

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2026
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
43038 State Hwy 30, Rushford Village, Minnesota 55971-5167

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The April 21, 2026 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, Planning/Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit, City Attorney Joseph O’Koren, Treasurer Judy Graham and Clerk Mary Miner

CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT: Kirsten Zoellner-Fillmore County Journal

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

MINUTES from the April 7, 2026 Regular Council Meeting approved as presented Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

FINANCIALS: Receipts as of April 15, 2026 \$495.00, Expenses as of April 15, 2026 \$21,913.47
Estimated April Receipts \$10,000.00/Estimated April Expenses \$42,000.00
CD’s renewing at current advertised rates

Motion to approve the financials are presented Motion by Ruberg, 2nd by Link. Carried.

- **Review of 1st Quarter financials and Investments:**

- Suggested the Investment report show the original investment date of each CD. Miner will see if there is a CTAS report that would show that, Graham suggested the investment report from the bank might have that information
- With the recent equipment repairs already over what was budgeted and to be able to plan better for future repairs it was suggested the equipment repair fund be increased for the 2027 budget

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

New Permits:

- #1759-Tristyn Hegland-Remodel House, Decks, Concrete Driveway & Sidewalk-Whitmore St
- #1760-Rachel Boyum-Concrete in Existing Shed-State Highway 30

Permit Status/Projects in Process/Inquiries/Updates: Pettit reported

- **Zoning Fees:**

- Planning and Zoning made their final proposed revisions to the Zoning Fee Schedule, once the fee schedule has been updated showing the final proposed revisions it will be presented to the Council at the May 5th meeting
- Zoning fees are not covering the expenses of the Planning and Zoning Board/Department, the intent is not to make money but to come closer to breaking even. There would no longer be no charge permits
- Overland stated Planning and Zoning did a really good job reviewing the zoning fees and coming up with a proposal for the Council to consider
- Hart questioned why a permit is needed for everything. For homeowners if it does not change the footprint why should a permit be needed, example: bird breaks a window, a permit should not be needed to replace that window
- Pettit stated Planning and Zoning are making their recommendations and it is up to the Council to review

- **Featherstone Farms/Jack Hedin Interim Use Permit Renewal:**

- There are not changes to the Featherstone Farms/Jack Hedin Interim Use permit

Motion to approve the Featherstone Farms/Jack Hedin 2026-2027 Interim Use Permit renewal as presented Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

ROADS/WATER/SEWER:

- **2026 Rock Quotes:**

- Quotes were received from Bruening Rock and Milestone Materials
 - Bruening Rock 2026 prices:
 - ✓ C1 2 ¾” Road Rock Unit Price Per Ton F.O.B \$9.90, Unit Price Per Ton Del & Spread \$11.59
 - ✓ C1 2 ¾” Road Rock Unit Price Per Yard F.O.B \$13.37, Unit Price Per Yard Del & Spread \$15.65
 - ✓ Ice Rock Unit Price Per Ton F.O.B \$12.15, Unit Price Per Ton Del & Spread \$20.81
 - ✓ Ice Rock Unit Price Per Yard F.O.B \$16.40, Unit Price Per Yard Del & Spread \$27.35
 - Milestone Materials 2026 prices:
 - ✓ Class 2 per ton delivered \$11.55

- ✓ Class 2 per cubic yard delivered \$15.59
- ✓ Class 5 per ton delivered \$11.55
- ✓ Class 2 per cubic yard delivered \$15.59
- ✓ Ice Rock Class 2 & Class 5 per ton delivered \$15.60
- 2025 quotes were provided
- Council wanted more time to review the quotes

Motion made to table to May 5, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

Motion by Link, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried.

- **Roads/Utilities Update:** Dessner reported
 - Started grading Monday in full
 - Tree clean up done on Desoto Rd today
 - Hydrant flushing completed last week. Goodrich hydrant is not draining back properly. Zach from MN Rural Water will be coming to help with the hydrant and fix the broken gate valve casting at Goodrich and Main
 - The chlorine level has been slightly low, things were cleaned up and tubing replace, level is coming back up
 - Have not had any faults at the pumphouse since the water tower level was set back to summer level. Other cities do not lower their water tower level in the winter unless there are supposed to be very cold temperatures lasting more than a week. Pump is set to shut off if there is a fault error so no water will pump into the system without being treated, this requires Saturday and Sunday checks to make sure everything is running right
- **Freightliner Update:**
 - Nothing new to report, Syverson is working on the truck

OTHER:

- **CRV Emergency Management Plan:**
 - This is a guide to be used in an emergency. It provides important phone numbers, places of business and should be used as a reference. O’Koren reviewed the plan

Motion made to approve the CRV Emergency Management Plan as presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Link, Carried.

