

**CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**43038 State Hwy 30, Rushford Village, Minnesota 55971-5167**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The February 15, 2022 Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Overland at 7:00 p.m. in the Rushford Village Office. Council Members present: Mike Ebner, Roger Knutson, Robert Hart and Rick Ruberg; Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor Trenten Chiglo, City Attorney Joseph O'Koren, Treasurer Judy Graham, Clerk Mary Miner.

Absent: Planning/Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit

**AGENDA** was approved as presented

Motion by Knutson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hart, Carried.

**MINUTES** from the February 1, 2022 Campground Definition Change Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented

Motion by Ebner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hart, Carried.

**CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT:** Jason McCaslin-Fillmore County Assessor, Rebecca Charles-CEDA, George Graham

**•Jason McCaslin-Fillmore County Assessor-2022 Assessment:**

- Fillmore County Assessor's Office responds to sales activity. Housing prices are very high right now
- The MN Dept. of Revenue sets compliance measures the Fillmore County Assessor has to make sure are met
- Every 5 years the Assessor's office appraisal staff is setting foot on each piece of property for an inspection.
- Property is revalued every year to respond to changes in market activity which can change the value of properties
- MN Dept of Revenue requires the median ratio must be between 90%-105% to be in compliance
- CRV Median Sale Ratio is at 68.53%
- Time adjustment is applied to sales prices every year. Because of inflation and property values over the last 1-2 years this time adjustment is off the charts. MN Dept. of Revenue calculates this and administers this to the Counties to be used in their final statistics.
- Current time adjustment sales study period runs from 10/1/2020-9/30/2021. Assessment date in January 2, 2022
- Any jurisdiction with 6 or more sales must be maintained at a compliant level. CRV had 11 home sales in 2021
- CRV will see a 48% increase to building values, 10% increase for tillable farm land and timber will increase from \$2,500.00 to \$3,800.00 per acre, pasture ground remains at approximately \$3,500.00 per acre, to bring the CRV Median Ratio into compliance at 92%. State land is exempt from property tax
- The increase will be across the board for all CRV residents. The tax levy will determine what happens with taxes
- CRV is not the only jurisdiction effected. Tax capacity for all of Fillmore County will go up significantly
- The increase will go into effect for taxes payable in 2023
- The time to appeal is shortly after the notice of evaluation and classification is received in the mail. On the bottom of the notice will be instructions on what to do to appeal
- Fillmore County Beacon is a good tool to look at property values/assessments
- Citizens with questions or concerns can contact the Fillmore County Assessors office in Preston

**FINANCIALS-** Receipts through February 15, 2022 \$3,933.83, Expenses through February 15, 2022 \$18,661.94/Estimated February Receipts \$8,700.00/Estimated February Expenses \$26,000.00

CD's renewing at current advertised rates

**Motion** made to approve the Financials as presented

Motion by Hart, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knutson. Carried.

**PLANNING/ZONING:** Pettit: New Permits/Inquiries/Updates:

**New Permits:** None Written

**Permit Status / Projects in Process / Inquiries:** No report

**ROADS/WATER/SEWER:**

**•Roads/Utilities Update-Chiglo:**

- Chiglo reported he is working on a projects list for spring
- Ebner reported the new Freightliner is in Rochester and should be going to Centerville WI next week
- Ebner has been in contact with Kelly Printing regarding the wording/design for the Freightliner doors
- Ebner is working on getting quotes for community center/maintenance shed generator. CRV has a 400 amp service with a 27kW constant load all winter will require an industrial size generator instead of a residential generator and a different transfer switch. The cost will be more, ARPA Funds should pay it. Work would be done mid to late fall

**OTHER:**

**•American Facility Services-Mark Thompson-4 hours per week \$85.00:**

- Thompson provided a proposal of \$85.00 for 4 hours of community center cleaning per week. This would include office cleaning. They are willing to work weekends if cleaning is needed between weekend rentals when more than 1 rental per week is allowed
- The proposal received did not address if this could be on a as needed basis. It was questioned if it would need to be cleaned every week, even when there was not a rental

- There will be extra cleaning like washing windows, washing walls, cleaning the office, etc. that could be done when the normal community center cleaning is not needed
- tabled until more information is received regarding as needed basis

•**CRV Hall Rental Rates:**

- CRV and other area rental venue rates were reviewed
- Council feels the CRV Community Center rental is a service that should be provided to CRV residents and is used by others from the surrounding communities and believe the rental rates should recoup some of the expenses but should not be expected to make money
- Current CRV rates without food are \$25.00 for half day-\$35.00 for whole day/with food are \$35.00 for half day-\$50.00 for whole day/\$50.00 damage deposit. Use of video equipment requires an additional \$15.00 to rent and an additional \$25.00 for damage deposit
- Any rentals already recorded on 2022 calendar prior to rental rate increase will remain at old rental rates

**Motion** made to increase CRV Community Center rates to \$50.00 for half day, morning or afternoon/ \$100.00 for whole day/ \$100.00 damage deposit. The additional charge for video equipment will remain the same. Increase effective 2/15/2022 **Motion** by Hart, 2nd by Knutson. Carried.

•**Proposed CRV AWAIR Program:**

- Personnel Committee Knutson and Ruberg reviewed the AWAIR program

**Motion** made to approve the AWAIR Program as presented with review by Council annually

**Motion** by Knutson, 2nd by Hart, Carried.

•**Resolution 2022-2-15 Supporting Housing and Local Decision-Making Authority:**

- LMC requested Cities approve a resolution in support of housing and local decision-making authority so each City can make housing and zoning decisions right for their City

**Motion** made to approve Resolution 2022-2-15 Supporting Housing and Local Decision-Making Authority

**Motion** by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried.

•**LMC Safety & Loss Control Workshops-Miner & Chiglo-\$20.00 each:**

- LMC Safety & Loss Control Workshop will be April 28, 2022 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Civic Center in Rochester MN

**Motion** made to approve Miner and Chiglo attend the LMC Safety & Loss Control Workshop at a cost of \$20.00 each

**Motion** by Knutson, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

•**CEDA-Rebecca Charles Update:**

- Charles provided the Comprehensive Planning Survey results report to the Council for review and asked they contact her with anything they find should be reviewed or changed before it is considered final and posted on the CRV website
- Charles presented her 2021 year in review report.. Future goals include updating the CRV Comp Plan, start of the 2022 trails study project, safe routes to school planning and grant applications and community marketing/identity which could include updating the CRV logo and a new sign at City Hall
- Charles will meet with Chiglo to discuss projects, replacing the F450 plow/F450 Truck, running water to the maintenance shed, purchasing fire cabinets for the shop, etc. to determine if there are any grants available
- Trails Study Project-Charles has been in contact with UW LaCrosse and has started the process of setting up 5 informational public meetings. CRV will host a meeting at the CRV Community Center Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 5:30 pm, Peterson is tentatively set for March 28, Rushford is tentatively set for March 31, RP Schools is set for March 25 during the 1st and 2nd class periods and there will be a digital meeting but that date has not been set.

**OTHER UPDATES / MEETINGS:**

- March 1-3, 2022-Chiglo at MRWA Conference taking Class D Water Supply Operator Exam-St Cloud MN
- April 18-22, 2022-CRV Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Open Book at Fillmore County Assessor's Office

**Next Meetings-Council:** March 1 & March 15, 2022, 7:00 pm at CRV Hall Office

**Zoning:** March 15, 2022, 5:30 pm at CRV Hall Office

**Motion made to Adjourn** Regular Council Meeting at 8:18 pm by Ebner, 2nd by Hart. Carried