

DATE: 8/1/16

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor: John Sawers

Trustees: Charles Elwell, Holly Krossber, David Masters, Kimberly Payne

ATTENDANCE: Joanne Burley, scribe, Jim Loomis, Janet Landcastle, Jim Landcastle, Bob Walker, Marla Lapin, Mary Colf, Pat Sawers, Susan Button, Bill Button, Terry Lucero, Jessica Smith, Kevin Smith, Lyn Magill, Dodie Baker, Mike Pierre, Ginny Curtis, Ann Grover

Re: Calling the Meeting to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor John Sawers. All who were present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Re: Approval of Minutes:

The Mayor asked for an approval of July's minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Kimberly Payne. Trustee David Masters seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Re: Communications, Petitions & Guests:

The Mayor introduced Jim Loomis from the Friendship House in Middlesex.

Jim came to the board meeting to talk about the Friendship house. He has been on the Board of Directors for about 2 years. Their board feels they need to get the word out about what the Friendship House is and what they do. They have been serving those in need in our community for 46 years. They are a Food Pantry/Thrift Store. The Food Pantry is open to all in the Marcus Whitman School District. The Thrift Store is open to anyone.

Cora Marvin is the Director of the Friendship House. She is doing a great job as director. She has been able to secure free food from many places including, Walmart and Wegmans. They presently provide meals to 90 to 100 families in the area.

Some of the needs of the Friendship House are as follows: Volunteers, Money to buy gas for cars, etc.

Some of the goals of the Friendship House are as follows: Maintain the upkeep of their present building, possibly move to a larger building and to obtain a delivery truck to pick up our food donations.

The present building is very difficult to work in. They would like a more open space that would be more centrally located in the district. There has been some interest in the Martin Building as this would be much more centrally located and it would be much more open and assessable.

Their hours of operations are Wednesday afternoon, Friday all day and Saturday morning.

Sue Button asked if there was still a drop off area. Jim said it is much better to drop off when someone is there, but there is a St. Paulie's drop off box that the Friendship House does have a key to that they can go through the items and take the good things out. This may not be there for much longer.

Dodie Baker mentioned that they also have a Facebook page.

Trustee Chuck Elwell mentioned that Cora Marvin goes out and gets money and food. She is a real go getter.

Pat Sawers mentioned that someone told her that a \$5.00 donation will buy a box of food for a family.

Jim was asked if there were guideline for the food pantry. Jim said he was not sure of the guidelines, but to give Cora a call and she could explain the process.

Re: Reports of Committees:

Re: Public Works Supervisor, Art Rilands:

Streets:

Art was not at the meeting, but he sent a report telling us the Warren Street project will be done this week except for the seeding, That will be done in the fall. Middlesex highway hasn't been able to help much as they also have a lot of work to do. He is trying to get the Hill Street paving project scheduled for August.

Sewer:

The sewer bed #2 is still shut off. This is the one that is leaking. The other bed will not be able to handle all the flows when wet weather gets here. New bacteria bags have been replaced in the aerobic generator tank at the sewer plant.

Water:

Ontario County cleaned the sediment tank out at the water plant with their vac truck. We are still making lots of water because of the dry weather. Middlesex had a serious water main break that took about 100,000 gallons out of our tank. It took a day to get the tank filled back up.

Art hope to get the new chlorine line installed in September. This will take a diving company to do the work.

The lake water is dirty so we have been back washing filters a lot.

Mayor Sawers said we are OK with our water usage. We are 50,000 gallons short of being over the limit .

Cemetery:

Mowing is slow. Nothing but weeds growing. We have only had to mow every 2 weeks in most places.

Re: Fire Department Report: Art Rilands

Art's report indicated there had been 15 incidents in the month of July.

Re: Reading Center Director, Dodie Baker

Dodie announced the Book Sale will be held Aug. 5th and 6th.

Dodie also reported the lighted sign is in and wired. The spot light on the flagpole is in and has to be adjusted so it does not shine in the neighbors window. The address will be put on the post in front. Also, there is electric on the patio.

The Reading Center has just gotten word they will be receiving funding in the amount of \$3,500. This authorizes the use of funds from the 2016-17 adopted budget for costs associated with the Reading Centers general fund. Ted Baker will be doing a news story on his radio station when the funds become available.

The Reading Center also received \$500 from the Yates County Youth Bureau this year to help out with our Summer Program. When we apply for it next year it could be used to get in some storytellers or puppeteers.

Dodie will be on vacation 8/12 – 8/22. As of now she has her time at the Reading Centered covered except for 3 days, but may be able to find someone to cover the other days. If she can't she will be closing the Reading Center 8/12,8/19 & 8/22.

One more thing. There has been a HP laptop donated to the Reading Center.

Also, Mayor Sawers mentioned that the First Congregational Church has donated \$150 to the Reading Center.

Re: Code Enforcement Officer, Reggie O'Hearn

Reggie's report indicated there had been 3 building permits issued.

