

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2014

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Trustees: David Field, Charles Elwell, John Sawers and Timothy Jabaut.

ABSENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

ATTENDANCE: Jennifer Gruschow, Art Rilands, Dodie Baker, Janet Landcastle, Chandra Gilman, Todd Conaway, Jonette Keneston, Mike Pierre, Tom Bay, Joel Bay, Lynn Bodine, Cora Marvin and Helen Dunlap.

RE: Calling the Meeting to Order

In the absence of Mayor Jon Bagley, Trustee John Sawers, as Vice-Mayor conducted the meeting. Trustee John Sawers called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00pm.

RE: Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 13, 2014 Board meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Charles Elwell to approve the minutes as printed. Trustee David Field seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

NEW: Rushville Health Center- Lynn Bodine

Lynn Bodine is working with Foodlink to be a distribution point to hand out food to the public. Foodlink is a mobile food pantry for all members of the community to receive food for their families. Foodlink is a program for everyone's benefit in a community, not just people on government assistance. Stores that have large amounts of food that can not be sold before the food parishes, donate it to Foodlink. The stores include Wegmans, Sam's Club and BJ's. Lynn Bodine is looking for assistance from the community to find an indoor location to hand out food from the months of October to May. The locations need to be able to fit a pallet through a door and a fork lift to move pallets. Large refrigerated trailers are brought to the sites and unloaded. Any food that is left over will be donated to the Friendship House. The director of the Friendship House, Cora Marvin, was present in support of Foodlink. Lynn Bodine would like to hand food out every 3rd Friday of the month and spend two hours handing out food and 2 hours to have clean up after. Discussion took place regarding a location for the food distribution. The only known location large enough for a pallet to fit through the door would be the fire house.

RE: Tobacco Action Coalition- Helen Dunlop

Helen Dunlop is looking for support from the Village to put up "No Smoking" signs in public locations. The "No Smoking" signs are more of a policy than a law. Helen Dunlop feels people will self enforce the policy if there is a sign at that location. The goal for the signs is to not smoke around children, to prevent children from being around second hand smoke and to prevent children from starting to smoke. The signs would also help reduce cigarette waste and liter.

Dodie Baker commented that she has had a lot of cigarette liter around the Reading Center recently. Dodie doesn't think it's right that she has to clean up the liter because she doesn't smoke but she doesn't want the property covered in cigarette butts.

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Helen Dunlop suggested that Dodie could hang a small “No Smoking” sign in the Reading Center window and see if that would help cut down on the cigarette liter.

Jonette Keneston commented that she doesn’t support having sign with cigarettes on them all over town. Grocery stores have been trying to hide cigarettes from kids and now we are trying to display cigarettes all over town. Helen Dunlop said signs can be made without cigarettes on them.

Trustee John Sawers asked if Helen had examples of signs used in other municipalities and if the signs could be worded however the Village would like them to be worded. Helen said yes, the Village can word the signs anyway they would like. The signs can also be as big or as small as the Village would like.

Janet Landcastle doesn’t think the government should interfere with people's lives and tell them where they can and can not smoke. Helen Dunlop commented again that it was not a law but a policy. It’s not about government interfering in personal lives it’s about not smoking around the children and to prevent the children from smoking.

Trustee John Sawers said there has been a lot of push back from the community about the signs because many people feel that the government is too involved. Trustees John Sawers and Tim Jabaut would look into placing signs in locations where children play and/or spend a lot of time.

RE: Public Work’s Supervisor: Art Rilands

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

Art discussed the issues the Village has had this year so far with water lines freezing in homes. There have been two homes in which the water meters became frozen and broke. Trustee Timothy Jabaut asked if the broken meters could be fixed. Art said they could be fixed. The homeowners have to be charged for the new meters. There have been six homes where the pipes froze. The Reading Center had an issue with the water pipes freezing also. Fortunately, the water pipes at the Reading Center did not break and we were able to add some more insulation around the pipes. Jonette Keneston made the suggested we have an article in the next newsletter on how to prevent pipes from freezing.

The Village is still using a lot of sand and salt. The F550 plow broke but Art said he should be able to fix it tomorrow.

