm in the Village Hall due to a couple of board members being absent for the original January 10th date. Trustee Steinle is excused from the January meeting.

Trustee Steinle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Larsen, carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 7:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristina Rebarchek, Village Clerk