

Proceedings of the Regular Monthly Meeting

Village of Rudolph Board of Trustees

July 12th, 2022

Present: President pro-term Ziebell, Clerk Hayes, Treasurer Pawelski, Trustees Larsen, Steinle and Stashek.

President Pro-Term Ziebell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointing of Kristina Hayes as the Village Clerk for Rudolph.

President Pro-Term Ziebell moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen to approve last month's minutes as typed. Unanimously approved.

Old Business

- Playground revitalization- Trustee Steinle met with Ron and he was going to take care of cutting trees down and he is ready to start. Caution tape is up around the old playground. Check came for the TC Energy Grant, followed up on Alliant energy grant and we did not get approved for that, applied for a different local grant and waiting to hear about that for playground equipment.
- Junk ordinance rewrite- Copies Section 8.1.8 Unhealthy hazardous or unsightly materials on public or private property. Should this have been the ordinance given out with the last letters? Would the word "clutter" need to be added to the ordinance? Ordinance will be left as is.
- We no longer have an attorney. Letter was sent from the attorney on 6/28/22 stating he did not receive feedback from the village after he provided the village with the appropriate steps to take in regards to the ordinance letters and he has since resigned.
- Liquor License renewal and payments were first approved without being approved by the board, Kristina is working on Class C for Ashbeck Interiors.
- Trustee Larsen-the back door of village Hall-Price quote from Valley \$4,500.00 to replace the entire door and the frame because of the rust. Ron Adamski thinks that he can do it a little cheaper, he is working on a quote. It is currently a fire hazard.

New Business

Ditch Cleaning:

West side of the tracks: Trustee Larsen-they changed the route of storm sewer-outfall on the west side of tracks has been abandoned, they eliminated pits by tracks and went to the east side of the tracks. County will not do the clean up. Possibility of construction company coming in to help clean it up. If it plugs up then the storm sewers start backing up. Trustee Larsen is going to contact a few construction companies for pricing to get it done quickly.

Solar farm project:

Permit request was received for a solar farm project. We need to give them a copy of the ordinance about wind energy system-they need to submit a survey and plan showing location with accurate and complete description of the use. Upon receipt of the application we have to hold a public hearing for the people who live in the area. Trustee Larsen is going to send the ordinance information to the person/company inquiring. Solar farm plan was brought forward from Jim Edwards whose property it would potentially be on. (esaSolar out of Florida)

Toilet:

New toilet is needed in the Village Hall. Porcelain is worn off and staining, making it unsightly. Plan to get a new toilet installed before the election.

Operators License:

Need approval for Nathan Fuller to have an operators license, \$5 fee will be brought the next day. Trustee Steinle made a motion to approve Nathan for the operators license and Trustee Stashek seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Tractor show:

Need to get paperwork and approve license for tractor show Saturday, August 13th, 2022. Trustee Steinle made a motion to approve the license for them as soon as we get the information; Trustee Larsen seconded.

Park Committee:

Committee met on Friday, July 8th, 2022. Benches /bleachers need to be repaired and Patrick said he would repair them if we got the materials. Replacing them was an option at one time, nothing was ever followed through-aluminum bleachers possibly? Could we just paint the boards that are there currently? Good idea is to look at state auction sites. We need to check with the insurance company and see if there are any liabilities if we do replace the bleachers. Meeting Friday again to discuss more. Discussed rules for little league about garbage and clean up-letting the board know about tournaments so there is no interference with someone renting the park.

Backup worker needed for the park. Patty might not be available to mow lawn or care for the shelter-looking for a backup in case she is unavailable. Trustee Steinle will post something on the village Facebook page to see if anyone is available to help if needed.

Attorney:

They have one attorney for the city of Marshfield, one for the city of Rapids; cannot be Nicholas Abts as there is conflict of interest with our village. President pro-term Ziebell is going to ask attorneys in the area to see if anyone would be interested in representing the Village.

Sewer rate increase:

We have to increase the rates. \$80,000 sent to Wisconsin Rapids yearly; \$39,000 suggested for sewer repairs yearly; if we increase our expenses which are \$216,000, our income for the end of 2022 is \$173,000. We are already in debt before the end of the year. (Some repairs have not

been done yet). If we increase our sewer rates by 5%, our income will be \$182,000 which is still \$10,000 short. If we increase it by 10% our income would be \$191,000 which means we are \$1,000 short given that the expenses stay as they are. Next year should we increase sewer rates by 10%? We have to invest in the system we have and in order to make money a 15% increase in the sewer bill was suggested during conversation as well. A \$39,000 sewer repair bill is budgeted for the section by Tony Konkol where the pipe went bad and it has holes in it; therefore they have to inject a sleeve and make a new pipe out of that section with that sleeve. We could go with a \$22,000 repair that would just be patches but there are no guarantees with that.

Trustee Larsen had talked about assessing the empty lots (\$50/quarter or something similar)-not sure if we can legally do that. Carl stated "see you in court." We would need to get a hold of the legal municipality attorney for the rules of what the village can and cannot do. Carl is trying to sell his empty lot and he can not sell it so why should he be penalized for it not being sold? Carl has the Christmas tree lot. Trustee Larsen suggested for Him to put a 'For Sale' sign out so that everyone can see it is for sale.

