

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2022
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM
43038 State Hwy 30, Rushford Village, Minnesota 55971-5167

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The August 16, 2022 Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Overland at 7:00 p.m. in the Rushford Village Community Center. Council Members Present: Mike Ebner, Roger Knutson, Robert Hart and Rick Ruberg; Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor Trenten Chiglo, Planning/Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit, City Attorney Joseph O'Koren, Treasurer Judy Graham, Clerk Mary Miner

AGENDA was approved as presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

MINUTES from the August 2, 2022 Regular Council Minutes were approved as presented

Motion by Knutson, 2nd by Hart. Carried.

CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT /WISHING TO BE HEARD: Burdell Hahn-Yucatan Township, Tyler Eide, Michelle Kahoun, Rebecca Charles-CEDA, Derek Olinger-Bolton & Menk, Kirsten Zoellner-Fillmore County

FINANCIALS- Receipts through August 15, 2022 \$3,219.29 /Expenses through August 15, 2022 \$17,435.09
Estimated August Receipts \$9,300.00/Estimated August Expenses \$25,000.00
CD's renewing at current advertised rates

Motion made to approve the Financials with the correction Estimated July Expenses changed to Estimated August Expenses

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

- 2023 Budget Review: Items to add to proposed budget \$4,000.00 yearly tool budget, \$95,000.00 F550 Truck

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

New Permits:

- #1528-Jerry Kopperud-Replace Shingles-State Highway 43
- #1529-Glen & Letita Kopperud-New 12'x15' 4 Season Room-State Highway 43
- #1530-Terry Blagsvedt-Repair Storm Damage-Rush Creek Roe

Permit Status/Projects in Process/Inquiries/Updates:

- Pettit reported Steve Anderson will be submitting a permit for a grain bin and Christoffel Badenhorst will be submitting a permit for a house addition
- Pettit reported there have been a lot of storm damage permits written and expects more. A permit is needed to repair storm damage

ROADS/WATER/SEWER:

•Village Rd Bridge-Derek Olinger-Bolton & Menk:

- Olinger stated the Village Rd bridge is almost 100 years old and will need attention. The state bridge inspection report does not say the bridge needs to be closed right now but there will be a day when that will come, Olinger does not advise the Council wait until they are told to close the bridge to do something. Olinger suggests something be done within the next 5 years
- Most of the bridge structural issues are in and around the deck. The deck is covered with blacktop so the exact condition of the deck cannot be seen on the surface but from underneath there are signs of aging
- Road surface improvement options were reviewed. Cost would depend on if the roads were kept as paved or if some sections would be returned to gravel
- Because of the age of the Village Rd Bridge improvements to the bridge would mean replacing the bridge. Because there is access for residents on either side of the bridge another option would be to potentially removing the bridge
- Estimated cost to remove the bridge \$80,000.00-\$90,000.00.
- Estimated cost to replace with a box culvert \$460,000.00-\$525,000.00. There could be other options other than a box culvert to consider like an aluminum arch but that may not hold up when heavy equipment would need to be used to clear debris from the culvert making this option less desirable
- If the bridge were to be closed Olinger suggests it be removed as it would never be reopened again and leaving the bridge in place would be a safety concern and could potentially block the waterflow if it collapsed

- Olinger does not recommend the bridge be sold to a resident because of the bridge condition as well as other safety concerns and it could potentially block the waterflow if it collapsed. A potential option if the bridge was removed and if a resident did not like the new access they could potentially put in their own private access but that resident would have to go through all the DNR permitting and hydraulic analysis and it would be costly
- Road maintenance would remain the same, CRV takes care of their section and Yucatan takes care of their section. Both sections were black topped around the year 2000
- Hahn from Yucatan Township stated their portion of Village Rd would be gravel
- It would need to be determined if the section of Village road that joins Yucatan Township would remain blacktop or if it would be restored to gravel. Citizens present would like to see the CRV portion remain a paved road and would like to see the Yucatan Township section paved also
- Eide is concerned if the CRV road joining Yucatan is restored to gravel it could hurt the value of his property
- Before anything could be done in regards to closing the bridge a public hearing would be held

• **County Line Soil Boring Update-Derek Olinger-Bolton & Menk:**

- Soil boring has been completed
- Topo will get done next month

• **Sewer Bugs:**

- Chiglo suggested using sewer bugs to help break down the grease buildup at the lift station. There has not been a problem yet with the grease affecting the floats at the lift station but it could easily happen
- When sewer bugs are used you have to stick to the maintenance plan in order for them to be effective. Knutson recommends taking pictures before and after the sewer bugs have been used
- Chiglo estimated the cost at \$500.00-\$1,000.00 for 6 months
- Olinger suggested CRV jet or film the sewer lines every 10 years. This could help determine households that are causing problems as well as find other potential problems

Motion made to approve the purchase of sewer bugs

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

- Chiglo contacted Peterson from Rochester to run water to the Mlsna property

OTHER:

• **Rebecca Charles-Monthly CEDA Report:**

- Continues to work of the Comprehensive Plan
- Been in contact with Lori at UW LaCrosse regarding the Trail Study
- Charles and Overland toured the Pioneer Seed/Old Lumber Yard building on Highway 43 South. Buildings are in great condition and have potential for many different uses. Charles will put together a spec sheet for potential clients who may be looking for a place for their business, current landowners will approve the spec sheet before it is used. It is currently be used for storage
- CRV did not receive the SMIF grant to expand the hall parking area. SMIF felt what CRV wanted to do was more maintenance related than community based

OTHER UPDATES/ MEETING:

Next Meetings-Council: September 6, 2022 & September 20, 2022, 7:00 pm at CRV Hall Office

Zoning: September 20, 2022, 5:30 pm at CRV Hall Office

Motion made to Adjourn Regular Council Meeting at 7:58 pm by Knuston, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried