Village of Rudolph Minutes of November 14th, 2023

Board Members Present: President Kevin Whipple

Clerk Kristina Rebarchek

Trustee Barb Ziebell

Treasurer Sandy Pawelski

Trustee Christy Steinle
Trustee Rich Larsen

Not present: Trustee Megan Stashek

Meeting called to order by Village President Whipple at 6:01 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Trustee Ziebell to accept October minutes as typed, seconded by Trustee Steinle; carried unanimously.

Reading of the Bills by Treasurer Pawelski. Motion made to accept bills as typed by Trustee Larsen, seconded by Trustee Ziebell; carried unanimously.

Public Comments/Concerns:

☐ Interest in the bank building-an individual with Star Foods is putting in grocery stores in smaller communities so the people within that community don't have to travel as far to get groceries. They raise their own beef and they are partnered with Weyauwega cheese, they are wondering if there is a need in Rudolph for a small grocery store-looking for input from the community to see what the needs are or if it would be viable. A main focus would be a grab-and-go hot and cold bar of foods along with coffee. They currently have two locations, in New London and Weyauwega. (Q.) With Dollar General moving in, the gas station and the cheese factory, would this be "competition" for you? (A.) We have found that our stores tend to complement what Dollar General has-where they don't carry fresh produce or farm grown local meats, we would. They carry over 110 different flavors of ice cream at one store and they can't ever keep it in stock, same with seasonings at another store where they have over 180 seasonings they can't keep in stock either. They have looked at the bank building and the only downside is that it is not right off the main highway and parking, they are going to check out Ashbeck Interiors even though it looks a little small however it does have a little land with it. If they moved in they would look to get paired with a local farmer for fresh produce instead of bringing that in from Weyauwega-keep it local. Hours would be somewhere between 7a-8p/9p. They are going to be

testing out a delivery service in New London and Weyauwega with the elderly population where they have one delivery truck to make one trip during the day. (Q.) Would you work with the local organizations if they needed bulk orders of paper plates, utensils, etc.,,(A.)YES, they would definitely be able to accommodate and work with organizations given enough notice to get the supplies in. (Q.) Would alcohol/beer be available at the store? (A.) yes if it is something that the village would be interested in and there would be a need/want for it. ☐ Trustee Ziebell sent a check in the mail two weeks before Nov 8th and the quy who does the website said he never received the check in the mail for the Village website, another check was written and hand delivered to keep our website up and running. There was an interest in using pay-pal but the Village would not be comfortable using that as a means of payment. ☐ New Christmas lights for the Village-when they were being put up they had light bulbs falling out as they were being hung up. Trustee Steinle is going to look at pricing for new Christmas lights and maybe the Village can do some fundraising for some new lights. ☐ Main St will be closed down for the entire day for Rudolph Country Christmas-just from Grotto Ave to the Village Hall.

Old Business:

- Junked Vehicle Letters- We have received a few responses from junked vehicles, thank you to those that responded. If we do not get responses are next step is to follow up with the attorney.
- Vaults update-The vault with the main valves was flooded and Trustee Larsen had the fire department come over and pump it out and that worked nicely and Kurt said he would keep an eye on it for us. Larsen got 18 yards of road base from Ron and they spread it and it looks very nice-they have a little pile left over that they can use on pond rd in the spring.

New Business:

- Rudolph Country Christmas-Special Event license filled out and \$10 fee paid in cash. Motion made to approve special event license by Trustee Steinle seconded by Trustee Larsen, carried unanimously.
- 2024 Election Dates: <u>If anyone would like to work the polls please contact</u> the <u>Village Clerk!!</u>
 - Spring Primary- Tuesday, February 20, 2024-Three trustee positions are open
 - o Pres Pref Primary and Spring Election-Tuesday, April 2, 2024

- o Partisan Primary- Tuesday, August 13, 2024
- o General Election- Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Agenda Requests:

None at this time

Trustee Steinle made a motion to adjourn the meeting 6:44pm, seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:44pm

Respectfully Submitted, Kristina Rebarchek, Village Clerk