

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

September 09, 2019

DATE: 9/09/19

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Holly Krossber, Trustee Mark Fargo, Trustee Chandra Gilman, Trustee Kim Payne, Clerk Joanne Burley, DPW Art Rilands, Code Enforcement Tim Pagel.

Absent: Mayor John Sawers

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

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 August 12, 2019 meeting. The Deputy Mayor asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Trustee Chandra Gilman asked about the code officers' statement about fighting fires with solar panels. The correction was made to include Battery Source System. Deputy Mayor asked that the statement made regarding the Town of Middlesex situation be changed from The Town believes we are inflating our costs to The Town suspects we are inflating our cost. Trustee Kim Payne made a motion to approve the August 12, 2019 minutes with corrections. Trustee Mark Fargo made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Communications, Petitions & Guests:

No Guests

RE: Reports of Committees:

RE: Public Works Supervisor

Streets:

Art reported that Warren street has been widened and the first layer of blacktop has been placed. Ontario Co. will be doing the final layer possibly next week.

Sewer:

Some of the plant is running on auto now with the new equipment. The new bed is complete but not in use yet. Hopefully, this week the new bed will be working. Time is running out. Weather could be a big factor as in order for the 2nd bed liner to be installed it has to be 50 degrees or higher.

Water:

Art reported that he is testing twice a week for the Blue green algae. We had a small hit in our raw water but nothing in the finished water. He said supposedly Canandaigua Lake is the worst lake.

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We have to decide pretty soon what to do in the future to treat for the algae. He also reported that there is a new algae that only the carbon filter will work. Chlorine will not kill it. It is not in Canandaigua Lake as of yet.

Most of the parts are here to do the water repairs on Main St. He has to schedule the work with the contractor.

Part of the school project is to finally get to where the village can get water back from their tank to help circulate their tank water and if the village needed water back for whatever reason. This should be complete by late fall.

Cemetery:

Liddiard's trimmed one of the big trees in the cemetery. We planted a couple of the new trees in the last section to the East.

The Cemetery Committee met to revamp the Cemetery Rules and Rates. The board was presented with the new information. There was some discussion. Trustee Kim Payne made a motion to accept the new rules and rates to be effective 1/1/2020. A 2nd was received by Trustee Mark Fargo. The motion passed unanimously.

RE: Fire Report – No Fire Report was submitted. Trustee Chandra Gilman asked why we were not getting a Fire report anymore. Clerk Joanne Burley will contact the Fire Chief to get this done.

Art did mention that they have been going on many false alarms at the school. All times of the day. The school is trying to get this corrected.

RE: Reading Center Director – Dodie Baker

The Summer Fun Program was a success.

Dodie thanked the board for her vacation. The library was opened all but 2 days by her volunteers. 3 new computers have been installed 2 public & 1 directors.

Dodie reported she has a new Volunteer, named Rhonda. She will be starting soon. She is from the ARC program. She will be able to help with simple computer work, like flyers, posters, coloring sheets, etc and well as some carding and shelving of books.

RE: Code Enforcement officer: - Tim Pagel

The roof is almost complete. Just a couple of things that need to be completed.

Tim reported that he has had some success in communication with Wells Fargo regarding 4 Bryant Square. They have stated they will be sending out someone from their Property Management team to inspect. The question was asked if the property was vacant. He said that it is as far as he knows. The Property management team will have to inspect several different times and different times of the day to be sure there is no one at the property.

He also did a final inspection on Rubin Dr., blacktop parking areas, house numbers on door, etc. He has also worked on the prints for the addition to the Reading Center. The job has to go out for bid as it is more than \$35,000 and the prints did not show several items. He has been in contact with the architect and hopefully he will get those back soon.

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RE: Clerk:

The Clerk, Joanne Burley had presented the board with a list of items for destruction. She informed the board that she has been working on cleaning out the records room. Ontario Co. is supposed to have a shredding day and she is trying to get records that can be destroyed ready for that event. A motion was made by Trustee Kim Payne to approve the destruction of records as listed. A 2nd was received by Trustee Mark Fargo. The motion was unanimously passed.

The Clerk also presented the board with new rules and rates for the Cemetery. The Cemetery Committee met on 8/23/19 to discuss our current rules. There were several rules that needed to be changed. We got rules from several other cemeteries and compared them to our present rules. For safety reasons we have made changes that will be in effect 1/1/2020.

We also compared our rates to other local cemeteries and made adjustments to those also. The new plot charge will be \$500 and the burial fees will raise to \$500, \$750 between 12/1 and 4/1. Ash burial will be \$250/\$400 from 12/1 to 4/1.

A motion was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman to approve the new Rules & Rates for the Cemetery effective 1/1/2020 and a 2nd was received from Trustee Mark Fargo. The motion unanimously passed.

The Clerk also made the board aware of a Home Repair Grant that is available for Yates County Homeowners. She will post it in the lobby and Dodie will have some available at the Library.

This is a great opportunity for residents of Yates County. The code officer will also mention it in his note for the newsletter.

The Clerk wanted to remind the board members that she will be attending the NYCOM conference next week. The office will be closed on Monday and Mary Beth will be here Tuesday and Thursday. The Clerk will be returning to work on Friday.

Old Business:

Town of Middlesex:

Trustee Holly Krossber reported that after the meeting she had with Supervisor Wayne Dunton, she had suggested that the 2 boards meet and to even have their respective engineers present to try and resolve the matter without having to pay legal fees. She emailed supervisor Dutton asking if the meeting could be scheduled. He responded that he had to talk to his board. Trustee Holly Krossber has not heard back from him. Trustee Mark Fargo asked "When do we draw the line in the sand? This has gone on way too long." Trustee Krossber agreed. She suggested since we have already spent thousands of dollars on attorney fees to try and get them to pay a \$.50 increase, if the Town is not willing to meet, then we should start legal proceedings and not spend thousands more on mediation. If they won't even talk to us, then why would we expect mediation to work – then we would have to pay for mediation plus litigation. All board members agreed. Trustee Krossber also reported she asked Supervisor Dutton to bring the back charges current in good faith while discussions continue, but he has yet to do so.

Martin Buildings:

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Trustee Holly Krossber talked to our attorney Tom Blair and the buyer's attorneys want more abstracts on the very small part of the property from the park that we included in the parcel. Tom Blair is trying to get them to accept another form signed by the Village guaranteeing this property is free and clear. She will reach out to Keuka Abstract to see if she can find out how long it would take to prepare what the buyers attorneys want.

Sewer Project: Requisitions for payment

A motion was received by Trustee Chandra Gilman to pay J & E Electric in the amount of \$122,360.00. A second was received by Trustee Kim Payne. The motion was passed unanimously.

Trustee Mark Fargo asked what was the budgeted amount for Atlantic Testing. He questioned the amount listed on the bill. Clerk Joanne Burley did not have that information handy and she will let all the board members know in the morning. A motion was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman to pay Atlantic Testing in the amount of \$882.50. A second was received by Trustee Mark Fargo. The motion was passed unanimously.

Re Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Chandra to authorize payment of the General Bills in the amount of \$18,182.65. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and a seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the Capital Project Bills in the amount of \$17,049.81. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Kim Payne to authorize payment of the Cemetery Bills in the amount of \$4,100.07. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$10,872.22. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$1,439.78. The motion was unanimously carried.

Trustee Chandra Gilman wanted to mention that she had heard that the Reed Corners Kids Club had cleaned up the Walking Trail in May and she thought we should send a thank you note to them. Clerk Joanne Burley will take care of that.

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A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Kim Payne a 2nd from Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Burley, Clerk/Treasurer

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