

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2025
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
43038 State Hwy 30, Rushford Village, Minnesota 55971-5167

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The June 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, Travis Link, Robert Hart and Rick Ruberg; Planning/Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit, City Attorney Joseph O’Koren, Treasurer Judy Graham and Clerk Mary Miner

Absent: Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor Trenten Chiglo

AGENDA was approved as presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

MINUTES from the May 6, 2025 Continued Road Tour & May 20, 2025 Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented

Motion by Ruberg, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

CITIZENS /OTHERS PRESENT /WISHING TO BE HEARD: Aaron Johnson-SMIF, Ethan Lanning-RP School,
Nerisse Hermanson- RP School, Kirsten Zoellner-Fillmore County

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- **Aaron Johnson-SMIF Philanthropy Director:**
 - Johnson explained SMIF is donor supported foundation that invests in economic growth in the 20 Counties of southcentral and southeast Minnesota which includes 175 communities and 1 native nation.
 - Key interests are entrepreneurship, early childhood development and community vitality
 - SMIF has invested of 170 million dollars in the region since 1986
 - For every \$1.00 invested with SMIF \$32.00 are invested back into Fillmore County. This includes grants, loans and programming. To date there have been 29 loans to support entrepreneurs, 498 Grants to support community projects and \$14 million has been invested in Fillmore County through grants, loans and programming. Within the last 3 years SMIF has invested \$463,764.00 back into Fillmore County
 - Fall 2024 CRV received a \$12,000 Taylor Rural Improvement Grant for the ADA merry-go-round. Rushford received \$10,000.00 for the library gazebo.
 - 2024 CRV supported SMIF with a \$500.00 donation

FINANCIALS: May Expenses \$49,038.34, May Receipts \$10,385.19,
Outstanding Checks as of 5/31/2025 \$24,924.51, Bank Balance as of 5/31/2025 \$166,721.36
Estimated June Receipts \$296,000.00 (\$286,225.00 Levy)/Estimated June Expenses \$38,000.00
CD’s renewing at current advertised rates

Motion made to approve the Financials as presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Link. Carried.

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

New Permits:

#1724 Tom & Wanda Kopperud-Front Sidewalk & Steps-State Highway 43 S

Permit Status/Projects in Process/Inquiries/Updates:

- Pettit reported both proposed subdivisions seem to be moving in the right direction

ROADS/WATER/SEWER:

- **Roads/Utilities Update:**
 - Miner reported Chiglo has been mowing road ditches
 - Ebner reported the lift station grinder pump burned out and control panel located behind the house on Highway 43 by Brown’s Tire had to be replaced. It is not known at this time what happened, could have been lightning or a short in the system. Overland stated depending on the cause it could potentially be turned into insurance

- **Trenten Chiglo Resignation:**

- Chiglo submitted his resignation on May 28, 2025. His last day will be June 13, 2025
- The Council received a proposal from Chiglo stating what he would need to stay at CRV. Ruberg stated he cannot go along with what was proposed
- Overland will be meeting with a Mayor from another entity
- Overland suggested tabling the discussion until after he meets with another entity and the personnel committee has a chance to meet with Chiglo regarding his proposal

Motion made to table further discussion until more information can be obtained

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried.

OTHER:

- **Liquor Ordinance #20:**

- Miner questioned:
 - the number of licenses CRV would have, O’Koren stated that is set by the State according to the population of the city. CRV would keep a list of on sale/off sale licenses issued until the cap is reached
 - Application form, O’Koren will provide the LMC form
 - CRV rentals are not affected. Any rental wanting to allow alcohol must purchase insurance through LMC Gather Guard
 - If a business is offering free alcohol during a promotional event is that ok because they are not selling it, O’Koren would need to look into this further
 - Lapse of financial responsibility means they do not have the liability insurance in place they need
 - Fees, O’Koren recommends looking at what other cities have, this can be modified later on. There are limits to what the fees can be
 - Section 8, Consumption and display permits, this pertains to a business offering free alcohol during a promotional event. They would have to have proof of insurance before the state would issue a license. This is what was asked about earlier. If the business already has a liquor license they would not need this permit.

Motion made to approve Liquor Ordinance #20 draft as presented

Motion by Link, 2nd by Hart. Carried.

Motion made to set Liquor Ordinance #20 Public Hearing for Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 6:40 pm

Motion by Link, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried.

- **Gambling Ordinance #21:**

- Miner asked about the application form, O’Koren stated the form comes from the State

Motion made to approve Gambling Ordinance #21 draft as presented

Motion by Link, 2nd by Hart. Carried.

Motion made to set Gambling Ordinance #21 Public Hearing for Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 6:50 pm

Motion by Ruberg, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

- **Special Meeting:**

- Mayor Overland called a special meeting to discuss the resignation of the Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor and discuss to discuss possible options
- Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the CRV hall office
- Miner will post notice of the special meeting at designated businesses, CRV Hall and CRV website

OTHER UPDATES / MEETINGS:

- July 31, 2025-Thursdays-CEDA Annual Meeting-Visions Event Center, Winona-10:00 am-1:00 pm

Next Meetings: Council: June 11, 2025 Special Meeting to discuss PW/Maint. Supervisor resignation @ 7:00 pm and June 17,2025 Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm at CRV Hall Office

Zoning: June 17, 2025 @ 5:30 pm at CRV Hall Office

Motion made to Adjourn Regular Council Meeting at 7:28 pm by Hart, 2nd by Link. Carried