

# **RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**September 14, 2015**

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

Trustees: Charles Elwell, Timothy Jabaut, John Sawers

ATTENDANCE: Jennifer Gruschow, Amanda Lee, Art Rilands, Mike Pierre, Reggie O'Hearn, Janet Landcastle, J.P Schepp-Chatfield Engineers, Dodie Baker

RE: Calling the Meeting to Order

Mayor Jon Bagley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:03pm.

RE: Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 10, 2015 Board. A motion was made by Trustee Charles Elwell to approve the minutes as printed. Trustee Timothy Jabaut seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: JP Schepp, Chatfield Engineers

Mayor John Bagley thanked J.P. Schepp of Chatfield Engineers for attending the meeting and turned the floor over to Schepp to discuss the options for repairing/replacing the chlorine line at the lake pump station. Schepp and Public Works Supervisor Art Rilands explained to the Board what the engineering proposal would accomplish. Currently, a chlorine line is run inside the water intake line and a chlorine drip assist in preventing zebra mussels from clogging the intake line. However, overtime the hardness in the water, which the chlorine is mixed with, has plugged the chlorine line and an outside chlorine line had to be run out to the intake line to continue the zebra mussel control. The engineering study would present and proposal solutions to several problems including looking at alternatives to using chlorine to control the zebra mussel build up, not just options to repairing the chlorine line.

The Board examined pictures that a local diver had taken of the intake line and also a sample of the chlorine line which showed significant build up that took place over only a 6-7 week period. Discussion took place regarding the work that took place to install the chlorine line inside the intake line. This work was done at a cost of approximately \$9,000 about 7 years ago. Schepp stated he thought the Village received a very good deal on that project because the diving portion of the job is highly regulated and costly. It would be significant more to replace the line compared to the previous project. Discussion took place about using other options beside chlorine for zebra mussel control. Village of Albion uses Chlorine Dioxide Generator. There may be advantages to using a new product to control the Zebra Mussels. Other municipalities on Canandaigua Lake use chlorine gas, therefore there is no need to mix it with water meaning there is no clogging. However; chlorine gas is extremely dangerous and the Village pump station is not set up for handling chlorine gas. A containment room would be needed along with additional training. Department of Health approval would be needed for any change in zebra mussel control. Bagley inquired about using tablets, which was briefly mentioned

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during the water project engineering phase. Schepp said that the tablets have never been used in a Zebra mussel application, but it's worth looking into. The tablets are easy to handle, and there's no need for additional safety precautions such as respirators.

Additional discussion ensued including the construction process that would take place after the engineering proposal was complete. After no additional comments or questions from the Board, Bagley thanked Schepp for taking the time to come to the meeting. Clerk-Treasurer Jen Gruschow asked Schepp why the project would need to be bid if it did not exceed the legal \$25,000 threshold, Schepp answered because of the diving regulations.

RE: Public Works Report: Public Works Supervisor Art Rilands

A copy of this report is on file with these minutes.

9 Warren Street Project: Property owner, Mark Fargo is very happy with the creek work that was performed; he contacted Bagley after the work was completed. Rilands would like to pump concrete to further stabilize the concrete slabs that were laid upon the bank. The cost would be approximately \$500.

A motion was made by Trustee Timothy Jabaut and second by Trustee Charles Elwell to authorize the addition of concrete to the 9 Warren Street project for an approximate cost of \$500. Motion was unanimously carried.

Cemetery: Trustee John Sawers asked Rilands if he had plans to repair the cemetery shed, which he answered yes. With Brad Quayle quitting, without even giving a 2 week notice, it has been difficult to complete jobs. He told Rilands on a Monday that his last day would be that Friday. Bagley talked with previous employee Andrew Paulison, about working for the Village, however he is asking for \$16/hr. \$12/hr for Brad was a financial stretch. At this time, there are no real candidates for part time work.

Trustee Timothy Jabaut asked Rilands if there was any progress on the water leak near Todd Brown's house. Rilands shared he has no idea where the line is because there are no as-built plans. Everyone who would know where it is, is deceased. There's a ¾" line that comes down the hill. Al Green also is fed water from that line. Previous Public Works Supervisors Jerry Lazarus and Don Clark said both are fed with 1 line. Recently, Rilands found and repaired 2 leaks, the hydrant in front of the Congregational Church and the water line at the front of 59 Gilbert Street, the Grover property. The annual Department of Health inspection report states we are losing 25% of water. For the potential leak on the Brown property, Rilands stated he could just start digging, but it could get expensive. If there is a leak on Todd Brown's Towline Road property, then it would be before the meter, contributed to the lost water count. Area is wet, but there's no running water. Rilands stated he is not convinced there is a water line leak, but he will do whatever the Board wants to do.

Rilands shared additional information with the Board regarding water meters. The type of water meters are changing and what the Village has been using is going to be phased out. A water meter life use is 10 years. We can't purchase new

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meters in the current style we have and our current meter reader won't read the new style meters. The Board needs to decide what to do. New meters require a new reader at a cost of approximately \$2500. Discussion ensued regarding other water meter options and how advanced the technology has become. The Village replaces approximately 30 meters a year for \$2,500. Due to the ever changing technology, unless all the meters are changed at once, or in just a few short years, by the time all the meters are changed, that style meter will most likely be phased out.

RE: Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Art Rilands

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Sawers asked if Rilands had heard about Honeoye Fire Department shutting down. Rilands stated he wasn't sure, but many Departments are suffering from a lack of volunteers. Thankfully new members are joining so right now the Rushville Fire Department is doing okay with volunteers. Additional discussion took place regarding a recent accident. When it comes to serious vehicle accidents requiring extrication, the firefighters need to be careful where they cut. The newer cars have stronger corner posts that can ruin the tools the firefighters have to use.

