

Proceedings of the Regular Monthly Meeting Village of Rudolph Board of Trustees

December 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order by the Board President Bruce Kniprath at 6:00pm.

Present: Trustees Steinle, Ziebell, Van Asten, Moscinski, President Kniprath, Treasurer Pawleski, Deputy Clerk Hoyt. Absent: None. The meeting was opened by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to accept the November 2019 Minutes as presented was made by Ziebell, second by Moscinski. No discussion and the motion passed without objection.

Discussion - The Town of Rudolph replied to Trustee Steinle regarding the question of sharing the expense to maintain the compost / brush pile. They have decided to not share the cost, even though Town residents regularly use our "compost dump". A discussion took place regarding how to address this going forward. Many good ideas were presented but all had costs associated with them. It was agreed that, for now, no action will be taken but this matter will be brought up again.

Kniprath presented the proposed 2020 budget. A motion was made by Steinle to accept the proposed budget, Moscinski seconded the motion. The budget has a deficit of roughly twenty-four thousand dollars. Hoyt suggested a motion to raise the Village fees for permits, licenses, rentals, etc. A motion was made by Steinle, seconded by Van Asten, to review the current fee structure. Because the fees encompass four pages, Kniprath tabled the motion to allow time for the fee schedule to be reviewed. The motion to accept the 2020 budget as presented passed without objection.

Kniprath presented his sponsorship of an Amendment to the Village Ordinance 2-2-8, written in 2007, which deals with salaries of the Village Board. Text of the proposed Amendment will be drafted by Hoyt, to be reviewed at the January Board meeting. The summary of changes for annual salaries are:

President from 2,000 to 3,000; Clerk from 2,200 to 6,000; Treasurer from 1,100 to 3,000

These changes, if approved, would go into effect after the 2021 election cycle for elected officials.

Due to the budget shortfall and extraordinary expenses incurred by the Board in 2019, a Resolution to raise property taxes was suggested and discussion took place regarding the amount and time frame for such an increase. It was agreed that a Special Meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, December 16th at 5:00 pm to adopt a Resolution that will put a Referendum on the April ballot. Details will be finalized at next Monday's meeting.

Steinle motions to increase the Village Park rental fee from \$60 to \$75, Kniprath seconds. Discussion took place regarding the expenses incurred in renting the Park. One group used a power tap off the main breaker panel to extend the use of electricity far beyond the shelter building. It was suggested that a \$25 surcharge be levied for such additional requirements. After further consideration the original motion was changed from \$75 to \$100 for all future Park rentals. The amendment was accepted and the revised Motion passed without objection.

The Wisconsin League of Cities sent a letter requesting \$225 to be listed in their directory. The Board rejected the offer stating a different organization that better represents small communities would be more appropriate for Rudolph.

A motion was made by Ziebell to accept and pay the bills as presented, Van Asten seconded. There was discussion regarding some specific items but the motion passed without objection.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ziebell and seconded by Steinle. Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel M. Hoyt
Deputy Clerk