

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The July 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: Jayme Longmire-CEDA, Bill Sherry-Engelsen & Associates, Kirsten Zoellner-Fillmore County Journal

AGENDA was approved as presented

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

MINUTES from the July 7, 2026 Farmers Win Coop CUP Public Hearing and Regular Council Meetings approved as presented
Motion by Link, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

2025 AUDIT REPORT-Bill Sherry-Engelson & Associates

- Sherry thanked Graham and Miner for making sure all the information he needed for the audit was available
- The opinion is a standard opinion, there are no exceptions to the report which is what is wanted
- General Fund revenue levy increased \$28,000.00 from 2024 but LGA decreased \$8,000.00 and Small City Assist decreased \$12,000.00 were down from 2024 which contributed to the levy increase. Other major revenue increases was a \$13,200.00 playground grant was received from SMIF and the F450 and a trailer were sold for approximately \$25,000.00
- General Fund expenditures the clerk salary was up and the treasury salary was down because Graham had some medical concerns so Miner put in more hours, there were no elections in 2025 which was a \$7,000.00 decrease, Streets showed an approximate increase of \$57,000.00 which was spent on streets for seal coating, gas, equipment repairs, wages, \$16,000.00 on snow/ice which changes depending on the year
- Capital Outlay for road equipment was approximately \$50,000.00 for the F550, plow and sander, Capital Outlay for the parks was \$13,200.00 which was received in a grant for an ADA merry-go-round
- Water Fund is comparative from year to year. Receipts were down approximately \$2,000.00 mainly due to water use, expenses were up approximately \$7,000.00 for things across the board. Overall the account showed a profit of \$6,000.00 which is good
- Sewer Fund revenue was about even with 2024. Expenses were up about \$4,000.00 due to repairs/pump replacements, without these repairs numbers would have been about even with 2024. Overall, there was a loss of approximately \$17,000.00. Sherry recommends a rate increase because losing money every year will start eating away at reserves set aside
- There are no changes in the Accounting Policies
- General capital equipment there was \$126,000.00 was spent and capital sewer was approximately \$8,000.00 for pumps purchased
- CRV continues to pay down on debt. General Obligation Fund is down to \$462,000.00, \$62,000.00 was paid in 2025. Water debt paid \$16,000.00 leaving a balance of \$118,000.00, Sewer paid \$7,500.00 leaving a balance of \$39,000.00
- CRV retirement (PERA) fund pension liability is approximately \$47,000.00, this changes every year
- Audit findings: Nothing unusual, for internal controls CRV has a small office so there is not total segregation of duties, there are overlapping duties that as far as putting the books together there needs to be diligence in overseeing the financial reports every month. Engelson & Assoc. prepare the financial statements, CRV keeps records on a cash basis, Engelson & Associates converts them to accrual and put them in a form the State requires. Ultimately CRV is responsible for that but Engelson & Assoc.

balance out of the red from when the new main lift station pumps and board were replaced. Overland and Graham reported there was a \$2.00 per month for each of the 104 households sewer upgrade rate increase a few months back which would amount to a couple thousand dollar increase per year for the sewer fund. It has been a few years since the regular sewer rates have been increased. Funds need to be replenished after the new pumps were installed and the control panel was replaced

Motion to approve the 2025 Audit as presented by Bill Sherry

Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

FINANCIALS: Receipts as of July 15, 2026 \$2,505.31, Expenses as of July 15, 2026 \$71,459.22

Estimated July Receipts \$60,000.00/Estimated July Expenses \$87,000.00

CD's renewing at current advertised rates

Motion to approve the financials are presented

Motion by Ebner, 2nd by Link. Carried.

- 2027 Proposed Budget-Not discussed, will be discussed at next meeting

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

New Permits:

- #1786-Farmer Win Coop-Conditional Use Permit-State Highway 43 S
- #1787-Amy Engelhart-Enclosing west end of building- State Highway 16 W
- #1788- Farmers Win Coop-Dry Fertilizer Storage Warehouse-State Highway 43 S
- #1789-Mike & Nicole Messenger-# Windows, Siding, Update Porch-Ridgeview Rd
- #1790-Lain & Lisa Meyer-Sidewalk (rental)-Goodrich St
- #1791-Lain & Lisa Meyer-Sidewalk-Goodrich St

Permit Status/Projects in Process/Inquiries/Updates: Pettit had nothing to report

ROADS/WATER/SEWER:

- **Roads/Utilities Update:** Dessner reported
 - McCarthy well is waiting for pipes before they come to replace the pump house flow meter. There are leaking injectors in the priming system, new ones have been ordered
 - MN Dept. of Health will be at CRV July 22nd to get well samples
 - Large tree had to be removed from Aspen on July 18th
 - Grading roads this week to repair after rain storms
 - Talked to Featherstone farms about mud being left on Cooperative Way from tractors/vehicles coming out of the fields, mud was cleaned up right away, they will keep on top of it

OTHER:

- **Jayme Longmire-CEDA:** Nothing to report at this time
- **CRV Fee Schedule Ordinance #22:**
 - Fee schedule can be changed at any time
 - Planning and Zoning spent a lot of time on the zoning fees, Council would like Pettit to thank Planning and Zoning for their time

Motion made to approve Fee Schedule Ordinance #22 as presented

Motion by Ebner, 2nd by Link. Carried.</