

DATE: 9/12/16

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor: John Sawers

Trustees: Charles Elwell, Holly Krossber, David Masters, Kimberly Payne

ATTENDANCE: Joanne Burley, Clerk, Tricia Phillips, Dep. Clerk, Janet Landcastle, Jim Landcastle, Bob Walker, Marla Lapin, Mary Colf, Pat Sawers, Susan Button, Bill Button, Terry Lucero, Jessica Smith, Kevin Smith, Lyn Magill, Dodie Baker, Doug Rigby, Art Rilands, Reggie O'Hearn, Jonnette Kennerson

Re: Calling the Meeting to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor John Sawers. All who were present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Re: Approval of Minutes:

The Mayor asked for an approval of the August minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Chuck Elwell. Trustee Kimberly Payne seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Re: Communications, Petitions & Guests:

There were no guests on the agenda for this meeting.

Re: Reports of Committees:

Re: Public Works Supervisor, Art Rilands:

Streets:

Art said the Chapel Street & Hill Street and Fire House paving was completed this week. This was accomplished with the help from neighboring communities of Gorham, and Middlesex along with Ontario County. A letter of thank you will be sent out from the Village for their help.

Mayor Sawers thanked Art and his crew for completing the paving job. It was a job well done.

Sewer:

Art reported there was a problem with one of the pumps in the lift station, it needs to be changed. We have a spare pump to put in, so there won't be any expense at this time. The sewer plant is working ok, flows are still low because of the dry weather.

Water:

Art reported the bulk water machine needs some maintenance; he would like to buy a new coin receiver part of the machine so he can send the old one out for repair. The new part is about \$700. The machine is getting a lot of use and he would like some spare parts to have on hand.

Trustee Chuck Elwell commented he sees a lot of people in line to purchase water. Trustee Kimberly Payne asked if the part needed to be purchased and Art confirmed this.

Mayor Sawers gave consent to purchase the new part for the coin receiver. All were in favor.

Truck:

Art brought up that the Village has an old truck that could be taken to Auction. He said there is an auction in Benton in Sept., Rochester in Oct.

He was asking for direction from the board as to what they would like him to do. Trustee Kimberly Payne made a motion for Art to take the truck to Benton in Sept. Trustee Dave Masters 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Park:

Art mentioned the park is being misused. Trash is being left on the ground and kids are making ramps through the creek. It seems to be getting worse. Art did put some concrete pieces in the creek to keep them from running their bikes and making ruts.

Mayor Sawers announced he has called the Yates Co. Sheriff's office and they have said they will keep an eye out on the park.

Many comments were made regarding the alcohol use in the park.

Janet Landcastle asked if there was a curfew in the Village. She said they have seen kids in the street at 3 am urinating in the streets.

Mayor was going to check. Reggie O'Hearn mentioned there is a no-nuisance law with the times being 11pm to 7 am.

Fire:

Art report the Fire Dept. was inspected by ISO. Rushville received a 3. A score of 1 is the best and 10 is the worst. Only about 32% of the fire depts.in NY state reached this level or higher.

They have several new younger members which make for more people going on calls. Art also reported the Dept. was awarded a \$91,000 federal grant last week to purchase new SCBAs for their interior fire fighters. These are used in smoke or low oxygen situations.

Trustee Kimberly Payne commended the fire dept. for having new younger members. Mayor Sawers congratulated Art for the grant received and the rating.

Re: Reading Center Director, Dodie Baker

Dodie Baker reported the book sale brought in \$310.40. She said they would be purchasing new books with the proceeds.

Dodie said they would be having their annual Halloween Fun night on Oct. 31st from 6-8. They were going to run it like a carnival.

Dodie also announced the Reading Center was going to honor an author "Anna Dewdney" by having a read to a child time. The Center will have a story time in her honor. Anyone wishing to read please contact the Reading Center.

Dodie also announced their Craft Sale that would be held Nov. 2 – Dec. 28. Donations are being accepted no later than Oct. 21st. All proceeds will go to the library.

Lyn McGill, president of the Circle of Friends spoke to the Board. They are sponsoring the Christmas Event for the Reading Center. They are planning on having a Tree Lighting Ceremony on the 1st Friday in December. They would like to start a tradition. They are having a meeting on the 26th of Sept at 7 pm. They are hoping for lots of participation. They have many ideas for this event. They have to decide on a name for the event. Two names suggested are "Christmas time in Rushville" or "Light the Season".

They will also be putting boxes around town for personal care items. You will receive a gently used book for making a donation.

They will also be having a coloring contest which the History room will judge.