There is a house on South Main Street with a sump pump discharging on to the sidewalk. It has been making the sidewalk very icy. The homeowner will be sent a letter to try and fix the issue. Art said he has been working hard at keeping the sidewalks cleared so the snow doesn’t get packed down.

Art said they had to open the second sewer bed last week to stop the water from over flowing. Sewer flows have been low and that seems to be one good thing about the cold weather.

RE: Fire Department: Todd Conaway

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Todd said there is nothing new to report but that he would talk with the members of the Fire Department to see if their facility will work for Lynn Bodine with handing out food for Foodlink.

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RE: Reading Center Director: Dodie Baker

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Dodie reported that the Summer Read program is right around the corner and the theme this year is science. Dodie said the program has doubled from the summer before.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer: Reggie O'Hearn

No report provided. Reggie O'Hearn was not in attendance.

NEW: Town of Potter Fire Protection Agreement

This year the Fire Protection Agreement has gone up \$500. The new agreement amount is \$12,900.

A motion was made by Trustee David Field and Trustee Timothy Jabaut seconded the motion to approve and authorize signing the 2014 Town of Potter Fire Protection Agreement. Unanimously carried.

NEW: Corrpro Cathodic Protection

Cathodic Protection for the water tank has gone up \$30 and now costs \$745.00. Art said that the rise in price is normal and the cost of the protection goes up by \$30 every year. Art also said he feels the coating is working well.

A motion was made by Trustee Charles Elwell and Trustee Timothy Jabaut seconded the motion to renew the Corrpro Cathodic Protection agreement in the amount of \$745.00. Unanimously carried.

RE: Safe Routes to School Sidewalks Project

DOT is on the final stages of the Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project and bid packets are ready to go out. Art said that everyone is hoping to get the project started by the end of March.

A motion was made by Trustee Charles Elwell and seconded by Trustee Timothy Jabaut to authorize the project to be announced for bidding. Unanimously carried.

RE: Bay Water Easement

Attorney Kenyon is still working to file the petition for a judge's interpretation of the easement.

RE: Sewer Planning Study

The Board of Trustees has three resolutions that need to be approved of before continuing the project. Resolution one is authorization for execution of the grant agreement with NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation, which will allow the Village to carry out the project and complete the engineering planning study. Resolution two is to authorize the appropriation of the 20 percent local match for the Wastewater Engineering Planning Grant, at which the Village pays 20 percent of the total project cost. Resolution three is to determine the Type II SEQR classification for the 2014 Village of Rushville Wastewater Engineering Planning Study, which completes the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) process and the Board of Trustee declares itself as lead agency.

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Trustee Charles Elwell motioned to approve all three resolutions and Trustee David Field seconded the motion. Unanimously carried. The resolutions in full are attached to these minutes.

RE: Douglas Drive/Trimble Hill Subdivision

The Board of Trustees just received Attorney Kenyon's letter addressing the Trimble Hill Heights Subdivision Agreement at tonight's meeting. Trustee John Sawers asked the other trustees to review the agreement and that Attorney Kenyon's comments will be discussed at the next board meeting.

NEW: Sidewalk Plans

Art Rilands said this year's sidewalk plans have been all worked out. After Gilbert Street is completed the allocated sidewalk money will be depleted. Art would like to know if we should start making a plan for next year or does the Village want to be done with installing sidewalks after Gilbert Street.

NEW: 2014/2015 Budget Preparation

The Village Board of Trustees will be holding a budget workshop on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 4:00pm. Village Clerk Jennifer Gruschow said when she was working four days a week it would take two straight weeks to work on the budget. Now that she works two days a week, she is looking at four straight weeks of working on the budget. She feels if the Trustees could meet with her to go through everything it would go much faster.

RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee David Field and seconded by Trustee Timothy Jabaut to authorize payment of the general bills in the amount of \$12,153.06. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Charles Elwell and seconded by Trustee Timothy Jabaut to authorize payment of the water bills in the amount of \$6,894.40. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee John Sawers and seconded by Trustee David Field to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$7,132.31. Unanimously carried.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Charles Elwell and seconded by Trustee Timothy Jabaut to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenna Bergstresser
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer