

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2025
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
43038 State Hwy 30, Rushford Village, Minnesota 55971-5167

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The August 19, 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; Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor Darrin Dessner City, Attorney Joseph O'Koren and Clerk Mary Miner

Absent: Planning/Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit, Treasurer Judy Graham

AGENDA was approved as presented

Motion by Ruberg, 2nd by Link, Carried.

MINUTES from the August 5, 2025 Regular Council Meeting approved as presented

Motion by Link, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT: Kirsten Zoellner-Fillmore County Journal

FINANCIALS: Receipts as of August 15, 2025 \$2,958.30, Expenses as of August 15, 2025 \$91,632.13

Estimated August Receipts \$12,000.00/Estimated August Expenses \$162,000.00

CD's renewing at current advertised rates

Motion to approve the financials are presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried.

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

New Permits:

#1728-Rodney Clausen-Door & Window Replacement-State Hwy 43 S

Permit Status/Projects in Process/Inquiries/Updates: Nothing new to report at this time

ROADS/WATER/SEWER:

- **Roads/Utilities Update:** Dessner reported:
 - The roads are in fairly good shape. The washout on Oian road was fixed.
 - Dessner met with McCarthy today for the water pump inspection, everything looked good
 - Dessner and Overland met with Russ from MN Pump Works for the lift station inspection, propellers had a little wear but everything else looked good
 - Fluoride has been being monitored because it has been a little high. It was thought the reader was not working but when Dessner met with Zach from MN Rural Water it was determined the reader was working the testing was not right. Zach walked Dessner through the testing steps. The fluoride is now at 7 which is where it needs to be. A few leaky valves were fixed, the pressure gauge was switched.
 - Dessner replaced the scale
 - Dessner will meet with MN Department of Health Wednesday for the 10 year well sample
 - Overall Dessner stated he is busy but things are going well. There is tree trimming left to do. Ebner stated today was the first day since the wind event a tree did not need to be removed from a road
 - Ebner reported the F550 is back at Universal Truck in Centerville to have the gas line by the gas cap fixed. It appears to be bent in a way that makes putting gas in the truck difficult
 - Ebner reported the storm drain on Goodrich Street is not working. He contacted STS Plumbing, the parts that were ordered for this just arrived and they hope to have it fixed by the end of this week
- **MN Pump Works Lift Station Inspection Report:**
 - Dessner reported everything looks good

Motion made to accept the report as presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Link. Carried.

- **Fillmore County Storm Disaster Update:**

- Miner reported the storm clean up cost to date is \$8,580.85.
- Ebner reported there are multiple trees that broke off and are hung up too high for CRV equipment to reach. The hope is contracting out for the removal of these trees can be part of the storm damage clean up costs
- Miner and Ebner will be attending a meeting tomorrow in Preston to present the CRV storm damage cost to date and find out if hiring a contractor for the removal of broke off trees can be included in the CRV storm damage costs

OTHER:

- **R&R Construction-Merry-Go-Round Concrete pad-\$750.00:**
 - Proposal is for a 3'x3 pad that is 12" thick for the new merry-go-round
 - Ebner reported the forms and re-rod have been installed and it is ready for the concrete
 - Dessner placed a board over the hole and caution tape around the work area

Motion made to approve the \$750.00 proposal are presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried.

- **Consolidated 2025-2026 Propane Contract:**

- 2024-2025 the contract was for 750 gallons
- Ebner stated the new heater for the maintenance shed will use propane. He contacted Consolidated to get an estimate on what that would use. Consolidated recommended increasing the contract 500-600 gallons

Motion made to approve the 2025-2026 propane contract with Consolidated at 1,250 gallons @ \$1.59 per gallon

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

- **2026 Preliminary Budget:**

- Council was provided the 2026 Proposed Budget Worksheet Report to review
- Discussed Items added for 2026: \$2,000.00 to fix southside shop doors, \$30,000.00 for a generator for hall and shop, \$25,000.00 Roads CD, \$81,000.00 for investment CD (\$25,000 Bridge, \$25,000.00 Trucks, \$6,000 Mowers, \$25,000.00 Grader)
- Items to add: Batteries for Milwaukee tools (Dessner will talk Greg at Rushford Hardware or watch for black Friday specials), additional items for southside shop doors (safety switch, release if power goes out), safety equipment like emergency flashlight/spotlight, road cones
- Family Paid Leave has not been added to the 2026 proposed budget, not sure what CRV cost will be. Miner thinks CRV will be considered a small employer. CRV is responsible for at least 50% of the cost the employee is responsible for what CRV is not paying. Graham will listen to LMC webinar tomorrow. Not sure who is considered an employee that will have to pay into this, O'Koren stated he has been in contact with LMC and there is a lot of confusion and recommends considering everyone an employee for now
- Cost to have a tree trimming contractor come in and remove high tree tops damaged during wind storm was not added to the budget. Ebner and Miner will be attending a meeting in Preston related to the wind storm, the hope is to be able to have the cost of the contractor covered as storm related damages for the removal of those trees
- Ebner stated the F550 came in under budget so there are a couple of things he would like to see purchased. A ball and pintle hitch, seat covers and floor mats. A spot light/flashlight would be nice but that could wait. Ebner stated Northern Tool would be approximately \$199.00, Universal Truck would be approximately \$155.00. Dessner could use the Menards rebates to purchase the seat covers, floor mats and gas can.
- Ebner stated there is a need for a new chainsaw now and there is enough left in the tool budget to cover the cost. Personal chainsaws are being used now. Dessner priced a new chainsaw at Burggraf's Ace Hardware in Winona and estimates the chainsaw, case and an extra chain will be \$600.00
- Ebner, Link and Dessner will get a cost of the additional items they would like added to the 2026 budget
- Link suggested asking Jayme Longmire, CEDA, if there are any grants available for safety items or the generator
- Road sign and culver markers are needed. The 2026 road sign budget is \$2,000.00 which is an increase of \$500.00 from 2025
- Proposed 2026 Receipts will be \$42,006.00 or 5.76% less than CRV received in 2025. The difference is less will be received for LGA (\$8,060.00), Small City Assist (\$8,946.00) and there are no sale of investments (\$25,000.00) planned for 2026
- Proposed 2026 Disbursements are up \$5,820.00 or 0.80%

- **Chainsaw/F550 Hitch:**

- Ruberg questioned how the budget looked, Miner stated it will be tight until June 2026. Ruberg stated CRV needs a working chainsaw and if the F550 is already at Universal so it would make sense to have the hitch installed now

Motion made to approve the purchase the chainsaw, case, extra chain-\$600.00 and F550 ball & pintle hitch-\$155.00

Motion by Ruberg, 2nd by Link, Carried.

- **South Rushford Speeding:**

- A complaint was received regarding speeding and loud music in South Rushford. The speed sign will be relocated to help detour speeding
- Ebner commended Dessner on all the things he has accomplished in the short time he has been with CRV. Ebner stated Miner deserved a pat on the back. Link thanked Ebner for all he has done

OTHER UPDATES / MEETINGS:

- August 20, 2025-Wednesday-Fillmore County July 29th State Disaster Meeting-Preston 10:00am-Ebner/Miner

Next Meetings: Council: September 2, 2025 and September 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00 at CRV Hall Office

Zoning: September 16, 2025 @ 5:30 pm at CRV Hall Office

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