

# City Of Rushford Village Minutes Of June 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

43038 State Hwy 30, Rushford Village, Minnesota 55971-5167

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The June 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Overland at 7:00 p.m. in the Rushford Village Community Center (COVID-19 Concerns) Council Members present: Mike Ebner, Roger Knutson, Robert Hart and Rick Ruberg; Public Works/Maintenance 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 May 18, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes were approved as presented

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

**CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT:** Carol Ramsey, Mike Bubany-David Drown Associates, Kirsten Zoellner- Fillmore County Journal, George Graham

- Carol Ramsey-Ramsey reported tree trimming needs to be done on Tower Ridge Road. Ramsey asked if something can be done with Crib Lane, a minimum maintenance road off Tower Ridge Road. She would like a dead end sign placed next to the minimum maintenance road and sign. Chiglo will place a dead end sign. Ramsey voiced concerns about ATV trails. Overland explained the last survey sent to CRV residents showed interest in having more trails. The UW La Crosse students will be conducting a trail study to determine what kind of trails CRV residents would like. There will be public meetings for citizens to attend. The study will not take place until fall of 2021. Ramsey will contact Miner to share how Crib Lane came to be.

**FINANCIALS:** May Expenses \$19,315.27, May Receipts \$8,864.90, Outstanding Checks as of 5/31/2021 \$9,644.26, Bank Balance as of 5/31/2021 \$91,160.69/Estimated June Receipts \$260,900.00 (2<sup>nd</sup> ½ Property taxes)/ Estimated June Expenses \$30,000.00

CD's renewing at current advertised rates

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

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

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

**New Permits:** #1456-Laura Simonson-Fence-Hayes St

**Permit Status/Projects in Process/Inquiries:**

- Pettit received permit applications from Tanya Betthausen for a fence and Leslie Ladewig for a home repair
- Pettit reported Planning and Zoning continued their May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to Wednesday, June 2, 2021 for the purpose of a site visit to the Vern Bunke Foothills Development area

**ROADS/WATER/SEWER:**

- **Street Maintenance Update-Trenten:** Chiglo reported he looked Goodrich St. and does not feel any maintenance needs to be done at this time. Chiglo is working to get gravel delivered by Bruening Rock, no delivery date has been set but hopes it will be soon
- **Ridgeview Bridge Approach Estimate #4394:** It was determined during the May road tour the east side approach to the bridge needed to be fixed. May 19, 2021 CRV received estimate #4394 from Asphalt Armor Sealcoating & Paving LLC to repair the east approach to the bridge on Ridgeview Road in the amount of \$2,857.14. One lane at a time will be done so the road will not need to be shut down during the repair. To get the project started Overland approved the repair estimate on May 20, 2021. Council agreed with Overland, it was a good idea to get the project started as soon as possible.

**Motion** made to approve Asphalt Armor Sealcoating & Paving LLC estimate #4394 in the amount of \$2,857.14

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

- **Harrison Property-Whitmore St:** Overland received complaints regarding the tall grass and weeds at the Harrison property. A letter was sent to the property owner. If the property owner does not mow the yard CRV staff will at a cost of \$100.00 per hour. Chiglo will get it done.

**OTHER:**

• **Refunding Bonds Sales Resolution 2021-06-01-Mike Bubany:**

- Bubany reported by rolling CRV General Obligation Bonds 2015A and 2016A into one CRV would see a gross saving of over \$18,600.00 over the period of the bonds even after issuance costs and 2016A penalties for pre-paying early. Including the 2015A Bond would be a savings of \$1,000.00 more
- 2015A Cooperative Way Bond was financed in 2008 at about 4.25%, refinanced in 2015 at a little over 2.5%, suggested 2021 refinance at 1.6%
- 2016A Road Re-Construction Bond for road improvements on various CRV streets was financed in 2016 at a little over 2.7%, suggested 2021 refinance at 1.6%

- This proposal was ran through MN Rural Water Assoc. as a standard bank qualifying tax exempt general obligation bond being sold through a direct bank placement process to get a lower issuance cost. MN Rural Water Assoc. has set fees so everyone gets paid a certain amount
- There will not be an option to call the new bond until February 2027
- The new Bond would not extend the loan duration of the 2015A or 2016A Bonds. The 2015A Bond will still be paid off in 2024
- Bubany reported the interest rates would be better on the open market/public sale but the issuance costs would be much more. CRV would do just as good, slightly better, using the MN Rural Water Assoc. Program and the call option not being available until 2027 when Bubany compared this to other sales they were at 2028/2029 for a call option so it is better than what other Cities are getting in the open market
- The first three years of the proposed 2021 Bond the principle payments would be a little inflated because they would mirror the 2015A Bond payment which would end in 2024 plus the 2016A Bond payment
- CRV does not carry any rating at this time. Bubany would be very hesitant to bring CRV into the rating world but would guess CRV would have an A rating.
- Combining the Bonds does not extend the length of the Bonds.
- The 2021A Bond in the amount of \$808,000.00 will close June 28, 2021
- Taft Law (formally Briggs & Morgan) are not the program attorneys for MN Rural Water Assoc. but have agreed to work for the MN Rural Water Assoc. prices, will be represent CRV in regards to the 2021A General Obligation Improvement and Utility Refunding Note.

**Motion** made to approve Refunding Bonds Sales Resolution 2021-06-01

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

**•Featherstone Farms 60% Principal MIF loan Reimbursement \$2,000.98:**

- Featherstone Farms fulfilled their monthly MIF load payments obligation and returned to Jobs Report.
- They are entitled to 60% reimbursement of the \$3,334.96 principal paid in 2020 in the amount of \$2,000.98

**Motion** made to approve MIF Loan reimbursement for 60% of principal paid in 2020 in the amount of \$2,000.98

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

**•Customer Payments Online:**

- Graham and Miner listened to a webinar presented by Cole Lawrence from AP Solution using the GovCard product regarding customer online bill paying.
- There are various options available. The one CRV would be interested in would have a one-time setup fee of \$199.00 and they would create a payment link of the CRV Website
- This product is not compatible with the current CRV Central Square billing software
- Miner will reach out to Brenda from SEMLM and Rebecca from CEDA to see what programs other cities use and will report back to the Council in the future

**•Fall Clean-Up:**

- 2020 and 2021 Spring clean-ups were canceled due to COVID-19
- Council feels it is important to have a Fall clean-up in September

**Motion** made CRV Fall Clean-up will be Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 8:00 am to Noon at the CRV maintenance shed

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

- Maintenance Personnel:** 6 month probationary period for Chiglo and Lecy will end July 25, 2021. The Personnel Committee, Hart and Ruberg, will meet with employees and report their findings and suggestions to the Council at the June 15, 2021 Council meeting.

**OTHER UPDATES/ MEETING:**

**Next Meetings-Jim Norstad Solar Array Public Hearing:** June 15, 2021, 6:45 pm at CRV Community Center

**Council:** June 15 & July 6, 2021, 7:00 pm at CRV Community Center

**Zoning:** Continued Meeting June 2, 2021, 6:00 pm at Vern Bunke's Foothill Development Site and June 15, 2021, 5:30 pm at CRV Community Center

**Motion made to Adjourn** Regular Council Meeting at 7:39 pm by Knutson, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried