

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE MINUTES OF June 16, 2026
FEE SCHEDULE ORDINANCE #22 PUBLIC HEARING
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
43038 State Hwy 30, Rushford Village, Minnesota 55971-5167

Fee Schedule Ordinance #22 6:45 pm

The June 16, 2026 Fee Schedule Ordinance #22 Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Dennis Overland at 6:45 p.m. in the Rushford Village Office. Council Members present: Mike Ebner, 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
Absent: Council Member Travis Link

CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT: Derek Olinger-Bolton & Menk, Wanda Hanson-Fillmore County Journal

Public Hearing purpose was to solicit public comments regarding establishment of Rushford Village City Ordinance #22, CRV Fee Schedule

- Others present did not speak
- Pettit stated Planning and Zoning discussed the zoning rates, the Fee Schedule reflects the recommendations they have. Pettit stated if the Council has ideas or problems with it that’s great, it is up to the Council to decide what they are going to do with it, Planning and Zoning will go by what is decided
- Hart does not feel for very minor repairs that do not change the profile of the structure, like replacing a broken window, a screen door or deck board that rotted and only changing those items and not changing the profile of the structure he does not see the need for having to have a permit. In terms of the Fee Schedule, he thinks it’s great
- The current zoning requires a permit for any building or repairs/remodels. Current zoning has a different fee schedule for repairs/remodels which would change with the proposed Fee Schedule
- Ebner stated he agrees with Hart, if he were to replace a deck board he would not get a permit to do it and he does not believe many CRV residents would. Pettit stated he would like the Council to come with something for things like this because he does not like having to write a permit for these types of things and is not advocating for it but years ago he was told he had to write a permit for everything even though the permit would be free so the City had control of what was happening. Ebner stated common sense would be if you are replacing a couple of deck boards, a little piece of siding or a screen door gets ripped off in a storm you are probably not going to get a zoning permit but if you are changing a doorway, replacing multiple windows or re-roofing a zoning permit would be needed. Pettit stated he needs to replace a screen door, does not know when it will happen, but according to the proposed Fee Schedule there would be a \$30.00 permit required to replace a \$200.00 screen door.
- Hart stated he does not want to see Pettit do the work and CRV not get paid which the proposed Fee Schedule helps with but now the language needs to be figured out that makes sense so minor repairs do not need a permit.
- Overland asked if Hart was thinking a dollar amount. Hart stated it goes back to common sense and most residents wouldn’t know a permit was needed for minor repairs. Overland stated it needs to be determined where to draw the line and how to put common sense on paper
- Hart suggested if it does not change the footprint of the property a permit would not be needed. O’Koren stated residing or re-roofing would not change the footprint of the property but a permit would usually be required for these. Hart stated the shingles go back to the broken window, if you are replacing the singles because they go bad and it is normal maintenance to the property, you are not doing all the time but if you have steel siding and replace it with composite wood that in a way changes the original element of the property
- Overland stated this does not need to be decided tonight, Ebner stated if it is approved tonight it could be looked at again down the road to see if changes are needed
- Pettit stated during the Planning and Zoning discussion insurance was discussed. Usually the repairs were insurance claims and the insurance company ended up paying the cost of the permit
- Miner stated it should not be left up to Pettit or anyone else to determine when a permit is needed. This needs to be determined at this time so every permit application is treated the same, there needs to be consistency
- O’Koren will research to see what can be done regarding minor repairs

Motion made to Close the Public Hearing at 6:58 pm

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried.

Regular Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The June 16, 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, 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
Absent: Council member Travis Link

Motion made to table Fee Schedule Ordinance #22 to get more information

Motion by Ruberg, 2nd by Hart, Carried.

CITIZENS/OTHERS PRESENT: Derek Olinger-Bolton & Menk, Wanda Hanson-Fillmore County Journal,
Farmers Win Staff: Ronald Cruise, Tony Kjos, Travis Blockhus, Tannor Burke

AGENDA was approved as presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

MINUTES from the June 2, 2026 Regular Council Meetings approved as presented **Motion** by Ebner, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

FINANCIALS: Receipts as of June 15, 2026 \$360,569.44, Expenses as of June 15, 2026 \$30,715.09
Estimated June Receipts \$369,000.00/Estimated June Expenses \$69,000.00
CD’s renewing at current advertised rates

Motion to approve the financials are presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

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

New Permits:

- #1778-Roger Knuston-Replace Front Concrete Driveway- Oak View Loop
- #1779-Lee Loerch-Repair Deck-Deep River Rd
- #1780-Jeremy & Nicole Williams-Metal Roof on House & Garage-State Hwy 43 S
- #1781-Justin Rasmussen-30’x50’ Concrete Slab for Basketball Court-Rush Creek Roe
- #1782-Richard Bovy-Barn Repairs-State Hwy 43 S

Permit Status/Projects in Process/Inquiries/Updates:

• Farmers Win Coop:

- Olinger stated the Conditional Use Permit is required because this is an agricultural facility and floodplain grading
- The CUP requires a public hearing which allows residents to voice their concerns or make comments and it lists out special conditions associated with the approval of the plan
- Recommended conditions:
 - Provide Wastewater loading and design information for the grinder station, as well as Operation and maintenance manuals for the new sanitary sewer equipment.
 - Provide easement for wastewater grinder and piping. The easement should include both the new and existing pipe and grinders between applicable buildings and the highway.
 - Approval is contingent upon review by the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources with all associated requirements. Olinger does not expect any comments from either department
 - No Outdoor storage will be allowed on the site without amending the CUP.
- Optional Conditions for Council’s Review:
 - A six (6) foot solid fence or landscape screen is required along the entire side yard adjacent to the single-family home to the southeast of the site adjacent to Highway 43 minus a clear vision area as approved by the MnDOT and meet the standards found in 1514.04.01.
 - The Site Plan must specify what type of dust-free surface will be installed in red dashed areas shown on the site plan from State Highway 43 and surrounding the proposed building.
 - Operating hours must be established and agreed upon by City of Rushford Village and deemed reasonable as the use access is adjacent to a single-family home.
- Olinger stated Planning and Zoning felt requiring dust control would be the only appropriate option they would interested in seeing got forth, they did not see a lot of value in adding a fence or have concerns with the hours of operation
- Farmers Win Coop Representative stated the proposed structure Farmers Win Coop will replace the one that is currently in Rushford. Nothing will change as far as operations or hours of operations

- Pettit stated Planning and Zoning reviewed the Conditional Use Permit and recommends the CRV Council move forward with the Conditional Use Permit application and set a public hearing for Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 6:45 at the CRV Office. Olinger will not be able to attend in person but will be calling in

Motion made to set a public hearing date for Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 6:45 pm in the CRV Office

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

ROADS/WATER/SEWER:

- **Roads/Utilities Update:** Dessner reported
 - Water meter arrived for the pump house, McCarthy Well has been contacted
 - Lead and Copper testing will be done soon
 - Dessner and Johnson will be attending the MN Rural Water training in Rushford for water and wastewater in July
 - Most roads have been mowed
 - Bruening Rock has finished putting rock on the designated roads, some grading will need to be done
 - Tree clean up and trimming is ongoing. Aspen and Ekren roads have been the focus for overhanging trees
 - The bottom of the west side community center door that faces Croell has rotted out and needs to be replace, Dessner estimates \$300.00 to replace it and some of the trim
 - Dessner received the ok to purchase some of the small tools needed
- **County Line Slow Road Signs:**
 - Resident complaint was received regarding speeding on County Line Road, they suggested signs be placed to slow drivers down
 - Council does not feel placing signs will do much good because there would not be policing to enforce it and signs might make some drivers mad causing them to drive faster. Placing the electronic speed sign was discussed but there are concerns it would be damaged because it is a rural area. Dessner stated speeding is a problem on all CRV roads
 - O’Koren stated calling the Fillmore County Sheriff office for enforcement is an option. Hart asked if there is a speed limit posted on the gravel roads, O’Koren stated there is a statute that covers roads where a speed limit is not posted. Olinger stated he would not recommend placing signs as they do not work and stated some cities are doing things to make the roads less comfortable to drive which is slowing people down. Ruberg does not want to see the road maintenance to be less, this punishes everyone when it is only a few who are driving too fast
 - Overland asked if the speed limit sign was placed what would the limit be set at. No action was taken. Dessner will think about what can be done

OTHER:

- **Jayne Longmire-CEDA 2nd Quarter Report:**
 - Report was available for review. \$1,000.00 was received from the Rushford Community Foundation through SMIF for the backup generator.
 - A few South Rushford residents have requested the South Rushford Park play ground equipment be improved, Overland stated Longmire can apply for a grant from the Rushford Community Foundation for this once it is known what type of equipment is wanted. Overland suggested a community meeting with South Rushford residents would be a good idea to see what it is they are thinking needs to be done with the park.

OTHER UPDATES / MEETINGS:

- June 19, 2026-Friday-June 19th-CRV Office Closed

Next Meetings: Council: July 7, 2026 @ 6:45 pm Farmers Win Coop Conditional Use Permit Application Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm at the CRV Hall Office and July 21, 2026 Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm at CRV Hall Office

Zoning: July 21, 2026 @ 5:30 pm at CRV Hall Office

Motion made to Adjourn Regular Council Meeting at 7:22 pm by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg.