

**City Of Rushford Village Minutes Of June 15, 2021**  
**Bonnie Norstad 37.5kW Ground Mount Solar Array Public Hearing and**  
**Regular Council**

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

**Bonnie Norstad 37.5kW Ground Mount Solar Array Public Hearing**

The June 15, 2021 Bonnie Norstad 37.5kW Ground Mount Solar Array Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Dennis Overland at 6:54 p.m. in the Rushford Village Community Center (COVID-19 Concerns) 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 and Clerk Mary Miner.

- Public Present: Paul Kreidermacher-MinnSolar, James Norstad, Rebecca Charles-CEDA
- Mayor Overland clarified the hearing was published as a hearing for James Norstad to construct 37.5 kW Ground Mount Solar Array on parcel R05.0106.030 but the hearing is for Bonnie Norstad to construct 37.5 kW Ground Mount Solar Array on parcel R05.0106.030 . After the public hearing notice was published CRV was informed MiEnergy will not allow the same person to construct a solar array within 1 mile of another solar array they own. MiEnergy does allow spouses to construct a solar array within 1 mile of each other, therefore the name on the permit application was changed from James Norstad to Bonnie Norstad. All the solar array information received from Paul Kreidermacher of MinnSolar remains the same
- Pettit reported the Planning and Zoning Commission had received and reviewed the 37.5kW Ground Mount Solar Array permit application. Everything is in order according to CRV Ordinances
- Pettit reported the Planning and Zoning Commission sends the solar permit application forward to the CRV Council with a favorable recommendaton

**Motion** made to Close the Public Hearing at 6:56 pm

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The June 15, 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 Precautions). Council Members present: Mike Ebner, Roger Knutson, Robert Hart and Rick Ruberg; Planning/Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit, City Attorney Joseph O’Koren, Public Works-Maintenance Trenten Chiglo, Treasurer Judy Graham and City Clerk Mary Miner.

**Motion** to approve Bonnie Norstad 37.5kW Ground Mount Solar Array Permit Application on parcel R05.0106.030  
**Motion** by Ebner, 2nd by Hart. Carried.

**AGENDA** was approved as presented **Motion** by Ebner, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried.

**MINUTES** from the June 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes were approved as presented  
**Motion** by Knutson, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

**CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT:** Rebecca Charles-CEDA, Kirsten Zoellner- Fillmore County Journal, George Graham

**FINANCIALS:** Financial information was not available until claims and payroll was completed on June 16, 2021. Expenses through June 15, 2021 \$18,013.04/Receipts through June 15, 2021 \$2,201.35/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 Ruberg, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

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

**New Permits:** #1457-Tanya & Tony Betthausen-Chainlink Fence-Darr Ave  
#1458-Leslie Ladewig-Repair Outside Wall of House-Humble Ave

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

- Pettit reported he received two separate parcel split permit applications from Mathy Construction. Mathy wants to sell some property
  - The application for the Deep River Road area was not necessary as they will not be splitting any parcel but will be cleaning up the legal discription and a quick claim deed will be executed, Mathy will record everything with Fillmore County

- The application for the area along the Root River and State Highway 16 is asking for multiple parcels to be split and is difficult to understand. Mathy will have their engineer draw up the parcels as they would like them to be split as well as determine the floodway and flood fringe. Mathy will present this information at the July 20, 2021 Planning and Zoning Meeting.
- Pettit reported the Planning and Zoning Board is not willing to make a motion one way or the other to bring anything forward to the Council regarding the Vern Bunke, Foothill Development.

#### **ROADS/WATER/SEWER:**

##### **•Dust Control-CRV Resident on County Rd:**

- A CRV resident requested reimbursement for dust control on Tower Ridge on a portion of the Fillmore County section of the road.
- CRV will reimburse CRV residents that live on a gravel road according to the dust control reimbursement rates.
- CRV residents requesting dust control who live along a road not maintained by CRV must contact the entity that maintains the road to make sure they will allow it and what their rules are

**Motion** made to reimburse any CRV resident who lives on a gravel road according to CRV dust control reimbursement rates

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

- Chiglo reported he has not heard from Bruening when road rock will be delivered. He has made one pass mowing all the road ditches. He has not been able to grade because it has been too dry. He has placed culvert markers.

#### **OTHER:**

##### **•American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Resolution 2021-06-15 Applying for ARPA Funds:**

- Application must be made to request the ARPA funds. It has not been determined how much each Entity will receive

**Motion** made to approve American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Resolution 2021-06-15 Applying for ARPA Funds

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

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

- Charles reported she has been in contact with UW La Crosse to let them know the Council approved the trail study. Charles will prepare a list of questions the students may get asked when they talk with residents, the Council will review the list before she sends it to UW La Crosse. CRV will receive the contract closer to the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester.
- The trail study is all inclusive. It could be for walking, horseback, bikes, ATV's or any other type of trail the study shows there is an interest in. It will not be focused on ATV's only

**•Long Grass/Weeds Violations:** Properties on Main St, Whitmore St and Hillview Drive will be sent letters informing them they are violating CRV Ordinance #7

**•Featherstone Strawberry Day June 19<sup>th</sup>:** Cars will be parking along City Park Road

**•Ridgeview Bridge Approach:** Miner reported to work has been completed. Ebner stated it looks good

**•Security Cameras:** Hart suggested security cameras be placed at various CRV owned locations. This will be added to the list of things for the ARPA Funds

**•New Freightliner:** Ebner will contact the vendors to get an update on the progress of the Freightliner

**Motion** to close the regular Council meeting at 7:24 pm to discuss Employee Labor Negotiations as it pertains to the pay and benefits of the new maintenance personnel as their probationary period ends July 25, 2021 pursuant to Minn. Stat.

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

**Motion** to close the closed meeting and reopen the regular Council meeting at 7:52 pm

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

#### **OTHER UPDATES/ MEETING:**

**Next Meetings:** Council: July 6 & July 20, 2021, 7:00 pm at CRV Community Center

Zoning: July 20, 2021, 5:30 pm at CRV Community Center

**Motion made to Adjourn** Regular Council Meeting at 7:59 pm by Knutson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hart. Carried