They meet the last day Monday of each month. Hope all will come.

Dodie is also trying to get a banner up that will go across Main Street. This can be used year after year. Art suggest they could possibly use the hardware for the Veterans signs as they are taken down for the winter.

Bob Walker mentioned the light that has just been installed at the Library. It is very blinding coming down Bassett St. Jonnette Kennerson also commented that it is still shining in her dining room window. Dodie said she should have told her as she had someone come to adjust it. Jonnette Kennerson said she had told her last meeting and it still is not good. Suggestions were made to try to change the bulb or put a shield up. This will be addressed.

Re: Code Enforcement Officer, Reggie O'Hearn

Trustee Kimberly Payne asked if the 9 Chapel St. was any better. Reggie indicated he has not been up there. They are still receiving fines each week of \$250. Trustee Holly Krossber asked if letters are still being sent. Reggie responded yes they were and some are being returned. Reggie indicated he does not open the letter when it is returned. If it went to court, the judge would open them.

Trustee Holly Krossber asked if there has been a cleanup at 58 S. Main St. Reggie indicated they have been notified and they are supposed to be cleaning it up.

Re: Trustee Holly Krossber & Trustee Kimberly Payne - Park Renovations:

Trustee Kimberly Payne reported that a sign has been ordered for the parking lot side of the park, by the bridge. This sign will be the same as the one that is located at the Warren St. entrance. This will hopefully make everyone aware of the rules of the park.

Trustee Kimberly Payne also indicate she and Trustee Holly Krossber have investigated the replacing some of the equipment in the park for kids to play on. They have priced 2 new concrete tables, 2 new swings, 1 bucket swing for a toddler and a trapeze. The total cost would be approximately \$2,192 without tax and shipping. The cost of the new sign will be \$150.00. The sign has been ordered. They also indicated that one of the benches needs to be taken out as there are some sharp edges. Mike Pierre has already removed the bench. They would like to have the other bench painted and fixed up some, which can be done by the Village. Trustee Chuck Elwell indicated that he has heard that concrete tables could be very hot in the sun. Trustee Elwell suggested only 1 picnic table be purchased now. Trustee Krossber said there is money in the budget for two and that we are even under budget so we might as well get 2 now instead of waiting until next year when prices go up. Trustee Elwell agreed.

Trustee Kimberly Payne also indicated they would replace the basketball net. They would like to add a little each year. There is concern about the destruction of the equipment and cameras were even mentioned.

Trustee Kimberly Payne asked the board if they could go ahead and order the swings and tables and use the budgeted money we have now or wait. Trustee Holly Krossber made a motion to go ahead and order the items now and there was a second by Trustee Dave Masters. The motion was unanimously carried.

The next topic was brought up regarding the Pavilion that had been taken down as it was unsafe. Trustee Kimberly Payne said she and Trustee Holly Krossber were going to call BOCES to see if this was something they could do.

Art Rilands indicated the Pavilion needs to be child proof as there have been times kids were sleeping in the rafters.

Trustee Chuck Elwell wondered if it would be better to locate it closer to the Village Barn. The stone is still in the spot it was located before so that would probably be the best place.

The Rushville Lions Club constructed the last one that was there. The board wondered if they would be willing to construct a new one. Clerk, Joanne Burley, who is a member of the Lions Club, said they had discussed this at their meetings. She will check to see their decision. Art Rilands said there is no electric there as it was destroyed and the Village pulled it out.

Re: Martin Building: Trustee Holly Krossber

Trustee Holly Krossber addressed the audience and told them she had prepared a proposal for the use of the Martin Building and had presented it to the wrestling group and yoga and she was surprised she had not heard back from them. She asked if they would meet with her after the board meeting to discuss the proposal. Then asked them if they received it and had a chance to review it.

Terry Lucero immediately said he was appalled that the Village was reacting in this manner. He indicated the proposal said they would have to pay \$500 which he feels is absolutely ridiculous. He feels the Village realized they could get a windfall from this venture and that is why they were charging them so much. He feels we have a Hidden agenda. Trustee Holly Krossber said she was hoping to meet with them to discuss this proposal and Terry ignored her statement and said he would go to the media and then both sides could tell their story.

Trustee Holly Krossber was very insulted by Terry's remarks. Terry told her she should be offended. She was sending them a proposal and had hoped they would contact her and they could sit and discuss the agreement and get something in writing that would benefit all of them. As a Trustee I have to be concerned about the Village and you charge kids to come to your program. Terry said they charge the kids a minimal cost to participate. This cost pays for uniforms, insurance, entry fees, etc. Trustee Holly Krossber informed Terry that his club does not pay for insurance that it is provided by a state wrestling association (NYWAY) for which his club pays \$78 per year to be a member.

