

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

April 12, 2010

TIME: 6:45 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

Trustees Charles Elwell, David Field, Timothy Jabaut, and John Sawers

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Art Rilands, Joe D'George, KelliSue Kolz

BUDGET HEARING

RE: Opening the budget hearing.

Mayor Bagley opened the budget hearing at 6:45pm

RE: 2010/2011 Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Bagley reviewed with the Board the items included in the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget. He explained that the assessment of the Gorham side dropped resulting in a higher percentage of the tax burden falling on the Potter side. Lastly Mayor Bagley review the tax rate stating that they were able to lower the tax rate for the second consecutive year. General discussion took place regarding various projects.

Mayor Bagley asked for comments from the public and no comments were offered.

RE: Closing

Mayor Bagley closed the budget hearing at 6:59pm.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING

Minutes provided separately due to length.

REGUALR MONTHLY MEETING

RE: Calling the meeting to order

Mayor Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

RE: Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Field to adopt the minutes from the March 8, 2010 regular monthly meeting as printed. Unanimously carried.

RE: Joe D'George, St. Pauly's Textile, on behalf of the MW Baseball Team

Joe D'George of St. Pauly's Textile explained that he was there representing the Marcus Whitman Baseball Team. The baseball team would like to set up a used clothing drop off shed somewhere in the Village. He said they had two sites in mind, the first being the Village parking lot and the second being Rushco Hardware. Mr. D'George stated the closest drop off shed is at St. Theresa's in Stanley. Their

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program consists of a non-profit organization agreeing to manage the used clothing shed. The organization must check the shed daily for clothes and ensure that everything is in good condition. He said they have never had an organization or community ask for one of their sheds to be removed. They have a good program and people respect their mission. The clothes collected are distributed world wide through other organizations such as the Red Cross. The local organizations benefit from the amount of clothing dropped off. The weight of the clothing determines how much the organization earns. On average St. Theresa's earns \$3,600 annually from the clothes dropped off at their shed.

The Board and Mr. George discussed the use of the parking lot. Several had concerns over the teenagers vandalizing the shed and the clothing. The parking lot is not monitored. Resident, KelliSue Kolz of 20 South Main Street agreed with the Board's concern. The Board agreed that the shed would be beneficial for the baseball team but agreed Rushco would be a more appropriate spot for it to be located. Mr. D'George thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

RE: Lona Smith

Resident Lona Smith, 47 South Main Street, had asked to discuss her water bill with the Board but was not present. Mayor Bagley explained to the Board that Mike Pierre, Village employee, had attempted several times to change Ms. Smith's water meter but was unable to get inside her home to do so. Mike had suspicions that the outside meter was not working properly and needed to see the inside meter to get an accurate reading. Finally in January 2010, Mike was able to read her inside water meter after the Village sent Ms. Smith a letter stating the urgency. Mike's suspicion was correct, the outside meter was malfunctioning. Further discussion took place regarding Ms. Smith situation and her large water bill.

A motion was made by Trustee Filed and seconded by Trustee Elwell declaring that employee Mike Pierre and the Village of Rushville did their due diligence in attempting to notify Ms. Smith that her water meter needed to be changed therefore her water bills stands as is. Unanimously carried.

RE: Art's Report

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Streets

- He plans to buy pipe for Bassett Street soon during this fiscal year.

Sewer

- Mike has been inspecting the sewer lines and found a break near the Frontier phone station. There was a gas line going through the grey water line. Probably has been that way since the 1980's when the gas line was put in the Village.

Village Hall

- The wiring is old and needs to be updated. Quote provided by B&E Electric.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field

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to accept B&E Electric quote to update the Village Hall wiring for \$655.
Unanimously carried.

RE: Cemetery Labor

Last year's employees Mike Gorton and Andrew Paulison have stated they are interested in working in the cemetery again this year. Two other applications were received, Danny Clark and Nicole Jabaut, both have limited hours available. Usually only 2-3 are hired however due to the limited hours of the other two applicants discussion took place about hiring both.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to hire Mike Gorton, Andrew Paulison, Danny Clerk, and Nicole Jabaut for the 2010 summer season at a rate of \$10.50, \$9.50, \$8.50, and \$8.50 respectively.
Unanimously carried.

