

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 10, 2014

TIME: 7:04 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

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

ABSENT: None

ATTENDANCE: Jennifer Gruschow, Art Rilands, Dodie Baker, Janet Landcastle, Chandra Gilman, Jonette Keneston, Mike Pierre, Reggie O'Hearn, Jim Adams and Darrell Rector.

RE: Calling the Meeting to Order

Mayor Jon Bagley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:04pm.

RE: Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 10, 2014 Board meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Chuck Elwell to approve the minutes as printed. Trustee David Field seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

RE: Public Work's Supervisor: Art Rilands

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

Art commented that the pavilion at the park was taken down last year because it was unsafe and the Memorial Day parade is in Rushville this year. The ceremony for the Memorial Day ceremony is held under the pavilion and Art would like to know what the Village should do for this year's ceremony. Mayor Jon Bagley suggested that the Village rent a tent this year and believes that the Village could get a tent for around \$250. Trustee Charles Elwell thinks renting a tent for this year's ceremony is good idea. Trustee John Sawers is planning on talking to the Boy Scout leader and seeing if they would be interested in rebuilding the pavilion for a project. Art asked if it mattered where the tent was located at the park. There are no longer any electric receptacles, therefore if electric is needed it will need to be placed near the barn and not where the pavilion was previously located. The Board felt location shouldn't be an issue.

A motion was made by Trustee Chuck Elwell and seconded by Trustee Timothy Jabaut to rent a tent for the Memorial Day parade ceremony. Unanimously carried.

RE: Fire Department: Todd Conaway

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Todd Conaway was not in attendance. Art Rilands commented that the Fire House was having a pancake breakfast March 22nd - March 23rd from 8am-1pm with real maple syrup.

RE: Reading Center Director: Dodie Baker

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Dodie Baker said there was nothing new to report other than she is waiting for spring to come.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer: Reggie O'Hearn

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Reggie reported that the Village has to take the owner of 9 Chapel Street to court. Usually you take the property owner (or property owner and tenant) to court but because the owner is now an amputee it is going to be harder to take him to court for the violations. Some of the violations from 9 Chapel Street are unregistered cars, tires and junk all over the yard.

Mayor Jon Bagley says the courts are able to work with people that have handicaps so they can appear in court. He asked Reggie how long the Village has been dealing with the violation from 9 Chapel Street. Reggie says that the violations have been an ongoing issue for years. Mayor Jon Bagley suggested to Reggie that he discuss with Attorney Kenyon the situation at hand and also discuss a way to find a permanent solution to the violations that keep reoccurring.

Reggie also reported that 5 Bassett Street is still in violation with the outside light on the property. The property owner worked on shielding the light but did not shield it properly. Reggie suggested to the homeowner to replace the light with a directional light and/or spot light that will only shine on his property or to keep the light off until they can come up with a proper solution. If the light is not fixed by Reggie's next visit then there will be legal action.

Jonette Keneston commented that if Reggie looked around at all the neighbors around that property he would see that almost all the windows facing that backyard are covered up to block out the light.

RE: Replacement Election Inspector

A motion was made by Trustee John Sawers and seconded by Trustee Chuck Elwell to appoint Nancy Cleveland as a replacement for Patricia Owen as an election inspector. Unanimously carried.

RE: Special Meeting for Awarding Sewer Planning Study

A motion was made by Trustee David Field and seconded by Trustee John Sawers to hold a special meeting on Monday, March 24th at 4:00pm at the Village Hall. Unanimously carried.

RE: Budget Hearing & Organizational Meeting

A motion was made by Trustee John Sawers and seconded by Trustee David Field to hold the budget hearing at 6:45pm and the organizational meeting at 7:00pm on April 14th at the Village Hall. Unanimously carried.

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RE: Safe Routes to school Sidewalks Project

The bids for the Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project will be opened on March 27th at 2:00pm at the Village Hall.

The NYS DOT has requested the Village appoint a representative to act as the Responsible Local Official.

A motion was made by Trustee Timothy Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Charles Elwell to appoint Bruce St. Lawrence as Responsible Local Official for the Safe Routes to School sidewalks project. Unanimously carried.

RE: Bay Water Easement

Attorney Kenyon is still working to file the petition for a judge's interpretation of the easement. Mayor Jon Bagley asked Village Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Gruschow to get ahold of Attorney Kenyon and tell them we want to hear some news by the next board meeting.

RE: Sewer Planning Study

The engineering proposals are due by the end of the week. After the proposals are reviewed Bruce and Art will schedule interviews for select engineering firms.

RE: Douglas Drive/Trimble Hill Heights Subdivision

The Board of Trustees discussed the potential tax, water and sewer income from the subdivision.

Darrel Rector asked how long it would take to develop the subdivision. Mayor Jon Bagley said he has sold three lots, two of which will be built on this spring.

Darrel Rector commented that the water and sewer line are at the end of Phase One and where the road ends isn't the end of Phase One. Jon Bagley commented that according to the property maps that the Village has the water and sewer lines don't go to the end Phase One.

Darrel Rector feels it's not right to be spending tax payer's money to install the water and sewer lines. Darrel Rector also commented that it's wrong for the Trustees to think it is okay to spend the tax payer's money on the water and sewer lines. Trustee John Sawers interjected correcting Darrel Rector statements. Trustee Sawers stated he does not think it is ok. The Board just got the letter from Attorney Kenyon at the February 10th board meeting and all the Trustees were asked to go home and review the letter before voting. From the discussions at previous board meetings it was stated the Trustees would only approve to pay for the water and sewer lines if it was approved by Attorney Kenyon first.

Darrel Rector asked Trustee John Sawers if he had the letter from Kenyon and Kenyon and if he would read it out loud for everyone to hear. Trustee John Sawers

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read the letter out loud and after reading the letter, commented that based on what he just read he did not approve to pay for the water and sewer line to be put in.

Darrel Rector also feels the Village should not have paid to have Douglas Drive paved and that everyone that bought property on Douglas Drive knew it was a private road right from the beginning. Mayor Jon Bagley commented that the roadway in Phase One was dedicated to the Village by Doug Hey and that is the only portion that the Village helped pave. The people living on Douglas Drive pay Village taxes too. Mayor Jon Bagley also said the Village was just trying to fix a bad situation for the residents currently living on Douglas Drive.

RE: Sidewalk Plan

Mayor Jon Bagley asked the Board of Trustees where they would like to work on sidewalks after Gilbert Street is finished. The Village Clerk Treasurer, Jennifer Gruschow commented that Gilbert Street is going to cost a little more than planned and would like to go throw everything to make sure the Village has money left over before making plans to work on another street.

RE: 2014/2015 Budget Preparation

Art doesn't think he can let Bassett Street go for two years and thinks the job might have to be done in one year. Art said we can either oil and stone or use asphalt.

Chuck Elwell asked if the sidewalks could be done on Bassett Street the same time the road was done. Art feels it would be too much for a three man team to do all at once.

RE: Bills

A motioned was made by Trustee Chuck Elwell seconded by Trustee John Sawers to authorize payment of the general bills in the amount of \$10,165.23. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee David Field and seconded by Timothy Jabaut to authorize payment of the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project bills in the amount of \$3,313.40. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Timothy Jabaut and seconded by Trustee David Field to authorize payment of the water bills in the amount of \$2,720.48. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee David Field and seconded by Trustee Chuck Elwell to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$1,782.75. Unanimously carried.

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RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee David Field and seconded by Trustee Chuck Elwell to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenna Bergstresser
Village Deputy Clerk