

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

November 19, 2018

DATE: 11/19/18

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Holly Krossber, Trustees Kimberly Payne, Trustee Mark Fargo, Trustee Chandra Gilman, Clerk Joanne Burley, DPW Super. Art Rilands, Assist.DPW Mike Pierre, Code Enforcement Officer, Tim Pagel, Reading Center Director, Dodie Baker

Absent: Mayor John Sawers

ATTENDANCE: Approximately 3 people attended meeting. Sign in sheet is available in the Village office

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

RE: Salute to the Flag:

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

RE: Approval of Minutes:

The Deputy Mayor asked the Trustees if they had a chance to review the board minutes from the October 15, 2018 meeting. Trustee Mark Fargo made a correction to the minutes. Page 3 of the minutes should have stated in the paragraph talking about the meter rates being changed should have read the damaged water meter rate be raised not the meter rate. The Deputy Mayor asked for a motion to approve the October 15th minutes with the corrections. Trustee Mark Fargo made a motion to approve the October 15, 2018 minutes with corrections. Trustee Chandra Gilman made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Communications, Petitions & Guests:

RE: Reports of Committees:

RE: Public Works Supervisor –

Streets:

Art reported they had started to pick up leaves. They will pick up more when the snow stops. They also did some black top work in the parking lot and a few other spots. The banners and flags are down for the season.

Sewer:

The construction project is progressing slowly. The weather isn't helping. All septic tanks have been checked for the year.

Water:

The DOH has stopped testing. The algae problem is done for the season. Water usage is down due to the time of the year.

He reported we had attended a action plan meeting. We should be hearing from Albany on how to proceed.

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There has been some talk regarding an interconnection with the Town of Gorham. Deputy Mayor asked why that would be considered. Art told her that if there is a problem, we have no way to get water. Gorham can get water from Hopewell and they also can get it from Seneca Lake. So this would be a option for us. No plans are being made at this time.

Fire:

There was a total of 9 incidents for last month.

Art reported the annual physicals have been done. They did include the cancer screening this time in preparation for the Insurance we will have to carry for the fire fighters.

Art also gave us an FYI. Dundee Fire Department got a nasty call. There was a stand off with the cops at a residence. It ended with the person booby trapping the house so when someone came in gas was spilled and the house caught on fire. Caution must be taken at all times because you just never know.

RE: Reading Center Director – Dodie Baker

Dodie reminder everyone about “Christmastime in Rushville” on Friday, Dec. 7th. Santa arrives by fire truck at 6 pm. To start the night off. The event should end around 8.

The LEAD schooling was canceled due to weather. The final one will be Friday, Dec. 14th.

Halloween was a success. They served about 180 kids, along with many adults. She expressed her thanks to her volunteers.

The Circle of Friends craft sale will be starting and run until the end of December.

Sat. Dec 15th the library will have extended hours for the Craft and Bake sale. Free coffee and tea will be served. From 9 am to 2:15 pm.

Dodie will also be going to a training on sexual-harassment prevention training on Dec. 4th in Painted Post.

RE: Code Enforcement officer: - Tim Pagel

Tim reported the Rubin Dr. project is coming along. He has made several progress inspections to date.

He noted he had written a violation notice for 4 Bryant Sq regarding trash stored on porch and by the tree. We had recently cleaned this up and the garbage is coming back. He will continue to watch this so it doesn't get back to the way it was.

Tim did talk to one of the contractors regarding the roof project. There may be a way to insulate the attic and prevent the ice buildup. The contractor will give Tim an estimate of the cost to do this. .

20 S. Main St. has been cleaned up. He worked through the realtor to get this done.

Re: Village Clerk: Joanne Burley

Joanne reported that through the MEGA program, which is Municipal Gas & Electric Alliance, she has been able to get our gas rate lowered from 71.9 cents to 44.2 cents.

The electric however was not so easy. After talking with someone from MEGA she found that we could not change our supplier because we were in a contract until 12/31/19. If we had not been in a contract we could have lowered our rate from 6 cents to 4.5 cents. She contacted Progressive, who is a broker, We have gone through in them past. The Broker told the Clerk they could bid it out to try to get a lower rate. We are now paying \$0.05997. The bid came back at \$0.05442 and we would have to sign a contract for 3 years at that rate. So she asked the board, “Do we want to stay with our present rate until 12/31/19 and then go through MEGA and

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eliminate the Broker and go through MEGA and hope to get a lower rate?" The board decided we should stay where we are and try MEGA again in 12/2019. There was no formal motion made because we are already in a contract so we do not have to vote.

The clerk also reported that we have purchased a virus protection plan. We have had problems with alerts coming up and the computer has to be shut down. Keyser computer said they are advertisements and we would eliminate these with this protection plan. It was happening to the clerk's computer sometimes 3 times a day. So we have put the protection on 3 computers. It costs \$39.99 per computer per year. Any time an alert comes through Keyser computer gets an email and he can stop them.

The Clerk has presented the board with the taxes that have been relieved to the counties. The Town of Potter's total to relevy is \$27,475.42 and the Town of Gorham's total to relevy is \$9,771.29.

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Payne to relevy the taxes to both counties. A 2nd was received by Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed.

RE: Old Business:

Martin Buildings:

Jeremy Years has prepared a map of the Martin Buildings we are going to sell. There was some discussion regarding the northeast corner. Art brought it to the boards attention that there was not much room behind the building to do any work. He suggested that we change the line to give them more property. The board agreed and a motion was made by Trustee Kim Payne to accept the map with the changes we have suggested. A 2nd was received by Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion passed unanimously. The Clerk will share this map with Relator Amanda Grover.

The board also examined an offer we received from Jeff Crawford for the buildings. His offer came in at \$45,000. A motion was made by Trustee Kim Payne to decline the offer. A 2nd was received from Trustee Mark Fargo. The motion passed unanimously.

Douglas Dr.:

The Board discussed the ongoing situation with Douglas Dr. Trustee Kim Payne said she does not see any point in going back and forth with the Attorney's. Mr. Bagley has cost this Village enough money and we need to proceed with litigation.

Trustee Kim Payne made a motion to start litigation with Mr. Bagley. A 2nd was received from Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion passed unanimously. The clerk will inform the Attorney.

Middlesex Water:

The Deputy Mayor asked the board to discuss the rate we will be charging the Town of Middlesex. The Attorney's and our accountant have prepared and sent the Town of Middlesex spreadsheets showing what we are losing every year on water. We have determined that we should raise the rate for the Town and Marcus Whitman. That rate is \$7.70 per thousand gallons. The board agreed we need to send a letter informing them of the rate change.

The clerk will inform the Attorney that this is an appropriate rate and we should inform the Town of Middlesex and demand they sign the contract. Trustee Kim Payne voiced her opinion

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that we need to request that we hear something back from them by our next meeting or we will begin litigation. We are done with this, process has gone on for over 2 years and we are not further ahead. It just costs us more money.

RE: New Business:

Trustee Chandra Gilman wanted to compliment the DPW for a great job plowing the snow.

Re Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the General Bills in the amount of \$12,365.73, noting \$1,611.94 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 Trustee Chandra Gilman and a seconded by Trustee Kim Payne to authorize payment of the Capital Project Bills in the amount of \$27,594.51. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Payne and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the Cemetery Bills in the amount of \$1,591.72. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Kim Payne to authorize payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$5,192.60, noting \$1,013.37 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 Chandra Gilman to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$1,633.62, noting \$1,013.39 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 Kim Payne and a 2nd from Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Burley, Clerk/Treasurer

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