RE: Fire Report

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RE: 2010/2011 Fiscal Year Budget

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to adopt the 2010/2011 Fiscal Year Budget for the Village of Rushville as printed.
Unanimously carried.

RE: Water & Sewer Relevises

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to relevy all outstanding water and sewer charges as provided by the Village Clerk-Treasurer onto the 2010 Village tax roll. Unanimously carried.

RE: Water Project

Mayor Bagley shared that the Village is still waiting on formal approval from Rural Development. The Cemetery fund needs to be paid back the amount used so far in the Capital Project fund. Tom Zuber, Village Accountant, recommended that the loan be paid back to Cemetery by Water and then carry over an outstanding due to/due from into the new fiscal year between Water and Capital Project.

With approval from RD seeming not to be in the near future the project will not be able to begin this year. General discussion took place in regards to the water project and Rural Development funding.

RE: Zoning Law

Mayor Bagley encouraged everyone to keep reviewing the proposed Zoning Law and comment on concerns at the next meeting.

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RE: Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Sawers to enter into executive session at 8:05pm to discuss employee reviews. Unanimously carried.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:45pm.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to accept the employee reviews as printed. Unanimously carried.

RE: Credit Card

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to apply the Village of Rushville for a credit card with one of the official depositories, those being Community Bank, and the Lyons National Bank. Unanimously carried.

RE: Public Hearing

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to set a public hearing for Local Law #1-2010, Extending Term Lengths, for May 10, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall. Unanimously carried.

RE: Southern Tier Library

The Board discussed the past due invoices and concluded that the Village was behind and they needed to be paid.

RE: Reading Center Director

Discussion took place regarding the Reading Center and the need for leadership. Though unfortunate, the Board concluded that the current Director was not capable of fulfilling her role. The Board instructed the Clerk to look through the resumes on file from those who applied for the Clerk-Treasurer position in the summer of 2007 and see if there was an appropriate person to fill the Director position. All were in agreement that the Reading Center Board needs to meet and assess the situation. Discussion took place regarding the functionality of the Reading Center and the need for additional space. The Board was in agreement that the books from Mid-American should be sent back to refrain further increasing the deficit of the reading center budget.

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to send back the book orders from Mid-America Book Company. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Elwell to pay the Southern Tier Library invoices that are 3 years past due. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to send a letter via US mail to Reading Center Director Betty Clark asking her to resign from her current position. Unanimously carried.

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RE: Charges for Unforeseen Water Usage

Discussion took place regarding setting a forgiveness policy for accidental water usage that does not involve negligence. The Board concluded that it would be too difficult to set a flat policy that every situation should be judged on a case by case basis.

RE: Grade Laser

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to purchase a grade laser for approximately \$1,000. Unanimously carried.

RE: Pitching Machine

The Youth Baseball team would like to use the park to practice. The Board welcomed the idea of the park being utilized by the youth baseball team.

Mayor Bagley introduced the idea of purchasing a pitching machine and offer hitting time for a few hours every week. The Village would need to buy helmets. A good machine can be purchased for \$500. There would also be the additional cost of running electric to the pitching mound. Discussion took place regarding insurance. It was concluded further research was needed.

RE: Lawn Mower for Park

A lighter mower is needed for the park. The current tractor is too heavy and leaves ruts. Discussion to place regarding replacing the tires, Art will look into turf tires for the tractor.

RE: Snow Plow

Art was instructed to take the snow plow to the municipal auction in Palmyra.

RE: Food Sense Program

The Clerk met with a Yates County Office of the Aging representative who would like to expand the food sense program into Rushville and set up a distribution site. Discussion took place regarding the program, the benefits and drawbacks. It was concluded that the Middlesex Friendship House was the best location for the program to establish a distribution site.

RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Elwell to authorize payment of the general bills in amount of \$11,335.84 noting \$2,430.61 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the board meeting. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the capital project bills in amount of \$7,249.90. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

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A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Elwell to authorize payment of the cemetery bills in amount of \$845.78. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize payment of the water bills in amount of \$2,804.06 noting \$38.00 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the board meeting. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the sewer bills in the amount of \$20,754.91 noting \$634.27 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the board meeting. \$16,755 of the total was due for the sewer bond payment and interest. Unanimously carried.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gruschow
Clerk-Treasurer