- **Write-In Vote Counting:**
 - Cities have 3 options as to how they want write-in votes counted. Options 1 and 2 require a resolution.
 - Option 1-file a written request for their vote to be individually counted with the Chief Election Official no later than the nineteenth day before any municipal election. Any write-in that did not bring in written request would not be counted
 - Option 2-Votes for write-in candidates will only be individually recorded if the total number of write-in votes for any office is equal to or greater than the fewest number on non-write-in votes for a ballot candidate for that office. At the end of the night the voting machine tally would provide the number of write-in votes and from that it would be determined if the write-in votes needed to be counted. According to Heather Broadwater, Fillmore County Auditor, most cities seem to be opting for option 2
 - Option 3-Do nothing, this would require every write-in vote be counted at the end of the night
 - Those receiving write-in votes do not fill out an affidavit of candidacy or have to pay the filing fee

Motion made to approve Option 2 with CRV Resolution 2026-04-21 Governing Write-In Vote Counting

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Link, Carried.

- **CEDA Annual Meeting-Friday, October 2, 2026-Cohasset, MN:**
 - Meeting location is approximately 4 hours from CRV. No one will be attending

OTHER UPDATES / MEETINGS:

- April 22, Wednesday-6:00 pm-8:00 pm-Rushford EDA Housing Meeting-MiEnergy
- April 22-23, Wednesday-Thursday-CRV Yearly Audit
- May 9, Saturday-8:00 am – Noon-CRV Spring Clean Up-CRV Maintenance Shed

Next Meetings: Council: April 22, 2026 6:00 pm at MiEnergy and May 5, 2026 @ 5:30 Road Tour leave from CRV Hall, Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm at CRV Hall Office

Zoning: April 22, 2026 6:00 pm at MiEnergy and May 19, 2026 @ 5:30 pm at CRV Hall Office

MOTION to Continue to April 22, 2026 @ 6:00 pm for the Rushford EDA Rural Housing Meeting @ MiEnergy at 7:40 p.m., by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2026
CONTINUED COUNCIL MEETING
RUSHFORD EDA RURAL HOUSING DISCUSSION
MiEnergy-31110 Cooperative Way, Rushford Village, MN 55971

The April 22, 2026 Continued Council Meeting was to attend the Rushford EDA Rural Housing Discussion at 6:00 pm in the MiEnergy conference room

CRV Members Present: Mayor Dennis Overland, Council Members: Mike Ebner, Travis Link and Robert Hart; Planning/Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit, Treasurer Judy Graham and Clerk Mary Miner.

Absent: Council Member Rick Ruberg, Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor Darrin Dessner and City Attorney Joseph O’Koren

Others Present: Jayme Longmire-CEDA, Laura Qually-CEDA, and multiple other city leaders, business people and residents from the area

Speaker: Ben Winchester, U of MN

Discussion related to rural housing needs.

- People are staying in their homes longer, some because they don’t want to leave others because there are few affordable options available for them to move to. This causes a shortage of housing for younger people which makes it difficult for employers to get and keep good employees, can cause homes to fall into disrepair decreasing their value and affects the economics of an area. There are homes that are empty because they are seasonal homes
- People are starting to want a better life/work balance and are moving to rural areas for a simpler pace of life and for the safety and security it offers
- Most homes are sold by word of mouth and those listed by realtors are not on the market long
- Few people are able to work where they live and over half have to leave the County they live in for work
- Multigenerational housing is making a comeback because housing is hard to find and expensive
- Older people have a hard time making repairs on their homes which drives down the homes value. Labor shortages cause higher repair costs.
- It was suggested there should be a county free home pre-inspection for people over the age of 55 and a program like Habitate for Rehabilitation for the home instead of Habitate for new homes only
- The rural housing shortage is a regional issue not just a city problem. Everyone needs to be able to promote their region and what it has to offer
- Hard to find affordable land for development

Motion made to Adjourn Continued Council Meeting at 8:00 pm by Link, 2nd by Ebner.