

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

December 11, 2017

DATE: 12/11/17

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, DPW Super. Art Rilands, Reading Center Director, Dodie Baker
Code Enforcement Officer, Tim Pagel.

ATTENDANCE: Approximately 19 people attended meeting. Sign in sheet is available in Village office

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

RE: Salute to the Flag:

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

Re: Communications, Petitions & Guests:

The Mayor asked if comments could wait until later in the meeting as we had a couple of guests this evening.

The Mayor introduced Greg Hotaling from MRB to update us on the Sewer Project. Greg informed the board that there were some changes that had to be made to the project due to rising costs. The biggest expense that has changed is the removal of the waste material. The cost to dispose of this has gone up considerably. One thing he is trying to do is to dispose of the waste on site. The waste will be sanitized and then spread around the site. Greg has contacted the DEC to see if this is possible. This will lower the cost. Also, to keep the project under budget he will take out the UV equipment. This equipment is not mandatory and he will still include the channel so it can be installed later. Once it is made mandatory to have the UV equipment there will be grants available and we will apply for the grant to install the UV Equipment. He assured the board that he is trying to keep the project within the budget.

Our next guest was Arlene Wilson from the Yates County Cooperative Extension. She gave us an overview of what they do at the Cooperative Extension. She gave out bags that had lots of information about the programs they have. It was a great presentation.

Re: Approval of Minutes:

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had a chance to review the minutes from the November 13, 2017 meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Kim Payne made a motion to approve.

Trustee Mark Fargo made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Re: Reports of Committees:

Re: Public Works Supervisor –

The Mayor asked Art to give his report.

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Streets:

Art reported that the snow equipment is ready for the season and that leaf pickup is done for the season.

He also reported that the blacktopping did get done before the plant closed. They still have some more work to do on Warren St. storm pipe project.

The Christmas Banners and lights are up.

Water:

Art informed the Board that they had disconnected the water service at the main for the farm on Twitchell Rd. The new owner did not want to purchase water from the Village anymore.

He also said all the annual water sampling is done.

Sewer:

The sewer beds are doing OK. All samples have been within the limits set by DEC.

Fire Dept.:

No report this month.

Re: Reading Center Director – Dodie Baker

Dodie reported that the 2nd Annual Christmastime in Rushville was another success. 60 Children visited Santa this year. Everything went very well. She thanked all who attended and helped with the event.

The "Circle of Friends" Craft sale will continue through Dec. 22nd.

Dodie told us there will be some changes in the processing of books. STLS will process them for \$1.00 per books in 2018. She feels this is still a good deal for her.

She will be meeting with the Exec. Dir. From STLS regarding the upcoming changes in Reading Centers of NY. She will let us know what these changes are as she learns more.

She will also be talking to the Dep. Dir. Of STLS in regards to the expansion of the library so she will have some info when she meets with Trustee Kim Payne in Jan. 2018.

Re: Code Enforcement *officer*: - Tim Pagel

Tim reported that he has taken an inventory of the tires that are stored in the back building. He reported he counted 187 tires this includes the tires on the outside of the building. He has looked into getting rid of these. There are many rules regarding the disposition of tires. There is a place in Seneca Falls that will dispose of them, but they have to be sorted before we take them. He will have more details at a later date.

Tim also reported that a letter has been sent to Mr. Barker, regarding 9 Chapel St. They have to be contacted by Jan. 3rd with a date to come to inspect. If inspection does not show clean up the matter will go to court.

Tim issued 2 permits and 1 Certificate of Occupancy.

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Re: Joanne Burley – Clerk/Treasurer

The Clerk informed the board that she had received Agreements from the Town of Gorham for the Fire Protection Services and the Library Services for 2018.

The Fire Protection Services agreement is for \$31,140.00 which is up \$610 from last year.

The Library Services agreement is for \$3,667.00 which is up \$72.00 from last year.

A motion was made by Trustee Holly Krossber to accept the agreements. A 2nd was received by Trustee Dave Masters. The motion was passed unanimously.

Clerk Joanne Burley announced that there are 2 positons up for election this year. Trustee Kim Payne and Trustee Mark Fargo are up for re-election. Petitions will be available after January 2nd. Petitions will be accepted between Feb. 2 to Feb. 14th. 37 signatures are required. Election Day will be on March 20, 2018.

Joanne reported that Dep. Clerk Leslie's computer needs a Microsoft Word update. We have purchased Microsoft Office 2013 for \$209. This version does not expire.

Joanne also reported that Health Insurance rates have gone up. The plans will remain the same but the cost has increase \$2,404.88 per year.

The last thing Joanne reported is that New York State Auditors have come. They will be doing an audit. The Mayor and Joanne will meet with them on Thurs, Dec. 14th and the audit will start on Dec. 26th. The board members will have an opportunity to talk to them is they wish at a later time.

Re: Old Business:

Sidewalks:

The Mayor asked the board if they wanted to continue putting in new sidewalks next year. The response was a definite yes to continue to improve the sidewalks in the Village. We normally do about 1000 foot. Janet Landcastle made a statement that the home at the South end of the Village would bring some of their clients down to the Village but there are not sidewalks right now. She just wanted to make the board aware of it. Comments were also made that Bassett St. is an area that could definitely use sidewalks. Holly asked what the cost would be and Art said it would be about \$35 per linear foot. Trustee Holly Krossber asked if there were any grants out there. It would be good to investigate. We need to determine where we want to go.

On another subject a question was asked how much space if available in the cemetery. Art stated that there is plenty of room up there.

Re: New Business:

Fire House – Air Conditioning

The Mayor had a request from the Rushville Fire Dept. for Air Conditioning. The Fire House has written estimates, one from Colb Heating for \$ 9,000 and one from Passno HVAC for \$26,000. They feel the one from Colb is low because they omitted some amenities. They will clarifiy but they feel their estimate will be \$15,000 to \$20,000. Dave LeClair, the Treasurer of the Fire Dept.

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said they will check with them to get an accurate estimate. Dave said he was sure that it would not be more than the \$26,000.

Trustee Kim Payne asked if it included just the Kitchen and the meeting room. Dave responded yes.

Trustee Holly Krossber asked if he had copies of the quotes. Dave LeClair said he would get to them to the board.

Trustee Holly Krossber asked how often the hall was rented. Joanne responded 2 or 3 times per month.

The Mayor asked the board if we want to budget it for next year. Trustee Holly Krossber said she would want to wait to see the estimates and possibly get a couple of more estimates to see how they compare before a decision was made. Dave indicated that they have asked several more people but have gotten no response from them.

The Mayor indicated we will wait until the Fire Dept. submit their budget and see where things stand. There are a lot of things going on this next year with the sewer project and we are putting a lot on the residents. It is certainly something we would like to do, but we have to wait to get the budget started. The matter was tabled for now.

The Mayor asked if there have been any bites on the fire truck. They have one that sounds favorable, but waiting to hear.

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 \$44,140.34, noting \$4,169.48 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 seconded by Trustee Dave Masters to authorize payment of the water bills in the amount of \$9,472.55, noting \$1,675.03 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 Kim Payne and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$7,071.55, noting \$3,220.64 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 Mark Fargo and a 2nd from Trustee Holly Krossber. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Burley, Clerk/Treasurer

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