Trustee Steinle had a question about those who do not pay their sewer bill. At the end of the year the first part of their tax bill is the sewer bill. There are about 16 families that do not pay at the end of the year so we are not getting all of our revenue. A decision has to be made about the sewer right now. President pro-term Zeibell moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen to increase in 2023 our sewer rates by 15%. Motion carried unanimously.

CarPorts and Shelter:

Trustee Larsen was inquiring about Tim Minch's carport being put up as there was no permit for it (Tim mentioned that it is a temporary building). Trustee Larsen: if it's temporary then it has to be in the back of your primary building as it can't be on the side and it can't be in front of it. Tim asked if he needed a permit to leave it there? Answer to that was unknown as we no longer have an attorney to reference for these questions. Trustee Larsen-do we want carports in the village? President pro-term Zeibell stated we have some already-multiple houses that were named off that have carports already. Since the carport can go up and be taken down in a day some insurance companies have stated it is not a permanent building. Trustee Steinle references ordinance 13-1-94 Permitted Parking or Storage of Recreational Vehicles. 1) Parking is permitted inside any enclosed structure, which structure otherwise conforms to the zoning requirement to the particular zoning district. 2) Parking is permitted outside in the side yard provided it is not nearer than 5 feet to a lot line and no more than 2 travel campers, boats, snowmobile/ATV or other recreational trailers are parked on the property 3) Parking is permitted outside on a hard surface or well drained gravel driveway.

Someone asked if having a carport was a nuisance or what the deal was?

Trustee Larsen is worried about them being unsightly-if we start letting them pop up is it going to get out of hand? According to a zoning code it is an enclosed structure-do we need to revamp this code? If Rusty brings in a bunch of carports are we ok with that? Do you need a permit for what is considered a temporary building? Is a permit needed if it is on a second lot? Everyone

has a different mentality when it comes to carports. The ordinance needs to be looked at to be more detailed as to what a carport is. President pro-term Zeibell is going to call the league about assessing the empty lots and inquire about the carports.

Tim Minch wanted to know if he has the go ahead to put his sides on his carport or not. President pro-term Zeibell said we have carports in the village already and nothing is being done about them so I think you should just do what you were going to do and put up the sides.

Fire Department Street Dance:

Had a great turn out with a great parade-and the EMS fire department with the helicopter flying overhead along with good food and music. Inquiry about if the food trucks pay to come in? The answer was yes, they pay the FD \$150.00.

Miscellaneous:

Date for next month's meeting needs to be changed due to the partisan primary Tuesday, August 9th, 2022. Monday August 8th will be the next meeting instead of Tuesday August 9th.

Trustee Larsen had noticed some missing pages in the ordinance book at one time; 13.1.24 - 13.1.39 are reserved for future use. Nothing is in that section currently.

Sewer newsletter. Ben Grimm is listed but has Bruce's phone number-update that contact information to Ben.

Mark's culvert on the corner of 3rd is collapsing. Trustee Larsen mentioned he may have to look at that along with the manhole in his back yard that sticks up.

Culverts -talked about getting a culvert on Dairyland Lane last October. Bruce was going to look at that and never did. Rich said we can take a look at it. He wants the drainage part looked at, not the culvert because the water sits lower than the next culvert lot so the water is just sitting there.

Julie K said she can't mow the lawn behind her house because it is too wet. The previous owner kept it mowed.

What is in deal for the president position for the Village? Tim Minch is currently considering it. If we do have other people that are interested in the position they should still apply. The President would serve out the term until April 2023 and then formally run.

Would like the board to consider putting on the agenda for next month's meeting: the corner of Grotto and 4th Street has been filled in before and it does not currently drain, if you mow anywhere close to it you will get stuck, what can we do? It smells and mosquitoes are bad and it is unsightly. Put on the agenda for next month to take a look at it.

Parsnips are back, a batch of them next to the brush pile and along the railroad tracks, they are getting sprayed by Larsen.

Bring up a dead end sign installed on the corner of Larksnow and Bittersweet. Would like to change the location and install dead end signs on the street sign according to DOT standards. Technically it is not even the correct dead end sign, the whole subdivision is a dead end-the current sign is 38inches from the ground and it is not mower friendly or kid friendly. Legal placement of the dead end sign is by Ashbeck Interiors. Looking for boards permission to put up proper dead end signs and be reimbursed if the board approves the placement. Or have the current dead end sign up to DOT standard and have it 7ft off the ground not 38 inches. Mike would order, install, have it inspected and then will be reimbursed by the Village. Motion made by Trustee Larsen to let Mike Minch redo the dead end sign and make it nice; Trustee Steinle seconded; motion carried.

Trustee Larsen volunteered to mow in Larry Hartjes' incapacity-Joe Haupt will assist.

Reading of the bills; skip in the checks because of some pre-signed checks that were voided-motion made by President Pro-Term Ziebell, seconded by Trustee Larsen; motion was carried unanimously.

Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by President Pro-Term Ziebell to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

7:17 pm meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Hayes, Village Clerk