

# **RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**January 11, 2010**

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Art Rilands, Mike Pierre, Jim Santee, Paul Moberg, Steve Borglum, Dave LeClair, Ginny Curtis and Rainey Jones

RE: Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to adopt the minutes from the December 14, 2009 regular monthly meeting as printed. Unanimously carried.

RE: Quarterly Newsletter

The Board instructed the Clerk to send the quarterly newsletter to all individuals who receive a water bill, not just Village residents.

RE: Blodgett & Jones Charity Funds

Mayor Bagley shared with the Board that he met with Ginny Curtis and Janet Read, two of the three women on the Charity Funds Committee, (the third member, Carol Stash could not attend). The Village Board has never given the Committee direction on what the money can be used for or how to distribute it. Also it is difficult to know when, how much and to whom money was distributed because the records the records prior to 1982 are almost non-existent. General discussion to place in regards to the origin of the money, the intentions of each donation, and to whom the Committee recently distributed funds to.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize the Blodgett & Jones Charity Funds Committee to distribute up to \$750 annually without prior Board approval. Any amount in excess of \$750 must receive Board approval prior to being distributed. Unanimously carried.

RE: Art's Report

Copy on file.

Water plant project plans are available for review in the Village Office. A meeting will take place on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am with the engineers and other involved parties. All who are able should attend.

RE: Fire Dept. Report

Fire Chief Jim Santee provided an activity log for the 2009 calendar year. The Board was impressed with the member activity and productivity. Trustee Elwell asked if the Department still responded to a lot of false fire alarms. Fire Chief Santee said that Document Reprocessors has fixed their roof so their alarms no long trip every time it rains.

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RE: Paul Moberg – Rushville Fire Dept Member

Paul Moberg, member of the Rushville Fire Department, explained to the Board that he has been conducting research on various rescue trucks that are available for sale in our area. The Board recently replaced the old Van with a small rescue truck however the Department is concerned about its weight capacity. Its weight max is 14K, currently it hold over 13K. Adding the weight of the men riding in the truck and the weight limit has been exceeded.

Rush Fire Department has a rescue truck for sale. They are asking \$60,000. The Fire Department is willing to contribute \$10,000 of their own money and after the sale of the current rescue the Village is looking at a cost of around \$44,500. Mr. Moberg explained that the rescue truck was a very good deal compared to others that are for sale. Comparable rescues are selling anywhere from \$70,000-\$120,000. Also Bellona Fire Dept has expressed interest in the current rescue truck. Discussion took place in regards the feasibility and funding. The Board agreed that \$44,500 was an affordable figure for the Village.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to purchase the rescue truck from the Rush Fire Department in the amount of \$60,000 with the Rushville Fire Department contributing \$10,000 and selling the current rescue for at least \$9,000, ending with a total cost of less than \$44,500 for the Village of Rushville (total figure includes after purchase expenses). Unanimously carried.

RE: Dave LeClair – Planning Board Chairman

Dave LeClair, Planning Board Chairman, expressed his concerns over the Village's zoning regulations. Currently the Village does not have site plan regulations on any new construction. PB Chairman LeClair reviewed the materials previously distributed to the Board. Also included was a local law for architectural review. This would allow the Village to have control over a site would look like, i.e. a used car lot. Trustee Sawers shared with PB Chairman LeClair that he was working with Code Officer O'Hearn to revise the zoning and once completed his concerns would be addressed.

PB Chairman LeClair asked the Board what direction they would like to see the PB take. Mayor Bagley stated he feels the Village should be proactive instead of reactive and would like to see Chairman LeClair point the PB in the right direction. Chairman LeClair agreed and said he would schedule a time with the Clerk for the Planning Board to meet.

RE: Village Elections

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Jabaut that the 2010 Village Elections will be held at the Village Hall, 1 Main Street on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Polls will be open from Noon – 9:00pm. Unanimously carried.

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RE: Election Inspectors

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to appoint Jean Rice, Dolores Lee, Roberta Stillman and Ginny Gardner as election inspections for the 2010 Village Elections. Unanimously carried.

RE: Water Improvement Project

Discussion to place in regards to the progress and the site plans that are available for review. The engineers are making progress and feel they are still on target for bidding soon. Discussion took place regarding securing funding through Rural Development before making bid announcements.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to grant Chatfield Engineers, P.C. authorization to announce the Village of Rushville 2009-2010 Water System Improvement Project request for bids, once approval has been granted by all Involved Agencies, and long term funding from Rural Development has been secured. The bid date and time shall be determined at a later date. Unanimously carried.

A complete copy of the above resolution is attached is full.

RE: Outside Water User Rates

Mayor Bagley shared with the Board his concerns over the outside water user rate. He had been previously confronted by an outside water user and it wasn't until than he realized the magnitude of the water rate increase for such users. The current rate at 2.5times the inside rate has outside user paying more than \$14.00 per thousand gallons. General discussion took place in regards to this matter and the Trustees agreed that was a significant amount of money to pay for water. Every water customer should pay their fair share however the Board should not take advantage of any person's situation.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to lower the outside water rate to 1.5times the inside rate resulting the following rate scale:

0-6,000 gallons	=	\$63.00
6,000-50,000	=	\$8.40/thous.
50,000 +	=	10.50/thous.

Unanimously carried.

The Clerk was instructed to send notices of rate change to all outside water customers.

RE: Shed Door

Art shared with the Board that the shed door behind the Village Hall is in poor shape. The Mennonite who owns *Martin's Door Service* is interested in the old steam radiators. Art may be able to barter with him. He will investigate further.

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RE: Farm Animals in Village

Ginny Curtis wanted to address her concern over farm animals being banned from the Village. She feels the Village should act to keep the rural atmosphere the community has. Mayor Bagley said he agreed but feels that an individual should own a certain number of acres before they are allowed to have animals in the Village. This issue will be addressed in the new zoning law. There will be a public hearing so comments will be heard before adoption.

RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize payment of the general bills in amount of \$9,750.18 noting \$2,199.99 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 Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Elwell to authorize payment of the capital project bills in amount of \$15,992.05. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the cemetery bills in amount of \$368.36 noting \$2.60 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 Field and seconded by Trustee Elwell to authorize payment of the water bills in amount of \$4,425.22. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the sewer bills in the amount of \$138.67. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Elwell to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gruschow  
Clerk-Treasurer