

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

June 12, 2017

DATE: 6/12/17

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor: John Sawers

Trustees: Holly Krossber, Kimberly Payne, Dave Masters, Mark Fargo

Clerk: Joanne Burley,

ATTENDANCE: Approximately 12 people attended meeting. Sign in sheet is available in Village office

At 7:00 p.m. the Mayor opened board meeting.

RE: Salute to the Flag:

The Mayor asked everyone to rise and join in the Pledge to the Flag.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Reggie O'Hearn.

Re: Approval of Minutes:

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had a chance to review the minutes from the May 1st, 2017 meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Kimberly Payne made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 1st meeting. A 2nd to the motion was made by Trustee David Masters. The motion was unanimously carried.

Re: Communications, Petitions & Guests:

The Mayor introduced **Valarie Gardner**, DA from Yates County. She was asking for support from the Yates County residents for the election. She stated that Yates County has 67 years of experience in the DA office. She spent 21 years as a prosecuting attorney. She talked about the Drug problem in Yates. Yates County has 100% drug felony convictions. She does not plead down drug cases. She was committed to cutting costs. She has saved the County \$35,000. By tightening things up she has cut the budget \$106,836. She would love our support.

The Mayor next introduced **James Durso, Financial Consultant** from Community Investment Services. James discussed our present investments and have an overview of some possibilities of funds we could invest our money safely. He will meet with us soon to determine which funds our money should be invested in.

The Mayor introduced our final guest **Greg Hotalling from MRB.**

Wanted to come to the meeting to update the board on what was going on with the Sewer Project. He explained that we had a notice of violation on 5/23/17. The filer was pugged up and ready to run over. They have come up with a short term plan to temporarily fix the problem. This is the good bed that is having the problem. There could be some fines associated with this, but Greg was unable to tell us what they would be. He said this could be a good thing because it could place us in a better position to get grant money. This could make us eligible for a hardship loan. We have to continue to show we are progressing with the project.

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Greg said we have completed everything we need to so far. The Rural Development application is almost complete and should be submitted this week.

Greg also presented the proposal for design. Because of the recent violation we need to move forward to keep us on schedule. We need to continue to show progress.

Trustee Holly Krossber asked Greg if he had any idea what kind of fines we were looking at. He was not able to answer that question, but he did say that he has seen them reduced and that is why we need to move forward with this project to show we are working to repair the entire system. Trustee Krossber then asked when we would know what the fines were going to be.

Again, Greg was unable to answer that question. But again he said we reported it immediately and we did a temporary fix right away. We just have to wait for them to review the violation.

The Mayor asked for a resolution to accept the letter of proposal for Design. A motion was made by Trustee Kimberly Payne to accept the proposal. A 2nd was received from Trustee Holly Krossber. A roll call was taken to accept the resolution. Holly Krossber – yes, Dave Masters – yes, Kimberly Payne – yes, Mark Fargo – yes, Mayor John Sawers – yes.

The resolution was unanimously passed.

Re: Reports of Committees:

Re: Public Works Supervisor – Art Rilands was unable to attend the meeting, but sent his report.

Streets:

A culvert pipe was replaced on Railroad Ave. The Village bought the pipe and the Town of Gorham put it in.

Art has talked to a contractor about completing the work on Gilbert St. He is waiting to hear back from him.

Sewer:

A clay berm has been put along the South side of the West sewer bed and they have dug some grooves in the top stone of the same bed to try to stop some of the ponding sewer water. This is a temporary fix.

Mike has started to do the annual checks on the septic tanks. The tanks will be pumped on an “as needed” basis.

Water:

The fire hydrant on Railroad Ave. will be replaced this week. He will be trying to replace one every year. The old ones sit too low to the ground to be able to operate them.

Cemetery:

A new mower has been ordered. He will be trading in the old one.

Village Hall:

The roof has stopped leaking so they have started to put the records room back together.

Fire:

No Fire report.

Re: Code Enforcement officer:

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Re: Reading Center Director – Dodie Baker

Dodie reported that the Lions Club has donated \$200 to the Library.

The Library has received a \$700 grant from the Yates County Youth Bureau. This money is used for the Summer Fun Youth program. She reported there will be a professional Puppet Show and workshop that will be free to the Community.

Dodie reported they have a new volunteer to the Summer Fun at the Library Team. Allysha Teeter will be the K-3rd grade leader.

Dodie thanked the volunteers and Kathy Rilands from the Lunchbox for help with the Summer Fun program.

Dodie thanked the board for allowing her to do training with the Southern Tier Library System. There are lots of things going on at the Library this summer and she invited everyone to stop in.

The Mayor talked about the problems at the Library with the kids hanging out there and the bad language that is being used. Dodie is concerned that people will not bring their small children with these kids hanging around. The Mayor is going to have a deadbolt placed on the back door. He also told Dodie he has been in touch with the Yates Co. Sheriff and they will be patrolling the property to try to get these kids to stop using the library as a hang out.

Re: New Business:

The Mayor brought an agreement from the Yates County Planning Board to the Trustees to consider approving. This agreement is exempting certain minor land use actions from Yates County Planning Board review. The intent of this Agreement to eliminate the need for County review of certain actions which do not have significant inter-community or County-wide impacts as defined herein. The agreement between the Yates County Planning Board and the Village of Rushville shall be identical to that between the County and any other municipality. The Mayor ask for a motion to participate in this agreement.

Trustee David Master made a motion that the Village of Rushville participate in this agreement. A 2nd was received from Trustee Mark Fargo. The motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor called on Bill Button to read a letter written by Ann Grover. She was unable to come to the meeting due to the passing of her father-in-law. Bill read the letter, which is on file at the Village Office.

The Mayor then went on to the payment of the bills.

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 \$20,271.62, noting \$17,250.61 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the Board meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Holly Krossber and a second from Trustee Kimberly Payne to authorize the payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$479.76. Noting a \$302.36

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payment had been paid due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the Board meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Holly Krossber and seconded by Trustee Kimberly Payne to authorize payment of the water bills in the amount of \$2,207.31, noting \$7,534.21 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the Board meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee David Masters and seconded by Trustee Kimberly Payne to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$233.11, noting \$7,912.91 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the Board meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Holly Krossber to close the meeting and go to Executive Session regarding employment and a matter of possible litigation. A second was made by Trustee Kimberly Payne. The meeting was closed at 8:20 pm

At 8:40 a motion was made by Trustee Kimberly Payne to reopen the Regular meeting. A second was received by Trustee Mark Fargo.

In Executive Session we discussed waiting until after the Dissolution Vote to advertise Reggie O'Hearn's position.

A motion was made by Trustee Kimberly Payne to advertise the position of Code Enforcement Officer on July 1st. A second was received by Trustee Holly Krossber. The motion was unanimously passed.

The Mayor announced that we will be receiving assistance from the Town of Gorham Code enforcement Officer, Gordie Freida until a replacement has been found for Reggie O'Hearn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Holly Krossber and a 2nd from Trustee David Maters. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Burley
Clerk/Treasurer

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