

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM
43038 State Hwy 30, Rushford Village, Minnesota 55971-5167

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The September 6, 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, Planning/Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit, City Attorney Joseph O’Koren, Treasurer Judy Graham and Clerk Mary Miner

AGENDA was approved as presented

Motion by Knutson, 2nd by Hart. Carried.

MINUTES from the August 16, 2022 Regular Council Minutes were approved as presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried.

CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT /WISHING TO BE HEARD: Kirsten Zoellner-Fillmore County Journal, Jeff Holmquist-Harter’s Quick Clean-Up

• **Jeff Holmquist-Harter’s Quick Clean-Up:**

- Holmquist presented Harter’s proposal to extend the current trash contract which expires February 29, 2023
- 2 options were presented.
 - Option 1: The extension would be for 5 years with a CPI increase of 8% for 2023 with future years featuring the normal CPI increase. Harter’s would replace all the CRV trash carts with used carts in very good condition and take over ownership and maintenance. Tax rates and fuel surcharge would remain the same as in the current contract.
 - Option 2: The extension would be for 5 years with a CPI increase of 5% for 2023 with future years featuring the normal CPI increase. CRV would maintain ownership and maintenance of the trash carts. Tax rates and fuel surcharge would remain the same as in the current contract.
- Cart sizes would be replaced with the size the resident already has, there are approximately 320 stops
- Holmquist believes putting the contract out on bids will result in higher prices and feels extending the contract would be better for CRV
- To replace a cart costs approximately \$100.00 and going up. Automated pick up is hard on the carts and causing damage to the carts
- Option 1 would increase the trash cost to approximately \$80,000.00 for 2023

Motion made to accept Harter’s proposal to extend the trash contract for 5 years with a 8% CPI increase for 2023,

Harter’s will take over ownership and maintenance of the trash carts, includes spring/fall clean up roll off pricing. All pricing will start 3/1/2023.

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried.

- 2023 Budget Review: F550, STS Estimates for Maintenance Shed, COLA
 - Thoughts on the maintenance shed is to start the process of turning the back half into a heated area with a wash bay knowing it could take a couple of years to complete
 - Thoughts on a new F550 were the current F450 might last a couple of years but the plow and box are in need of replacement now and other repairs could be needed so does it make sense to spend that money on the truck or does it make sense to look at purchasing a F550 now while the F450 still has some trade in value.
 - Included in disbursements \$50,000.00 for chipsealing, \$25,000.00 for bridges
 - Chiglo suggested leaving road rock bid at 3,000 yards for 2023, going forward may be able to decrease
 - Council questioned if CD’s could be sold to cover some of the cost of projects. Graham will provide the Council with the CD information to see if some CD’s can be used for proposed 2023 project/items
 - CD balances should be maintained at 1 to 1.5 percent of budget
 - May want to increase the yearly amount spent to purchase equipment CD because the cost to replace equipment has increased

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

New Permits:

- #1531-Jamie & Julie Meldahl-Minor Lower Level Remodel-Pine Ln
- #1532-Christoffel Badenhorst-House Addition-State Hwy 30
- #1533-Steve Anderson-Grain Bin-Airport Rd
- #1534-Thomas & Wanda Kopperud-Replace Patio-State Hwy 43 S
- #1535-Robert Hart-Repair 2 Decks-Pine Lane

Permit Status/Projects in Process/Inquiries/Updates:

- Pettit reported there have been a lot of storm damage permits written, many more will need to be permitted. Pettit asked the Council to report any storm damage repairs they see happening to himself or the CRV office to make sure a permit application has been applied for

ROADS/WATER/SEWER:**•Waterline to maintenance shed & shelter-STS Plumbing and Heating Estimate:**

- Water is needed in the maintenance shed for a bathroom and to wash equipment. An outside hydrant by the maintenance shed was also discussed
- Received an estimate #3883 for \$6,625.14 to run a waterline from the well to the maintenance shed and picnic shelter. Directional drilling from the well under the parking area will be done to avoid tearing up the blacktop
- CRV Maintenance staff would help reduce the cost by doing some of the backhoe work themselves
- VIS Plumbing did not submit an estimate, they would not have time to get the work done this year

Motion made to approve STS Plumbing & Heating estimate #3883 in the amount of \$6,625.14

Motion by Knutson, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

•Road Maintenance:

- Ruberg voiced his concerns regarding road maintenance in general including Airport Road. He would like to see ditchwork done so water will run where it should and not across the road which is causing washouts/ruts. Ruberg is aware the gas line is a concern so he contacted MN Energy to help locate where the gas line runs and possibly the depth it is buried
- Chiglo stated he is aware of the issues on Airport Road and the main reason he has not worked on the road is because of the gas line. Chiglo stated he is aware of location of the gas line for the most part but not the depth so if MN Energy can help with the depth that would be very helpful. Chiglo will submit a locate request and will let Ruberg know when the locate will take place so he can be present. Chiglo will also let Lee from the City of Peterson know when the locate will take place so he can be present for the Peterson section of the road from Benson Lane to Peterson
- Chiglo listed the roads, County Line, North Money Creek, Aspen, Ekren, Holger, Crimson, Vogan, Deep River and Desoto, where ditchwork has been completed this year

OTHER:**•CRV Hall parking lot expansion with 2 electric car charging stations:**

- Hart would like Rebecca Charles-CEDA to research to see if it would be possible to get a grant to expand the CRV Community Center parking lot and include 2 electric car charging stations.
- Miner shared CRV received information on Laura Jane Musser Fund that provides grants for rural communities for multiple projects. This information was forwarded to Charles.

•Employee Guide:

- The Personnel Committee did not review the final draft
- Miner will set a meeting with the Personnel Committee in October to review the guide

OTHER UPDATES/ MEETING:

- December 6, 2022, Tuesday-Truth in Taxation (TNT) Meeting @ 7:30 pm at CRV Office

Next Meetings- Council: September 20, 2022 & October 4, 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 9:02 pm by Knutson, 2nd by Ebner. Carried