

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE MINUTES OF May 19, 2026
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
43038 State Hwy 30, Rushford Village, Minnesota 55971-5167

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The May 19, 2026 Council Meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Mike Ebner at 7:00 p.m. in the Rushford Village Office. Council Members present: Travis Link, Robert Hart and Rick Ruberg; Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor Darrin Dessner, Planning/Zoning Administrator Jon Pettit, City Attorney Joseph O’Koren and Clerk Mary Miner

Absent: Mayor Dennis Overland, Medical

CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT: Jayme Longmire-CEDA, Kirsten Zoellner-Fillmore County Journal,
Destiny Corcoran-RP Community Service Class

AGENDA was approved as presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

MINUTES from the May 5, 2026 Road Tour and Regular Council Meetings approved with change to Road Tour minutes regarding Derek Olinger Tower Ridge recommendations for what can be done at Tower Ridge and County Road 25 South
Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

FINANCIALS: Receipts as of May 15, 2026 \$7,867.19, Expenses as of May 15, 2026 \$40,561.71
Estimated May Receipts \$11,000.00/Estimated May Expenses \$64,000.00
CD’s renewing at current advertised rates

Motion to approve the financials are presented

Motion by Ruberg, 2nd by Link. Carried.

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

- #1766-Duane Miner-28’x36’ Garage/Workshop-Benson Ln
- #1767-Ruth Loomis-30’x74’ Shed-County Rd 25 N
- #1768-Ruth Loomis-Demo 20’x20’ Shed-Meadow Ave
- #1769-Mike & Kristi Agrimson-30’2”x10’6” Deck-Gilbertson Dr
- #1770-Larry & Barb Overland-Replace Front & Back Decks-Whitmore St
- #1771-Logan J Kolb ETAL (Todd & Kristen Roberts)-New Home-State Highway 30
- #1772-Curt Courier-Replace Windows/Door-Sherwood St

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

- **#1771-Logan J Kolb ETAL (Todd & Kristen Roberts)-New Home-State Highway 30:**
 - After the May 5th meeting Pettit called Fillmore County to ask them what could be done regarding bluff protection. Fillmore County stated Beacon isn’t always accurate and suggested the property owner hire a surveyor to determine if there would be a buildable area. Chad Garteski, Weiss Realty, provided a survey Bjorlo’s had G-Cubed do that showed a part of the area was buildable. Pettit shared this information with the property owner. A zoning permit has been issued and they can start building once the permit fee is paid and they provide CRV with a septic permit number from Fillmore County. The old house will need to be removed
- **Zoning Fee Schedule:**
 - Planning and Zoning have completed their proposed fee schedule revisions and have sent them to the Council for review. Hart questioned the \$100.00 cost for recording fee, the cost includes the recording fee, time and gas. He does not feel a permit should be needed if a window gets broken by accident and needs to be replaced but does not change the footprint of the building. With the new fee schedule there would not be any “no charge” permits, the minimum now is \$30.00. In the past there were a good number of permits that were “no charge” and Hart could not understand why these were written because Pettit would go through the work and not get paid for the permit but now with a \$30.00 minimum permit fee he is ok with it

ROADS/WATER/SEWER: Johnson reported

- **Roads/Utilities Update:**
 - McCarthy well cleaned 3 ball bearings in the meter in the pump house, it is working but will continue to monitor to determine if it is accurate. The meter was installed in 2012. It is recommended to upgrade to a propeller type meter. Estimated verbal costs for a meter that could handle up to 500gpm, \$2,800.00 Metron/\$4,000.00 Badger meter through McCarthy Well. Other items in the well house are in need of updating
 - Grading continues

- Cutting trees on Aspen Rd
- Hoping Bruening Rock will be able to start spreading rock next week
- **Freightliner Update:**
 - Syverson Truck personnel came and went over the truck with Dessner.
 - There is an air leak on drivers side rear air chamber, it's not holding pressure, could be a pigtail. Dessner stated this has nothing to do with the repairs done at Syverson Truck and Brown's Tire will fix the problem
- **Featherstone City Park Road Parking-Farmer's Mechanical Cultivation Day-May 27, 2026:**
 - Requesting the Council allow parking on the South side of City Park Road for approximately 10 vehicles

Motion made to approve parking request on City Park Road

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

OTHER:

- **Jayme Longmire-CEDA:** Reported
 - CRV applied for 3 grants but were not selected for any of them. An application will be sent to the Rushford Community Foundation and there will be more grant opportunities opening up this summer that fall more in line with emergency preparedness
 - Gave on recap of the Rushford EDA housing meeting held at MiEnergy. Waiting for a group to be formed to start talking about collaboration when dealing with the housing shortage
 - Hopes to be able to use the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) in a productive way other than for Gap Financing. No businesses have applied, she is hoping DEED will allow CRV to use the money to invest in infrastructure. In the CRV RLF guidelines it was specifically stated as an ineligible project "the investment and/or development of residential real-estate" but what she is looking at is if CRV can use the funds to promote community growth. An eligible type of project listed in the CRV RLF guidelines is a community development project. Under the purpose section of the guidelines it says "generally the purpose of the revolving loan fund is to provide for the improvement of Rushford Villages economic climate, diversifying economic base and providing for increased community growth". She is waiting to hear back from DEED what the money can be used for and would like to know how the Council feels about this. For example, would the Council be willing to invest money for a well for a development? The money would be paid back in ten years and it would show CRV is willing to invest in the community.
 - If there was a feasible project that would work with collaboration with Rushford to make a subdivision happen she would like to get a general feeling from the Council on their thoughts, Hart stated he feels it would be a great idea. Longmire feels DEED will be pretty open to this type of idea. O'Koren stated DEED would probably be open to this and DEED would have to give their consent but feels the bigger hurdle will be finding someone to invest in a development that has the money to front this type of project.
 - Longmire feels the residents of CRV and Rushford would see this as a great public/private partnership and it would show CRV is willing to invest in a community growth project that will lead to more people living in this area
- **Parcel 05.0095.030 Mowing:**
 - This is a tax forfeited property that will be sold at public auction in the fall of 2026 according to the Fillmore County Auditor/Treasurers Office
 - CRV will send the Fillmore County Auditor/Treasurers Office notices regarding CRV Mowing Ordinance #7
 - If the property is not mowed, CRV will mow and the charges will be assessed to the property and paid when the property is sold

Motion to send the Fillmore County Auditor/Treasurers Office notice of mowing violation

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

- **CRV Fee Schedule Ordinance #22:**
 - Proposed Fee Schedule Ordinance #22 was reviewed by the Council
 - The proposed Fee Schedule includes fees for community center rentals, EDA, Planning and Zoning, Alcohol, Miscellaneous Services, Animal Control and Utilities
 - A public hearing is required for new ordinances

Motion to set Fee Schedule Ordinance #22 Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:45 pm at the CRV Office

Motion by Link, 2nd by Hart. Carried.

OTHER UPDATES / MEETINGS:

- May 22, 2026- Friday-Miner PTO
- May 25, 2026-Monday-Memorial Day-Office Closed
- June 6-10, 2025-Saturday-Wednesday-Johnson PTO

Next Meetings: Council: June 2, 2026 @ 7:00 pm and June 16, 2026 Fee Schedule Ordinance #22 Public Hearing @ 6:45 pm and Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm at CRV Hall Office

Zoning: June 16, 2026 @ 5:30 pm at CRV Hall Office

Motion made to Adjourn Regular Council Meeting at 7:42 pm by Hart, 2nd by Link.