

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
July 11, 2011

TIME: 6:45 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

Trustees Charles Elwell, David Field, Timothy Jabaut and John Sawers

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Art Rilands, Reggie O'Hearn, Dodie Baker, Kim Payne, Larry & Pam Brown, Greg Franklin, Paul Curtis, Barb Dunham, Jamie Landcastle, and Janet Landcastle.

PUBLIC HEARING

RE: Opening the Public Hearing

Mayor Bagley opened the public hearing for comments in regards to the adoption of Local Law #1-2011 for grass maintenance at 6:45pm. Kim Payne of 87 South Main Street was in favor of the local law. She shared with the Board that there is a vacant lot next to her house that never gets mowed. The owners live out-of-state and never provide care for the property. She used to mow the property but has stopped because it is not her responsibility to care for it. The grass and weeds are currently over 6 feet tall.

No other public comments were made. The public hearing was closed at 6:55pm.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

RE: Calling the Meeting to Order

Mayor Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

RE: Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to adopt the minutes from the regular monthly meeting as printed. Unanimously carried.

RE: Fire House Use – Sue Button

Sue Button of 49 Gilbert Street, communicated through the Clerk her desire to use the fire house again to host a "Meet the Candidates" night. The event will be open to candidates of all political parties. In the past the Board waived the rental fee charge since the event was for the benefit of the community.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize Sue Button to use the fire house to host a "Meet the Candidates" night at no cost for the use of the space. Unanimously carried.

RE: Barb Dunham – Neighboring Property Issues

Ms. Dunham addressed the Board regarding property maintenance issues with a neighboring property. The neighbor has a horse and several junk cars on the property. Discussion took place in regards to the issues and the Board directed Reggie to site the violations he could view from the roadway.

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RE: Public Works Supervisor – Art Rilands

A copy of the report is on file with these minutes.

Water - Turbidity meter has been installed and is operational.

- School water tank is having more issues and needs work.

Streets - New street signs are ordered and sidewalk project is underway.

RE: Park Use

Art Rilands shared with the Board that over the weekend the park was rented for a graduation party. The party was more elaborate than what was shared at the time of signing the rental agreement with the Clerk. Art stopped by the park several times through out the day, and at nightfall could hear the radio playing at his house on Bassett Street. At 10:00pm he returned to the park and told them to end the party, and they did so without arguing. The rentees also had a large blow up bounce house that constantly needed electric to stay inflated. A few people stayed overnight in the park with the bounce house. Art asked if the Board wanted to consider upgrading the electric to the park and also if overnight camping was to be permitted. Discussion took place regarding both issues and it was concluded and agreed upon to leave the electric as is, and to not encourage overnight camping. The park closes at dusk and the Board agreed it should stay that way.

RE: Paul Curtis – Lions Club

Mr. Curtis represented the Lions Club on Dave Burley's behalf and shared the Lions Club's idea to purchase street banners for the utility poles. The banners and brackets are an expensive upfront cost. To order 20 flags with brackets the cost will be \$3,100. The banners will promote the Rushville community and not a particular business. Mark Stash, resident of the Village has volunteered to design the banners. They plan to order the banners from www.reilysdecor.com. The Lions Club would like to ask the Board to pay for half the cost of the banners. Mayor Bagley stated the Clerk will look at the budget and see if there is extra money to cover the unplanned cost. Everyone agreed the banners were a good idea and would be a great addition to the community.

RE: Fire Department

No report submitted by the department.

RE: Reading Center – Dodie Baker

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Director Baker reviewed with the Board several items within her report and shared that the summer reading program was going very well. The chairs gifted from John Finnan are frequently being used by the community. She is still working on finding someone to make the new activity sign.

RE: Local Law #1-2011 – Grass Maintenance

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to adopt Local Law #1-2011 to regulate and control the spread and growth of grass, weeds and brush. Unanimously carried

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RE: Water Improvement Project

Mayor Bagley shared with Greg Franklin, Shale Beach Drive resident that the project is moving very slowly, almost at a stand still. Mayor Bagley will be contacting Paul Chatfield of Chatfield Engineers regarding his lack of progress.

RE: Zoning Law

The Planning Board met and made comments in regards to the proposed Zoning Law. Copies of the comments were provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Trustee Sawers and Code Officer O'Hearn will review the suggestions and make changes appropriately. General discussion took place.

RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Jabaut d to authorize payment of the general bills in amount of \$10,657.88, noting \$40.81 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the board meeting. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to authorize payment of the capital project bills in amount of \$1037.50, noting this is a repeat payment, from a bill originally submitted in December, the check was lost. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the cemetery bills in amount of \$187.38. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the water bills in amount of \$2,509.19. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$7,840.78, noting \$2,110.86 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the board meeting. Unanimously carried.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gruschow
Clerk-Treasurer