RE: Reading Center Report: Director Dodie Baker

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Reading Center Director Dodie Baker informed the board that volunteer Kellie Lightfoote is stepping down. Baker would like to offer a gift card to Kellie as a thank you for her service. Bagley is in support of the idea of giving her a gift card. Kellie will still stay on as the president of the library board.

Circle of Friends president Lynn Magill will be campaigning for more volunteers to help out at the library. An active volunteer, Donna DeVries was in a car accident, so she will be unable to volunteer anymore.

A motion was made by Trustee Charles Elwell and seconded by Trustee Timothy Jabaut to purchase a \$100 gift card for Kellie Lightfoote to JoAnn Fabrics as a thank you for all of her volunteer efforts and contributions to the library. The motion was unanimously approved.

Sawers asked about getting the library sign installed. Discussion ensued regarding issues with the Eagle Scout project. The dig safely wasn't done in time for the electrician to install the sign. Now that's done, but electrician is busy. Roy Douglas was mentioned as an option for digging for the sign.

RE: Authorizing Filing of the 2014/2015 Annual Update Document

A motion was made by Trustee Charles Elwell and second by Trustee Timothy Jabaut to authorize the filing of the 2014/2015 Annual Update Document as completed by the Village Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Gruschow and the associates of Raymond F. Wager, CPA. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Year End Budget Transfers

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A motion was made by Trustee Charles Elwell and seconded by Trustee Timothy Jabaut to authorize the necessary budget transfers as printed and provided by the Village Clerk-Treasurer. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Code Enforcement Report: Code Officer Reggie O'Hearn

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Code Officer O'Hearn informed the Board that Rosatos of 9 Chapel Street are not cooperating with him for the necessary inspections. He also stated that the owner of the property understands that as long as the inspection does not take place, fines will continue to accrue. An administrative search warrant is an option. O'Hearn provided the homeowners with an inspection agreement; but they drafted and signed their own version. Rosatos need to sign the attorney provided agreement, which covers the inspection, photos, and Trustees to be allowed on property – the lack of inspection authorization is holding everything up. The Board agreed to O'Hearn securing a search warrant if necessary.

A motion was made by Trustee Timothy Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Charles Elwell for the Village to secure an administrative search warrant if necessary. The motion was unanimously carried.

O'Hearn also informed the Board he is having issues with the Hilts residence on Pine Street. They are draining water run off onto the neighboring properties. A public hearing needs to be scheduled for the Board to address both property violations that are being ignored and not remedied.

A motion was made by Trustee Timothy Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Charles Elwell to schedule a public hear for Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, at the Village Hall to address the zoning violations taking place at 9 Chapel Street and 2 Pine Street. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Time Warner Cable Agreement

A motion was made by Trustee Timothy Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Charles Elwell to schedule a public hearing to receive comments regarding the renewal of the Time Warner Cable agreement for Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Village Hall. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Sewer Planning Study

The Clerk has completed all forms necessary to close out the EFC reimbursement grant for the sewer planning study. We should receive funds within the next month.

RE: Water Rights: John DeValder- 5262 Twitchell Road

The Clerk met with Attorney Kenyon to review the deed documents and easement research she had performed. Kenyon asked for the entire abstract to be obtained from the homeowner in order for an opinion to be rendered. However, Kenyon is fairly confident in saying that his rights are narrowed down to three options;

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1. There are water rights for livestock use only
2. The original easement was given in exchange for money, therefore there are no water rights.
3. The property has no water rights at all.

## RE: Douglas Drive Street Lights

An installation application was submitted to NYSEG for the Douglas Drive street lights. We are now waiting on NYSEG to schedule a field visit with Art to tell us what they need the Village to do.

## NEW: Purchasing Ford F550

Discussion ensued regarding the current F550 the Village owns. The truck is a 2002 and Rilands believes it has a value of about \$10,000 - \$12,000. The Village could send it to auction, or bid it out in-house. No decision was made. Bagley would like to have the new truck sprayed with the KROWN rust protection treatment from the start. There are not a lot of miles on the old truck, but the salt has damaged it. Additional discussion took place regarding the price of the new Ford F550. Sawers commented that if it's in the budget then he is ok with the purchase. Bagley commented yes, it was budgeted for. A quote was provided to the Board for review.

A motion was made Trustee Timothy Jabaut and second by Trustee Charles Elwell to purchase a 2016 Ford F550 from VanBortel Ford per State bid options. The motion was unanimously carried.

## RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Timothy Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Charles Elwell to authorize payment of the general bills in the amount of \$21,135.79. The motion was unanimously carried.

Elwell questioned the amount of the Churchville Fire bills, wanted an explanation of the cost. Rilands informed him that it was the balance of the camera and gear for 3 new fire department members. To outfit a new member is about \$3,000. The Department does shop around for gear costs.

A motion was made by Trustee Charles Elwell and seconded by Trustee Timothy Jabaut to authorize payment of the cemetery bills in the amount of \$186.98. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Charles Elwell and seconded by Trustee Timothy Jabaut to authorize payment of the water bills in the amount of \$6,274.74. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tim Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Charles Elwell to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$4,870.63. The motion was unanimously carried.

## Public Comments

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Janet Landcastle asked about replacing Dave Field. Mayor Jon Bagley said he has not addressed it and it is his decision to appoint or not appoint a new Trustee.

Janet also asked about chickens in the Village. Trustee John Sawers spoke with Cornell Cooperative representative who informed him that the City of Canandaigua has a program for keeping chickens. The information was relayed to the Village Clerk.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Timothy Jabaut and seconded by Trustee John Sawers to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Lee  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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Jennifer Gruschow  
Clerk-Treasurer