Village of Rudolph Minutes of February 14th, 2023

Board Members Present: President Kevin Whipple

Clerk Kristina Rebarchek Trustee Rich Larsen

Trustee Megan Stashek Trustee Barb Ziebell

Trustee Christy Steinle

Not Present: Treasurer Sandy Pawleski

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

Motion made by Trustee Larsen to accept January 17th, 2022 meeting minutes as typed, seconded by Trustee Ziebell, carried unanimously.

Reading of the Bills by Trustee Ziebell. Motion made by Trustee Steinle that the bills be paid as typed, seconded by Trustee Larsen, carried unanimously.

Public Comments/Concerns: Trustee Larsen was contacted by Reusch Companies about the 12 unit apartments they would like to build; the Company is wondering about a building permit and they would like to start moving equipment in this week if possible. Someone is interested in making a duplex out of the bank and wants it to be re-zoned-that gentleman was not at the meeting to elaborate. Ben Grimm called and said that the city keeps calling him and wants to know the numbers from the sewer discharge-Ziebell said Bruce used to take care of those numbers and she will contact him to see what he used to send. Clerk Rebarchek received a call from Micahel with Alliant Energy about a utility pole that is up by the Joosten Barn next to one of the 'Welcome to Rudolph' signs, which will need to be taken down once he is ready to demolish his barn. The Village would be responsible for the cost if they ran the wiring underground but if Alliant was able to make it work to move the utility pole by the sign-they would cover the cost, however that means the utility pole needs to be anchored and that anchor would cover the welcome sign. The Village sign is not in good shape as it is, Trustee Larsen, Trustee Steinle and President Whipple are going to get together and take a look at the sign condition and go from there. Rich from The American Legion would like to thank the Village for past support for the Honor Walk. This year will be the 4th consecutive year for the Honor Walk and they have a congressional medal of honor on the poles this year; Rich is asking on behalf of the Legion for the support from the Village to produce the books, last year the Village donated \$500, this will be added to the March agenda so the Village can make a decision on it.

Old Business:

- Multiple Dog (Kennel) License-This ordinance had to come to the Village Board for approval as they have more than 3 dogs. Justin Jeske stated that they have 5 full size dogs and one puppy for a total of six, they use the dogs as hunting dogs, they are fenced in-most are registered dogs. Justin stated they use the dogs therapeutically; after getting out of the Army he and his wife decided they wanted to use hunting dogs to keep themselves busy. There have been complaints about the dogs barking and the Jeskes stated they do bark when any big trucks drive by, the dogs are always inside at night, they are up on shots, they go to the vet regularly. Trustee Larsen stated they do have a very nice area for the dogs to run around in the backyard. Comments from the public-someone worried about starting a kennel business in the Village and having multiple families wanting to start a kennel business. Trustee Steinle was asking from a neighbors standpoint if the neighbors were hearing the dogs bark all the time? Public comments said not all the time, but if the UPS drives by, or when they go outside to use the bathroom they bark and the retired people in the neighborhood don't like to listen to that at 6am. Jokes wife stated that she works really hard with the dogs to make sure that they are not nuisance barking-she doesn't let them out in the yard and let them continuously bark for hours on end. She tries to get them inside before they bark too much because she also doesn't like listening to them bark but she takes full responsibility for them and she doesn't want them annoying everyone. They don't wear bark collars because they would bark through them and end up hurt. Yes, if they are outside and someone comes up to the house or a big truck drives by they bark, as do most dogs. There will be a public hearing scheduled for this Multiple Dog License issue, along with contacting the attorney in regards to this issue.
- Rummage Sales Update-It was posted on the Village facebook page and Kayla Wanta said that she would take over coordinating this.

New Business:

• Dollar General-Jim (civil engineer on the project) is present to answer any questions about the project. It is a proposed 10,600 sq.ft building facing the highway with 35 parking stalls, entrance off of Maple Rd. and they would provide their necessary storm water management-currently proposing a septic and private well for water and sewer service. They would ask for site plan approval along with a certified survey map to split the lot for the 1.38 acres the Dollar General would be constructed on. Questions from the public-your driveway comes off of Maple Rd, would this prevent the big trucks from coming down Meadowview Ln and to have them use HWY 34 instead? Jim said-he doesn't

have control over the drivers however the proposed plan is for them to use the HWY. Can we look at putting in a turn lane to the Dollar General to help with traffic? DOT would be the driver of that as these stores typically do not warrant that type of traffic, possibility of moving the 45 mph sign before the corner to the Dollar General. Trustee Steinle was going to contact the DOT in regards to this question. Motion made by Trustee Ziebell that we accept the Dollar General plans and the certified survey map is signed, seconded by Trustee Larsen, carried unanimously.

- Fees/Permits- The committee is going to be set up to re-establish the fee schedule for the Village so the Village can recoup some of these fees. If someone were to put a fence up, the current fee is \$10 and USIC locating charges the Village \$25 to come out and mark that so the Village isn't even recovering that fee (Trustee Steinle). It was last updated at least 8 years ago. There will be a draft put together by Ron for the Village to go over and discuss the new fee schedule. Trustee Steinle made a motion that the Village put a hold on the current fee schedule-you can still obtain a permit however the price will be on hold until review of the fee schedules and approval of at the March meeting. Seconded by Trustee Larsen, carried unanimously.
- Village Hall Flag- Trustee Larsen was looking for permission to purchase a new flag for the Village Hall. The Legion might have some extra flags for the Village. Trustee Larsen is going to contact the Legion in regards to this.

Agenda Requests:

- Fee Schedule
- Public hearing in regards to Multiple Dog License
- Honor Walk Sponsorship

Trustee Larsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Stashek, carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristina Rebarchek, Village Clerk