

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE (CRV)
PLANNING/ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM TUESDAY, April 16, 2024

The Tuesday, April 16, 2024 Planning and Zoning meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Planning and Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit in the CRV Office.

Members Present: Jon Pettit, Glen Kopperud and Jesse McNamer

Absent: Hamilton Petersen, Gordon Johnson

Citizens/Others Present: Branden & Ashley Johnson, Rebecca Charles-CEDA, Mike Ebner-Council Member, Mary Miner-Clerk

Agenda Approved as presented

Motion by McNamer, 2nd by Kopperud. Carried.

Minutes from the March 19, 2024 Planning-Zoning Commission Meeting approved as presented

Motion by McNamer, 2nd by Kopperud. Carried.

NEW PERMITS:

- #1644-Ben & Anna Bernard-New Home-Indian Chapel Rd
- #1645-Ben & Anna Bernard-New Shed-Indian Chapel Rd
- #1646-Featherstone Fruits & Vegetables Interim Use Permit 2024-2025-State Highway 30
- #1647-Michael Ebner-Place Concrete Garage & Garage Side Apron-Rush Creek Roe Rd
- #1648-Michael Ebner-Reinsulate House & Garage-Rush Creek Roe Rd
- #1649-Michael Ebner-Replace Garage Side Door & Storm Window-Rush Creek Roe Rd
- #1650-Robert Forsythe-Replace Loose Tin on Pole Shed-Ridgeview Rd
- #1651-Steve & Karen Culhane-Re-Roof House & Storage Shed-State Highway 30
- #1652-Bob Kingsley-Re-Roof-County Rd 27

PERMIT STATUS / PROJECTS IN PROCESS / INQUIRIES: None reported

OTHER ISSUES/CONCERNS:

- **Branson Johnson Property-Village Rd:**
 - Johnson submitted a zoning permit application for a 40'x60' shed with a concrete floor on parcel 05.0195.020
 - The area Johnson would like to place the shed is in front of their house in the south west corner which is not allowed in a subdivision. The shed zoning application was denied and Johnson was told he could submit a variance application
 - The reason Johnson wants to place the shed in the proposed location is because most his backyard is in the flood zone, the well, which is shared with the other two parcels and his electric services are the west side of the house and the septic field on the East side of the house. Placing the shed in his backyard would also block the neighbors view.
 - The shed would be located next to their parking area, would not block anyone's view and for the most part would not be visible from Village or Aspens roads as trees would be surrounding it and it would be at least 30 feet from the neighbors property line
 - Pettit stated the main reason for the ordinance was for curb appeal and obstructing a neighbors view. This location would not be an issue in those regards
 - Planning and Zoning Board does not see a problem with the proposed location, Ebner stated the Council would be cautious as they are with any variance application but speaking for himself did not see a problem with it
 - Johnson has spoken to a few of his neighbors and they do not have a problem with the proposed location of the shed

Motion made for Pettit to bring this to the Council with a favorable recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board to approve the Branden Johnson variance application

Motion by Kopperud, 2nd by McNamer. Carried.

- **Animal Control Ordinance #1:**

- Pettit stated there have been issues with a dog from the North Money Creek going onto a neighbors property and biting their dogs. The current animal control ordinance for dogs running at large only covers R1 and R2, not RR (rural residential) areas
- At the last Council meeting the Council motioned to have O’Koren and Miner amend the animal control ordinance so RR would be included with the R1 and R2 areas and then at a later date the whole ordinance would be reviewed and amended. This would require two public hearings and 2 ordinance recording fees
- Since the last Council meeting the resident and dogs were removed from the house and will not be returning.
- Because of this development Planning and Zoning will take the time needed to review and amend the whole animal control ordinance. This will require only one public hearing and one ordinance recording fee
- Planning and Zoning will be working on updating this ordinance

- **Rebecca Charles-CEDA Updates/Reports:**

- Charles reported there was a communication error between MN DOT and Chris Brown with SRF Consulting. They were using a Safe Routes to School plan that Rushford had done that was 12 years old. They were supposed to use the UW La Crosse CRV trail study information.
- The area that will be focused on is and route from South Rushford to Rushford
- Charles has been in contact with CRV Engineer Derek Olinger about what is wanted and needed
- Charles felt that by the end of the zoom meeting everyone was on the same page and things can move forward
- Charles has been in contact with Chris Brown and at this time there does not appear to be a reason for another zoom meeting because it has been determined the area to be looked at is from South Rushford to Rushford. The next meeting will be an in person meeting around the September time frame.

OTHER UPDATES/ MEETING:

- May 4, 2024-Saturday-CRV Spring Clean-Up, 8:00 am to Noon-Maintenance Shed Area

Next Zoning Board Meeting: May 21, 2024, 5:30 pm at CRV Office

Next Council Meetings: April 16 and May 7, 2024 (Road Tour 5:30 pm) at 7:00 pm at CRV Office

Motion to Adjourn made by Kopperud 2nd by McNamer at 6:26 pm

Recorder: Mary Miner