

# THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

## August 14, 2017

DATE: 8/14/17

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

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

Clerk: Joanne Burley

ABSENT: Mayor John Sawers, Reading Center Director Dodie Baker

ATTENDANCE: Approximately 14 people attended meeting. Sign in sheet is available in Village office

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

### **RE: Salute to the Flag:**

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

### **Re: Communications, Petitions & Guests:**

Sue Button wanted to thank the Village for the Flower box contest. The Youth Group won the contest and they will be having a pizza party with the money they won. She told us that the entire group participated in the activity. They all went to pick out flowers, planted flowers and had a schedule to water the flowers.

Bill Button wanted to express a couple of concerns that he is hearing from the residents.

- Sidewalks – He wanted to know if they were going to be done any time soon? Art spoke up and said he is trying to find help. Trustee Kim Payne said she had someone that could give them an estimate. She had spoken to Art and told him she would ask for an estimate. Art said there was about 700' of sidewalks to be done. About 3500 sq. feet. He had one quote of \$3.50 per sq. foot and he felt that was high. Art thinks we can do some of the work ourselves to save money. Sue Button asked where the money was coming from and the board told her it was in the budget.
- Lost Sewer Money – Bill said he has had conversations with ex-Mayor Skip Gorton and ex- Trustee Randy Green and they feel the Village should try to recoup the money that was lost when the sewer rates were changed incorrectly. Deputy Mayor Holly Krossber told Bill that our lawyers are looking into this situation.
- Resident Janet Landcastle asked about the addition to the Library that was supposed to be done with the money taken from the Cemetery funds. Deputy Mayor Holly Krossber said we have started to look into that project.

### **Re: Approval of Minutes:**

The Deputy Mayor asked the Trustees if they had a chance to review the minutes from the July 10th, 2017 meeting. The Deputy Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Dave Masters mentioned a couple of typo's that were corrected.

Trustee Mark Fargo made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion to accept the minutes from the July 10th meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

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### **Re: Reports of Committees:**

**Re: Public Works Supervisor** – The Deputy Mayor called on Art to give his report.

**Streets:** Art reported that they had begun work on the drain pipe work on the South end of Warren St. The drainage work should take about a week then the Town of Gorham will pave the shoulders for us when they have a chance.

Art said that he had one quote of \$3.50 per square foot for the sidewalks. He thinks it is a little high. That is just to form and pour and finish the concrete part. The village would buy all supplies.

#### **Water:**

The diving contractor has been here two days. One more day should finish the work on the Chlorine line.

The SCADA guy has started to load some of the software on the computer at the lake. He will return at a later date to finish work.

A water leak was found on Douglas Dr. and that will be fixed this week.

#### **Sewer:**

They keep working on the stone on the West bed every couple of weeks. This seems to help the beds appearance.

Mike is still checking septic tanks.

#### **Fire:**

The Fire Dept. had a total of 13 incidents.

### **Re: Code Enforcement officer: No report**

### **Re: Reading Center Director – Dodie Baker**

Dodie was on vacation this week. She left her report with the Clerk.

She reported the Summer Fun program was a success. She thanked all the volunteers that helped to make the summer program a success.

She also reported she had a youth work at the Library by the name of Adriona. She was paid by the Yates County Workforce. Her last day will be August 18<sup>th</sup>.

The book sale was a success. She thanks the board for letting her set up in the Village Hall. They made \$257.00 this year.

The volunteer's will keep the library opened while Dodie is on vacation.

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### **Re: Old Business:**

#### **Sewer Project:**

Deputy Mayor Krossber told the board that we are still waiting on the RD application. We met with Greg Hotaling from MRG Group and Chuck Bastian from Donagan's office to go over the plan and everything is on schedule if not ahead of schedule.

We still have not been accessed any fines for the sewer plant. The DEC is very short staffed. You can't go to another DEC as you have to contact only the DEC in your region and right now there is only a couple of people there.

Bids will be taken probably in Jan or Feb. and hoping for a May 2018 start.

The Deputy Mayor asked the audience if they had any desire to have another workshop regarding the Sewer Project. Audience said they did not see a need for it.

#### **Training:**

Deputy Mayor Krossber told the board there was a NYCOM/NYS Comptroller training coming up in September that the Clerk, Joanne Burley would like to attend. It will be held in Saratoga Springs from Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. It would cost approximately \$1,300 for Joanne to attend.

Joanne has talked to several Clerks and they have all said it is a very worthwhile conference.

There is money budgeted for these types of training opportunities. Trustee Kim Payne made a motion to have Joanne attend the conference. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was received by Trustee Dave Masters. The motion was unanimously passed.

#### **Cameras:**

The Deputy Mayor announced that new security cameras have been installed in the Village Barn. The images are very clear and distinct. The Yates Co. Sheriff's office has been notified. We are hoping this will identify any offenders in the park.

The Deputy Mayor discussed the subject of raising the Sewer Rates. The Mayor had asked the Deputy Mayor to discuss the possibility of raising the rates \$20, \$25, or \$30. We will have to raise them and wanted to see what they thought. Due to the sewer project, we will have to raise the rates in order to make the necessary payments on the loan that will be in place after the project is completed. The board members agreed that the \$30 amount would probably be the best. This will be discussed further.

Deputy Mayor Krossber asked if there was any more discussion from the audience.

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

### **Re Bills:**

A motion was made by Trustee Dave Masters and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the General Bills in the amount of \$23,656.19, noting \$1,904.19 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the Board meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

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A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and a second from Trustee Kim Payne to authorize the payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$24.25.

A motion was made by Trustee Dave Masters and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the water bills in the amount of \$2,706.68.51, noting \$1,028.89 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 Dave Masters and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$4,000.60, noting \$843.89 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 to adjourn was made by Trustee Dave Masters and a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Trustee Kim Payne. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Burley  
Clerk/Treasurer

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