

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2014

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

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

ATTENDANCE: Jennifer Gruschow, Art Rilands, Dodie Baker, Jonette Keneston, Mike Pierre, Reggie O'Hearn, Janet Landcastle and Dale LeClair

RE: Calling the Meeting to Order

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

RE: Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 12, 2014 board meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Chuck Elwell to approve the minutes as printed. Trustee Timothy Jabaut seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

RE: Communications, Petitions & Guests

Dale LaClair of 21 Gilbert Street came to tonight's meeting to talk about the ditch that goes down Hill Street and ends on her property. With the ditch ending on her property it is causing the property to flood and the corner of her house keeps caving in. Dale has had the corner of her house fixed twice and it will keep caving in if something is not done with the drainage issues with the ditch. Dale feels the ditch is useless because the water has no place to go and would like to grant the Village an easement to her property to get ditch to drain properly. Mayor Jon Bagley asked if Art could go look at the ditch and see if a solution to the problem can be reached. Art will try to give Dale a solution to the ditch by the next board meeting.

RE: Public Work's Supervisor: Art Rilands

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

Mayor Jon Bagley ask Art how everything was going at the water plant and what punch list items for the water plant had to be done. Art reported that the roof at the service station was cracked and should be sealed and repaired. The floor in the pump building is not sloped correctly, which leads to water on the floor because it is not draining to the sump pump. Art would like to get ahold of Rural Development to see if they can help push Wind-Sun to get the water plant punch list completed.

Rain this season has caused a lot of damage to the trail and washed out part of the walk way. Art would like to set up a meeting with the Town of Gorham about helping repair the trail.

Art also reported that he would be starting Bassett Street on June 16th.

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RE: Fire Department: Art Rilands

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Art reported that there are five new members at the Fire Department and has been moving gear around to make sure everyone has the gear that is needed for everyone's safety. Art said the Fire Department will need more gear and some pagers.

Art also reported that the Fire Department received the ladder wagon June 6th and it does have a little dry rot on one of the wheels but other than that it is in good condition for being over 100 years old. The ladder wagon also has all the original ladders.

RE: Reading Center Director: Dodie Baker

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Dodie felt that the Memorial Day Parade was a blast this year and got a lot of positive feedback. Dodie also commented that the Reading Center has gotten some more families signed up for library card in the few weeks and that it was very exciting because that means more kids for the summer read program.

Dodie reported that she is signing up to be a Yates County Workforce site again this year so the Reading Center may have teenagers working for her for 6 weeks with an average of 15 hours a week. The kids are considered workers of Yates County and will be paid by Yates County.

Circle of Friends of the Library will start their raffle this week. Tickets can be picked up at the Reading Center and the drawing will be the last day of Community Days on August 2nd. Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 and 3 for \$5.00.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer: Reggie O'Hearn

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Reggie O'Hearn discussed the upcoming planning board meeting application which involves a simple lot line alteration for 6 Union Street.

Reggie also discussed 3 Bassett Street. There is no one living at the property and it needs to be maintained. Jonette Keneston commented that the lawn needs to be mowed and there has been a rodent problem that needs to be addressed before it starts to get out of control.

RE: Safe Routes to School Sidewalks Project

Jon Bagley commented that the project is moving along nicely and is hoping to start work on the north side of Gilbert Street in September.

RE: Bay Water Easement

Mayor Jon Bagley will follow up with the Bay family.

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RE: Sewer Planning Study

Art reported that everything is going good with the sewer planning study.

RE: Rebuilding Park Pavilion

Trustee Chuck Elwell talked to Paul Curtis of the Lions Club about having an interest in rebuilding the park pavilion, Paul felt there would be no interest because of all the projects that they have going on.

Art commented that if the Village is planning on rebuilding the pavilion that he would like to plan out location of the pavilion a little better. Art would like to make it close to a parking area, so that way if people are planning an event they don't have to walk a long ways with a lot of stuff. Art also commented that if the Village would like electricity to the pavilion that would cost some money if the location of the pavilion is changed.

Dale LaClair commented that the park is the best place for the pavilion because the Fire Department did not have a play area for kids. Dale also comment that she used the pavilion a lot when it was at the part and thought a parking area next to the pavilion was a great idea.

RE: FEMA – National Flood Insurance

Mayor Jon Bagley would like to send out surveys on the flood insurance and see who would like the National Flood Insurance and who does not want it. With the destruction caused by Hurricane Sandy down in Long Island, FEMA is working to update the flood maps that are outdated from the 1950's. Along with the updates to the flood maps the federal government is no longer going subsidize flood insurance to the level they once did, or possibly not at all. Therefore anyone who has a home in a flood plain is going to see a drastic increase in their home owner's insurance rate. The average home is to expect an annual premium of around \$4,000 to own a home in a flood plain, in a "Class C" zone as the area along the creek is, here in Rushville. Mayor Jon Bagley would like to gather information from the residents in the flood plain and the remaining residents to see if it's worth "opting out" of the National Flood Insurance program. If the Village "opts out" then the homeowner is not mandated to have flood insurance on their home. However, if the Village "opts out" then if there were to be a flood disaster then there would be no financial assistance provided from the federal government through FEMA. There was a discussion about being self-insured for incidents and how most homeowners have a \$1,000 deductible for flood insurance, so even with the recent rain storm and flooding, those who looked to make a claim, paid for the damages anyway. A survey will be prepared and distributed in the near future.

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RE: Additional Items- Comments

Art talked about getting a tractor with a dump bucket for the cemetery. Art got some prices and found that a new John Deere would be \$5,700.00, which was the cheapest brand new and a medium sized tractor with dump bucket is \$6,400. The current tractor at the cemetery is only used to pull a wagon around.

Jonette Keneston asked what was going on with the Community Center and would like to know why money has been set aside for the Community Center. Mayor Jon Bagley commented that nothing new is going on with the Community Center and that nothing is planned to happen. The money is set aside just in case a project is started. The only thing that has happen so far is that the Village has received surveys from students and parents from the High School as part of a class project. The Village intends to gather additional community input before anything is even started on the Community Center.

NEW: Creek Ownership and Maintenance

Art wanted to restart the discussion about creek ownership and maintenance. Who is responsible for creek maintenance and the banks along the creek? The Village recently had to remove a bridge on an abandon property on Gilbert Street after the rain storm in May. Art asked for the Board to discuss this issue further.

NEW: Creek Railing

Mayor Jon Bagley talked about replacing the railing on the bridge on Main Street. The State is saying that the railing was dedicated to the Village however Mayor Jon Bagley said he requested a copy of the letter that stated such. He is going to have further discussions and meetings with the NYS DOT regarding this issue.

RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Chuck Elwell seconded by Trustee John Sawers to authorize payment of the general bills in the amount of \$14,892.83. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee David Field and seconded by John Sawers to authorize payment of the cemetery bills in the amount of \$303.85. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee John Sawers and seconded by Trustee Chuck Elwell to authorize payment of the water bills in the amount of \$1,442.82. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Chuck Elwell and seconded by Trustee John Sawers to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$9,219.29. Unanimously carried.

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A motion was made by Trustee Chuck Elwell and seconded by Trustee Timothy Jabaut to authorize payment of the safe routes to school sidewalks project bills in amount of \$20,605.85. Unanimously carried.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee John Sawers and seconded by Trustee David Field to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenna Bergstresser
Village Deputy Clerk