8 Basset St. – new metal roof

1 Warehouse St., - new warehouse

0 Warren St. – Demolish old barn and remove metal grain bin.

9 Chapel Street is still in violation.

Reggie has also included in his report some items that had to be completed for the Martin Building:

1. ADA ramp to door with railings
2. Stairs with railings
3. Bathroom to ADA standards
4. Carbon Monoxide detector
5. Removal of old tires from the building

He indicated all Municipal buildings have to meet ADA standards.

Reggie also mentioned that he has a Building Permit Guide that should be copied and given to people to eliminate people not completing the permit application correctly. Joanne will copy and attach to the Building Permit packets.

Re: Unfinished Business:

Mayor Sawers indicated that the Village was in need of 4 new garbage cans. Joanne Burley indicated the Lions Club has helped with these in the past and she feels they would again.

The Mayor also mentioned the park benches need some new boards. Mike Pierre said the reason we need a little face lift if the parade will be held here next year so now would be a good time to get ready for that.

Trustee Holly Krossber asked if we could have some picnic tables there. The problem is the vandalism. Mike Pierre indicated the last ones were burned by the kids in the park.

The Mayor said the pipes that were being put in on Warren St. were taken by kids over the park. So there is a problem with this type of activity.

This led to further discussion regarding the destruction in the Village. Comments were made from the audience stating if more people would go there more would come.

Trustee Holly Krossber would like to see some new kids equipment. She had gotten a brochure from the Town of Gorham and found playground equipment is very expensive. Mayor Sawers recommend the committee look at the possibilities of improving the park.

Sue Button asked if the Village had a curfew. The Mayor said he was sure there was one, but he was not sure what it was. He would check. The problem with the curfew is you need someone to enforce it. Janet Landcastle commented there were kids walking down Gilbert St. at 3 a.m. the other night.

3 Bassett Street Bid:

The Mayor said we had received 1 bid on the 3 Bassett Street property. He would now open it . The bid received was from Jerry Proctor for \$6,000. He addressed the board to accept or decline the bid. Trustee Kim asked if the building was condemned and the Code Enforcement Officer Reggie O'Hearn said it was. The consensus was it was not a good offer as we had been offered \$20,000 before. We have 30 days to respond. The Mayor asked the board if all felt we would go back to the original plan and list it on the market. Trustee Holly Krossber made the motion to list the property on the market. Trustee David Masters seconded to motion. All were in favor. Mayor Sawers will call the realtor and get it listed.

Audit:

The Mayor asked Joanne to tell the Board where we are with the Audit. Joanne reported that 2 people from Raymond Wager's office will be starting the audit on Thursday 8/4. We have completed the reconciliation of the bank statements through May 2016 so they are able to start. The audit should take 2 days.

Re: Old Business:

Trustee Holly Krossber some thoughts for discussion among the Village Board with respect to the wrestling room. These questions were included in the packet for the board meeting.

The Mayor has appointed Trustee Holly Krossber to be the project coordinator for the Martin Building. All questions should be directed to her.

Trustee Kimberly Payne asked if the list he had submitted on his report had to be completed before the was a Certificate of Occupancy issued. His response was yes.

The Mayor commented that there would be some costs involved to completing the project.

Trustee Chuck Elwell ask about the regulations on the railings. He thought it was 28" and Reggie indicated that Municipalities are different.

Trustee Holly Krossber asked the people present from the Wrestling group to leave their emails with Joanne and then just asked them to meet with her directly after the meeting.

Mayor Sawers told the board the printer in the office was broken. The cost to fix the printer would be \$300 to \$400 to fix and the existing one is probably 8 years old. . He would like to have Joanne order a new printer. Trustee Holly Krossber made the motion to order a new printer and Trustee Kimberly Payne seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Re: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Kimberly Payne and seconded by Trustee David Masters to authorize payment of the general bills in the amount of \$4,588.11. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee David Masters and seconded by Trustee Holly Krossber to authorize payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$159.14. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Chuck Elwell and seconded by Trustee Holly Krossber to authorize payment of the water bills in the amount of \$263.30. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kimberly Payne and seconded by David Masters to authorize payment of the sewer bills in the amount of \$3830.10. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by David Masters to adjourn the meeting at 7:50. Trustee Chuck Elwell opposed.

Trustee Chuck Elwell said he felt we should answer some questions that the Wrestling Group have. They were here at the meeting so they could get some direction. He did not feel we were being fair to them. The Mayor commented we are trying to do it right. Trustee Chuck Elwell said, "Shouldn't we share the questions that were compiled? Mayor Sawers said the list has just been prepared and John will follow through with the Wrestling Group after we have had time to discuss the list. He said that is why he has appointed Trustee Holly Krossber to head the project so we can get this cleared up.

Trustee David Masters made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 and it was seconded by Trustee Holly Krossber. The motion was unanimously carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Burley, Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Rushville

