

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE MINUTES OF THE JULY 19, 2022
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM
43038 State Hwy 30, Rushford Village, Minnesota 55971-5167

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The July 19, 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; Planning/Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit, City Attorney Joseph O’Koren, Treasurer Judy Graham, Clerk Mary Miner
Absent: Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor Trenten Chiglo

AGENDA was approved with the addition of installing water line to the maintenance shed
Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

MINUTES from the July 5, 2022 Regular Council Minutes were approved as presented
Motion by Hart, 2nd by Knutson. Carried.

CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT /WISHING TO BE HEARD: Ben Bernard-R-P Superintendent, Rebecca Charles-CEDA, Kirsten Zoellner-Fillmore County Journal, Derek Olinger-Bolton & Menk, George Graham

- **Ben Bernard-Rushford-Peterson Superintendent:** Bernard introduced himself as the new R-P Schools Superintendent. He invited the Council to visit the school and looks forward to working together. He encourages anyone with ideas to bring them directly to him, his door is always open.

FINANCIALS- Receipts through July 15, 2022 \$49,839.07 (\$45,679.97 ARPA)/ Expenses through July 15, 2022 \$47,554.86 (\$23,001.25 Fahrner Asphalt)
Estimated July Receipts \$107,000.00 (LGA & ARPA)/Estimated July Expenses \$83,000.00
CD’s renewing at current advertised rates

Motion made to approve the Financials as presented **Motion** by Knutson, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

- 2023 Budget Review: Miner reminded Council to think of things they may want to be considered for the 2023 budget. Graham suggested getting started with ARPA projects now

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

New Permits:

- #1512-Trina Happel-Replace Front Door-Village Rd
- #1513-Dan Bieberdorf-Reshingle home-hail damage-Oak View Loop
- #1514-Mike Ebner-Storm repairs (roof)-Rush Creek Roe
- #1515-Trey Ritter-Roof repairs-storm damage-Goodrich St
- #1516-Ray Kjos-Resingle house & garage-Rush Creek Roe
- #1517-Floyd & Barbara Dunn-Repair hail damage to siding & roof-Dunn Ln
- #1518-Brad & Connie Welch- Repair hail damage to siding, roof & deck-Dunn Ln

Permit Status/Projects in Process/Inquiries/Updates: Nothing to report

ROADS/WATER/SEWER:

• **County Line Road-Derek Olinger:**

- Olinger presented his proposal letter for the County Line Rd slope repair
- Olinger feels the best options would be a wall or a wall constructed with gabion baskets
- Olinger’s proposal would cost \$25,500.00 which would include Task 1, geotechnical soil boring/review and a topographic survey to better understand the type of soil and rock structure that is there to help determine the best plan going forward. Task 2 would include developing preliminary grading requirements, coordinating with the geotechnical engineer for proper wall sizing, research additional permits that may be needed, get the preliminary cost, present findings of the preliminary analysis to the Council and provide recommendations which would include more detailed costs along with scope and schedule information for the project
- Development of final plans and specifications for bidding and construction of the improvements is not included in the proposal. An estimate for the remainder of the engineering work would be provided following the council discussion
- Total cost estimate for the project is \$250,000.00
- Chiglo has rip rap ordered and will be placing it when it arrives
- Project would be completed in 2023
- Paying for the project is a concern. Bonding would be an option to pay for the project. The CRV current bond is for \$808,000.00 and will be done in 2032. After 2024 the payment amount drops considerably until paid off in 2032.

- Rebecca Charles will determine if a Community Facilities Grant could be applied for to help pay for the project

Motion made to approve the proposal letter as presented by Derek Olinger-Bolton & Menk in the amount of \$25,500.00

Motion by Ebner, 2nd by Knutson. Carried.

• **Village Rd Bridge-Derek Olinger:**

- Estimated cost to replace bridge with a box culvert \$500,000.00, there could be other options available for less
- Estimated cost to close and remove bridge \$83,000.00. DNR permits would need to be obtained
- The bridge is not required because all residents would have access to State Highway 16 without it
- Olinger recommends closing the bridge because of cost and future maintenance and upkeep. The cost is too great when you compare the cost to replace and the number of residents it serves
- Olinger suggested maybe all the residents east of the bridge be part of one entity so only one entity has to do the maintenance and upkeep of the road
- Olinger's opinion is if the bridge is closed remove it, there will not be any public use for it. At some point the bridge will fail and cause problems. CRV would keep the right of way
- Olinger does not recommend selling the bridge to a property owner because of safety concerns
- The Rushford Snowmobile Club uses this bridge as a crossing point
- Letters will be sent to all residents along Village Road, Yucatan Township and the Rushford snowmobile club inviting them to the August 16, 2022 meeting at 7:00pm when this will be discussed further by the Council. Overland will contact a Yucatan supervisor to let them know what is going on.

• **Crack Filling/Chip Sealing-Derek Olinger:**

- The crack filling project is complete at a final cost of \$23,001.25, approximately \$2,000.00 over the estimated cost. Fahrner Asphalt did the work
- A portion of Oak View Loop did not get crack filled because of extensive cracks. All of Oak View Loop will probably need to be reclaimed because of deterioration in the next 5 to 10 years
- Olinger suggested doing approximately \$50,000.00 in chip sealing in 2023. Roads would include Laura Lane, Hillview, Nordic Court, Sherwood, Whitmore, Main, Prospect, Darr Ln, Hayes, Meadow Ave.
- Olinger stated a lot of the streets will be at 9 years and it is best to have them on a 7 year maintenance schedule. The remaining streets would be done in 2025
- Quote package should go out this winter or early spring for work to be done summer 2023

OTHER:

- **CEDA Update June 20-July 15-Rebecca Charles:**
 - SMIF grant to expand hall parking lot has been submitted. August 10th grant winners will be announced
 - Waiting to hear back from MN DOT about what can be done regarding the property on Highway 16
 - Charles, Overland and Miner will tour the Pioneer Seed building on August 16th at 4:00 pm. The hope is to find a business that would be suited for this space
 - Charles is researching to see what projects may qualify for a Community Facilities Grant. Proposed projects are Village Rd Bridge, County Line Rd slope repair and an addition to the maintenance shed
- **Water Line to Maintenance Shed:**
 - Ebner will contact STS Plumbing from Mabel to get an estimate to run a water line from the community center to the maintenance shed

OTHER UPDATES/ MEETING:

- July 24 thru 29-Miner on vacation
- August 9, 2022-Primary Election-CRV Hall 7:00 am-8:00 pm

Next Meetings-Council: August 2, 2022 & August 16, 2022, 7:00 pm at CRV Hall Office

Zoning: August 16, 2022, 5:30 pm at CRV Hall Office

Motion made to Adjourn Regular Council Meeting at 8:00 pm by Ebner, 2nd by Knutson. Carried