

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2025
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
43038 State Hwy 30, Rushford Village, Minnesota 55971-5167

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The March 3, 2025 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, Robert Hart and Rick Ruberg; City Attorney Joseph O'Koren and Clerk Mary Miner
Absent: Council Member Travis Link, Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor Trenten Chiglo, Planning/Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit, Treasurer Judy Graham

AGENDA was approved as presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

MINUTES from the February 18, 2025 Regular Council meeting were approved as presented

Motion by Ruberg, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT: Kirsten Zoellner-Fillmore County Journal

FINANCIALS: February Expenses \$42,030.00, February Receipts \$8,425.36,
Outstanding Checks as of 2/28/2025 \$20,023.34, Bank Balance as of 2/28/2025 \$278,804.74
Estimated March Receipts \$8,000.00/Estimated March Expenses \$78,000.00
CD's renewing at current advertised rates

Motion made to approve the Financials with the correction of the estimated expenses, should have been estimated March not February
Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

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

New Permits:

#1702-Dan Erickson-Chicken Coop-State Highway 43 S

Permit Status/Projects in Process/Inquiries/Updates:

ROADS/WATER/SEWER:

- **Roads/Utilities Update:** Chiglo absent, Miner reported
 - Chiglo had lift station pump issues at the Farmer Winn (45004 State Highway 43) and House (45036 State Highway 43) locations
 - Both lift pumps were replaced
- **Backup Lift Station Pump:**
 - The backup lift station pump was used to replace the pump behind the house at 45036 State Highway 43
 - The pump by the Farmer Winn Elevator stopped working and had to be replaced, a new pump was ordered
 - Chiglo feels another pump should be ordered so there is a backup pump on hand
 - Ebner stated after speaking with Chiglo he spoke with Link and they agree there should be a backup pump on hand
 - Ebner questioned if there is a sewer cd that could be used for the purchase of a backup pump if there was not enough in checking to cover it. Miner stated there is a sewer cd in the amount of \$51,593.01 but suggested not cashing the cd at this time, it could be cashed later if needed.
 - Ebner stated in the past two years the Auditor has said the sewer fund needed to be looked at

Motion made to approve lift station pump quote QTE008466 in the amount of \$4,088.00

Motion by Ebner, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

• **2025 Rock Quote:**

- Quote is for 3,000 cubic yards of Class 2 crushed rock to be spread on roads by June 15, 2025 and stockpiled for winter use in September or October, 2025
- Rock quotes will be opened at the Tuesday, April 15th meeting.
- Rock quote notice will be in the March 24th and March 31st Fillmore County Journal and letters will be sent to Milestone, Kruckow and Bruening Rock
- Buying from Bruening and Milestone last year worked out well

Motion made to advertise for the 2025 Rock Quotes as presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

OTHER:

- **Mowing Ordinance #7 Review:**
 - Council reviewed Ordinance #7
 - O’Koren did not include any fine or petty misdemeanor language in the ordinance
 - Changes include the length of the grass from 8 to 6 inches, compliance time once letter is sent reduced from 10 to 7 days and Collection Ordinance #2 is referenced for collection purposed
 - A public hearing is needed to amend this ordinance
- **Collection Ordinance #2:**
 - O’Koren suggested mowing and a catch all provision be added as well as removing references to the statutes mentioned in the current ordinance as those statutes have been changed and no longer apply
 - A public hearing will be needed to amend this ordinance
 - O’Koren will revise Collection Ordinance #2 and have it ready for the Council to review at the public hearing
 - A Public Hearing for Collection Ordinance #2 and Mowing Ordinance #7 can be held on the same night at different times and both public hearing can be included in the same notice

Motion made to set Ord. #2 and Ord. #7 Public Hearing date as April 1, 2025. Collection Ordinance #2 from 6:40 pm-6:50 pm and Mowing Ordinance #7 from 6:50 pm-7:00 pm **Motion** by Ruberg, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

- O’Koren will draft a summary of each ordinance for Miner to publish notice of the public hearings in the Fillmore County Journal, post on the CRV website and at area businesses
- **CRV Alcohol Ordinance:**
 - O’Koren provided League of Minnesota information for the council to review
 - Planning and Zoning had concerns regarding policing. O’Koren stated Whalan has a full liquor license regulation and they do not have a police department or contract with anyone to his knowledge
 - O’Koren stated CRV has options. 1. write an ordinance to cover all types of licenses not just temporary licenses. 2. Do nothing, which would upset residents who want a license and could leave CRV scrambling to get something in place which will take time. 3. have a referendum to become a dry city which he does not recommend because it could discourage business from moving into CRV
 - O’Koren suggests CRV get something in place. State law caps how many on-sale licenses a city can have based on population. The council has discretion and doesn’t have to grant every license request, but cannot be arbitrary in denying a license. There can be regulations in place controlling where a license will be allowed
 - Overland stated you never know when a business might move into the area that would want a liquor license
 - O’Koren stated this could go back to Planning and Zoning to make a recommendation or the Council could take it on. It does not have to be done right away. Ebner stated the right thing to do is have Planning and Zoning take a look at it

Motion made to send this back to Planning and Zoning to work on **Motion** by Ebner, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

- **Spring-Summer Help:**
 - Miner provided the council with the CRV definitions of part-time, seasonal and temporary help
 - Seasonal and temporary employees can work up to 6 months without having to enroll in PERA. They could work 6 months be off the payroll for 30 days and start again as a seasonal or temporary employee for another 6 months
 - Seasonal and temporary employees are not eligible for any of the other CRV benefits but would be eligible for ESST once they reach 80 hours worked in a year
 - Hart felt Chiglo should have input

Motion made to table discussion until the Personnel Committee can talk to Chiglo

Motion by Ruberg, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

- **Safety Loss Control Workshop-April 15th-Rochester:**
 - The cost of the workshop is \$20.00 which includes lunch
 - Miner reported Chiglo and herself have attended this workshop in the past and it always provides good information

Motion made to allow Chiglo and Miner to attend

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

OTHER UPDATES / MEETINGS:

- March 6, 2025-Thursday-RP Valley Chamber Annual Meeting @ 4:00 pm-Rushford Legion back room
- March 10, 2025-Monday-Miner at funeral, office closed
- March 18-21, 2025, Tuesday thru Friday-Miner at Clerk Conference-Brooklyn Center

Next Meetings: Council: March 18, 2025 Debra Kitchen Solar Array Public Hearing @ 6:45 pm, Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm and April 1, 2025 Collection Ordinance #2 Public Hearing @ 6:40 pm, Mowing Ordinance #7 Public Hearing @ 6:50 pm, Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm at CRV Hall Office

Zoning: March 18, 2025 @ 5:30 pm at CRV Hall Office

Motion made to Adjourn Regular Council Meeting at 7:30 pm by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried