CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE MINUTES OF October 6, 2026
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETNG
43038 State Hwy 30, Rushford Village, Minnesota 55971-5167

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The October 6, 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: Brian Krambeer, Robert Brand, Paula Brand, Evan Meier, Shannon Meier, Renee Ritter, Trey Ritter, Chad Garteski, Kirsten Zoellner-Fillmore County Journal

- Krambeer asked for support to move forward

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

MINUTES from the September 15, 2026 Regular Council & September 29, 2026 Mill Rate Meetings approved as presented
Motion by Link, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

FINANCIALS: September Expenses $57,569.53, September Receipts $10,967.58
Outstanding Checks as of 9/30/2026 $36,921.61, Bank Balance as of 9/30/2026 $305,322.32
Estimated October Receipts $12,000.00/Estimated October Expenses $45,000.00+
CD's renewing at current advertised rates

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

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

New Permits:

#1802-Cedar Hill Park-6'x6' Well House-Nordic Court
#1803-Jesse McNamer-Repair Deck and Patio-County Line Rd
#1804-Dean Heiden-Replace Deck-State Highway 43 S

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

ROADS/WATER/SEWER:

- **Roads/Utilities Update:** Dessner reported
  - The South Rushford Park hydrant cracked elbow has been fixed
  - The final ditch mowing will start soon to get ready for winter
- **Sept. 18-19, 2026 Rain/Flooding Event Update:** Dessner reported
  - Multiple contractors are working on the damaged CRV roads from the September 18-19, 2026 flood event
  - Tower Road and Trout Spring Lane remain closed for an unknown length of time
  - CRV maintenance did what they could with the roads, grading and replacing rock, contractors were needed for larger repairs
  - Dessner and Miner will attend the Fillmore County Emergency Services meeting in Preston on October 13th at 10:00 am for the September 18-19, 2026 Flood event

OTHER:

- **Renee Ritter-South Rushford Park Committee Update:**
  - Renee Ritter provided a proposal of what the South Rushford park upgrade would look like
  - Ritter sent out surveys, received about 40 back. Updated playground equipment, more seating/shade and improved basketball court were the top three things people wanted to see done
  - The cost of playground equipment depends on the size and is very expensive. Ritter contacted Peterson to see how they went about getting their playground equipment, they received a grant and the playground equipment company helped the volunteers install it. The current pea rock will need to be replaced by engineered or rubber chips both are expensive. They will look into getting ADA accessible equipment
  - The basketball court needs to be resurfaced and an adjustable hoop be added
  - The pavilion is in good shape but suggested it should be larger
  - It was suggested things could be done in phases. Phase 1- playground equipment, phase 2-basketball court, phase 3-pavilion
  - CRV has $21,796.60 in a park CD. Some of this money could be used towards the park but there has to be money available to keep both parks maintained. $6,000.00 is in the 2027 proposed budget for parks. Andrew Hoiness from CEDA can help look for grants.

- Overland stated the west end of the park should not be included in the park design just in case it would be used for something else. Evan Meier was given the ok to stake out where they would like the park to be and have a couple council members look at it. Meier asked if CRV equipment and personnel be available to help. Overland stated is would depend on what was going on in the City but if they were available whatever would help save money would be looked at.
- Overland stated it would be good to get a committee organized and to find out costs. Ritter should contact Andrew Hoiness from CEDA for help with grants. Simple questions can go to Miner
- The old playground equipment could be sold to help pay for the new playground equipment. Other ideas for raising money included seeing if the booster club would donate to the basketball court, reach out to the Rushford Community Foundation, Mienergy and AcenTek for donations, sell sponsorships for the various things and have a family fun night to bring people together

- **Resolution 2026-10-06-01 Robert & Paula Brand parcel splits for 05.0146.020 & 05.0113.000:**
  - Pettit reported there was a request to split the Brand property. He knew there were assessments but did not know the history and wanted the have planning and zoning take a look because at least two people on the board had some history regarding the assessments. He was educated on the assessments and it appears to him it is absolutely a doable project because the CRV assessments are being protected. Pettit stated everything looks to be in order to split the property and it would not need to go to Planning and Zoning because his questions have been answered and he thinks he knows where they would be on this project. The Krambeer project had been discussed previously and they did not have a problem with that.
  - Pettit, as Planning and Zoning Administrator, he recommends they forward these resolutions
  - Hart thanked O'Koren for his work in preparing these and for making sure CRV is protected as the buyer and sellers

Motion made to approve Resolution 2026-10-06-01 as presented Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

- **Resolution 2026-10-06-02 Brian & Jean Krambeer parcel split for 05.0117.000:**

Motion made to approve Resolution 2026-10-06-02 as presented Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ruberg. Carried.

  - Pettit stated the new owners will need to abide by CRV ordinances when using the land

- **November 3, 2026 General Election Judges:** Mary Miner, Judy Graham, Karen Thompson, Gordon Elliott, Bonnie Elliott, Elizabeth Atkinson, Kaye Bernard
  - Miner stated this is the same group of judges that did the Primary Election in August, all have completed training

Motion made to approve the General Election Judges as presented Motion by Hart, 2nd by Ebner. Carried.

- **Mike Bubany Sewer Rate Study/Levy Impact Study:**
  - Bubany provided his finding from the CRV sewer rate study. There has been equipment purchased in the last few years that should not need to be replaced again for a number of years but these expenses make a difference when a study is done. The loan with Rushford will be paid off in 2032 but there will probably be future updates that will need to be paid for.
  - Overland stated he would propose the 1st years increase be half of what Bubany proposed and then each year increase it a little more to get the funds built back up

Motion made to table the sewer rate study discussion to allow the Council more time to review Motion by Ebner, 2nd by Ruberg, Carried.

  - Bubany provided a levy impact study to show how the 2027 proposed levy would affect various properties. The Council will review the information

- **2026 Audit Quote-Engelson & Associates, Ltd.:**
  - The estimated proposed maximum for the 2026 audit is $12,000. The 2025 audit estimate was not to exceed $11,500

Motion made to approve the 2026 Engelson & Associates, Ltd. quote as presented Motion by Link, 2nd by Ebner, Carried.

- **November 3, 2026, Tuesday- NO CRV Council Meeting-General Election:**
  - The General Election is November 3, 2026 which is a CRV meeting night
  - CRV will have only one regular council meeting in November on Tuesday, November 17th

Motion made to not have a meeting on election night and have only one meeting in November Motion by Hart, 2nd by Link. Carried.

OTHER UPDATES / MEETINGS:

- October 13, 2026, Tuesday-Fillmore County Emergency Services Meeting-10:00 am-Preston-Miner & Dessner
- October 15-16, 2026, Thursday-Friday-Dessner PTO
- November 3, 2026, Tuesday-General Election, Polls Open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm-CRV Community Center
- November 3, 2026, Tuesday- NO CRV Council Meeting-General Election

Next Meetings: **Council:** October 20, 2026 @ 7:00 pm and November 17 @ 7:00 pm at CRV Hall Office
Zoning: October 20, 2026 @ 5:30 pm at CRV Hall Office

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