# Village of Rudolph Minutes of March 12th, 2024

Board Members Present:	President Kevin Whipple	Trustee Megan Stashek
	Clerk Kristina Rebarchek	Trustee Rich Larsen
	Trustee Barb Ziebell	Trustee Christy Steinle

Not Present: Treasurer Sandy Pawelski

Meeting called to order by Village President Whipple at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Ziebell to accept February minutes as typed with the corrections of 'December' to 'January' and 'hill' to 'Hilltop', seconded by Trustee Steinle carried unanimously.

Reading of the Bills by Trustee Stashek. Motion made to accept bills as typed by Trustee Steinle with the correction of Clerks wage to \$1385.25, seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously.

### Public Comments/Concerns:

- Brandon from Tractor club-has talked about upgrading Fullers field, wider gates he talked with Kurt and they are willing to pay for part of it, the Tractor club would be willing to pay for the other part of it and American Fencing would be willing to make some donations as well so therefore the Village would not be responsible for any cost.

-What about the solar farm and cold storage?-Kane warehousing was in the area last week, they are in the process of getting their blueprints squared away and then they will be starting as soon as possible. Solar Farm is not starting anything until 2025.

-Bank-A-count called and they are not doing any major remodeling-they are taking asbestos tiles out now but otherwise just moving stuff around.

-There was a heater in the concession stand at the park that was burnt up Trustee Larsen disconnected it and took it out.

-Ron R.-There is a ton of noise coming from the cheese factory-the trucks all rattle the houses, you can hear it all day long-can't open the windows from the south side of the house because he just hears all the noises all day long. If they keep adding on it will just continue to get worse. The construction is not the problem, it is more or less the tank trucks waiting to get into the milkhouse-they are parking on the wrong side of the road this all starts at 2am and they don't

have the room for the trucks they currently have coming in. I had my house appraised at \$230,000. I have land up North I can start building on but I need money in order to do that. We are not sure what we can do as a village to stop them, Trustee Steinle will reach out to the Cheese Factory in regards to this. -Trustee Larsen looked at the corner of sunset and hilltop and he is going to put some poles up so that will hopefully help.

-House behind Village Hall-Their chickens are running around to neighbors yards and there is some garbage blowing around-the Village is going to have Luke send a letter in regards to this as well as the junked vehicles from previous months. We are looking at what the fines are and how we can recoup the legal fees.

-April election coming up-there is one trustee position open, there is still time to be a registered write-in for the election (deadline March 29th at noon) please contact the Village Clerk if you wish to run!

-Treasurer position is also open-this is an appointed position so please get in touch with a member of the board if you are interested in becoming the Village Treasurer.

## Old Business:

- Manhole Rebuild-Village board met with the city-the issues of the manhole are coming from the Village. We are working with the city about the pricing, we asked them to take it to their commission board-but either way come October this will get done. It takes two days for our waste to get to the manhole, so basically it is fermenting on its way there and has fermented by the time it reaches the manhole. We should be looking into doing some type of chemical treatment to cut the gasses so we do not continually run into this problem once the new manhole is done.
- Christmas Decorations-Guy from Indiana final quote \$12759.35. The Holiday Outdoor Decor catalog was \$19,754-on sale until the end of March for a total of \$13,244.00 for the same amount of lights. A picture was shown for comparison of the light quality with the Holiday catalog lights looking far more crisp and bright. These quotes are to replace all 36 lights the Village currently puts up every Christmas season. Trustee Ziebell made a motion to accept the quote from Holiday Outdoor Decor, seconded by Trustee Larsen, carried unanimously. Donations are welcome anytime to the Village to help cover the cost of the new Christmas lights-checks can be made payable to VIllage of Rudolph or you can get in touch with Christy Steinle.
- Maintenance Position- Tony Konkol said that he will accept this position.
- Park Project Update- Jacob Pagels, Pagels Landscaping, is going to be starting-we can't get the grant money until the project is complete so can we use

the general funds to cover the down payment? Yes, it will be reimbursed when we get the grant money. Pagels landscaping guoted \$17,88; Fuller mechanical price for the sign is \$6,000 for the total of \$25,385 with \$615 leftover for the media event. If anyone wishes to donate they can have their name on a plaque on the new park sign-any donation over \$500 will get your name on the sign! The school (THINK) is going to raise perennials for the park project for us as well. Andy was here to talk about donations for ball field improvements at the park. They are wondering if the Village could put \$10,000 towards park improvements in hopes of having things done before the All Star game in which Rudolph is hosting. Rudolph doesn't have a team that would end up using the main field full time; should the infield be made smaller to possibly help with costs of redoing that as well? It is a possibility. They have been using all three fields the past few years, the big field is just overgrown on the infield. With the projects we already have going on at the park-the bathrooms, and the maintenance for it-the Village can't afford to donate \$10,000. Maybe \$5,000-there are also grants that come out in June/July for projects like this that the Village can surely apply for again (we applied last year and received \$4200). Motion made by Trustee Steinle second by Ziebell, carried unanimously. The other night they went up and fired up all the lights and all but 4 lights worked-one bulb was burnt out in the scoreboard.

### **New Business:**

- Airbnb-As of this time, the Village would reference the state statutes in regards to any Airbnbs. One thought was to have a residing manager close-not someone who lives too far away.
- Roads from county-Knowledge Ave Replace culvert in curve, excavate soft low spot, add breaker and bring up to grade with gravel and recycle. The approximate cost to do this work is ------\$8500 Add 2 inches gravel, pulverize, fine grade, pave, and shoulder The approximate cost to do this work is------\$33000 Total cost------\$41500 The school is pushing the pick up line onto Morraine ave now. Wagner ave 1st to 2nd street Add 2 inches gravel, pulverize, fine grade, pave, and shoulder The approximate cost to do this work is ------\$15500. The Village has \$30,000 in the 50/50 account-not sure if we can use all of this or only half. Knowledge Ave should be the first road that needs to be done-President Whipple is going to check if we can use the entire amount. Motion made to repair Knowledge Ave once we find out what 50/50 is by Trustee Larsen, seconded byTtrustee Ziebell, carried unanimously.

- Pothole by cheese factory It is temporarily patched, Dairy State is responsible for the repair and is getting a quote to have it fully repaired.
- Tree thinning at park-A few residents had called about all the trees in the woods at the park. There are many trees that are falling and are just unsafe if anyone were to go into the woods. Trustee Larsen has a call in to Brady from the County, he is going to come mark the trees that we should have taken out. There is a Jodi W from Pittsville that would like the wood so we are going to be in contact with them as well. There is a yellow brick road back in the woods but it is covered right now with all these trees and brush.

## Agenda Requests:

• Brush Pile

Trustee Ziebell made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trustee Larsen; carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristina Rebarchek, Village Clerk