Trustee Holly Krossber said it will cost approximately \$2,900 to run pipes and install a septic tank and to bring the building up to code. We can't just let you use the building for free. Not when it costs the Village Taxpayers money to have the building up to code and to protect the Village we need to have a contract.

Trustee Kimberly Payne interrupted the discussion and told the public that as a member of the soccer boosters they had just been notified that the school was going to take a proposal to the school board to charge the booster club \$28 per hour to use the facility if there was no other activity going on when they wanted to use the building. She indicated that this would be devastating to their indoor soccer tournament. She said, so you would have to pay anywhere you have your program.

Trustee Chuck Elwell said he feels we are being way to aggressive. Trustee Holly Krossber said, "Here is a trustee that wants to charge \$1.00 per month". I don't think you have the Villages best interest in mind. Trustee Chuck Elwell asked if Holly had ever done business on a hand shake. She responded, "Not when it was not my property." This decision needed to be made with a legal agreement.

Art Rilands spoke up and said the Village shouldn't be making \$6000 on the property either. Trustee Holly Krossber asked Art, "Do you really think \$250 per month rent is unreasonable in 2016?" Trustee Holly Krossber stated that it was a proposal I gave you and was willing to discuss this with your group. Terry said they have put in \$10,000 into the building for repairs. Trustee Holly asked if he had receipts. There was no response to this question.

Trustee Holly Krossber said there is not even a Certificate of Occupancy so you should not even be in the building.

Jessica Smith spoke up and said she was in support of the Wrestling Group. She has 2 boys and is a single Mom and these coaches have taught her boys things she could not have taught them as a single Mom.

More Community members got involved in the conversation and Terry responded in a very unprofessional way.

Jonnette Kennerson said she was tired of hearing about the building. The Village residents have heard nothing, but she comes to every board meeting and hears them brag about how wonderful they are. The residents have had no input and we all have many questions. He told her she should put her hair behind her ears so she can hear!

Art Rilands responded, "Speak for yourself, not all of the residents feel that way."

A Village resident, Jim Landcastle told Terry he was crossing over the line. He told him he was talking to a women and he should be respectful of her. Terry said to him, "You want to Go At It?"

At this point, Mayor John Sawyer said, "That's enough!" We will move on with the meeting.

Re: Unfinished Business:

3 Bassett Street Bid:

The Mayor said he had a discussion with the realtor and she felt it was time to drop the price of the Bassett Street house. It is now listed at \$29,900 and would like to reduce it to \$24,900. We have a contract with Amanda Grover until Feb. A motion was made by Trustee Holly Krossber and a 2nd was made by Trustee Kim Payne to reduce the price of 3 Bassett St. The motion was unanimously carried.

Re: Public Hearing Date:

Mayor Sawers said a public hearing date needs to be set to discuss the fines charged to the owners of 9 Chapel St. A motion was made to set the date for October 3rd at 6:45 by Trustee Holly Krossber and a 2nd was made by Trustee Kimberly Payne.

Re: New Business:

Mayor Sawers addressed the board stating they needed to appoint a Director of Planning and Development. This person would work with MRB regarding the sewer project. His job would be to secure dollars to help to fund this project. He would not be in charge of construction or design just to secure dollars to fund the project. He would keep track of all paperwork and be the focal person to represent the village for the funding. Mayor Sawers would like to appoint Reggie O'Hearn for this position.

Trustee Kimberly Payne asked if there would be a term on this position and would it affect the budget. Mayor Sawers said there was no term and there was no extra money involved with this position.

Trustee Holly Krossber made a motion to appoint Reggie O'Hearn Director of Planning and Development. Trustee David Masters 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mayor Sawers then brought up the the subject of the Income Survey. The cost of the survey is \$4,500 plus postage. We need 3% down and 70% at completion. He was looking at approval to go ahead with this survey. Trustee Holly Krossber made the motion for Mayor Sawers to get the Income Survey started. A second was received by Trustee David Master. The motion was unanimously carried.

Re: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Kimberly Payne and seconded by Trustee David Masters to authorize payment of the general bills in the amount of \$44,849.95. The motion was unanimously carried.

Trustee Holly Krossber asked why we were paying school taxes on the 3 Bassett St. property as we are exempt. Clerk, Joanne Burley will check with the school tax collector to get the answer to this question and report at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Chuck Elwell and seconded by Trustee Kimberly Payne to authorize payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$904.47. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kimberly Payne and seconded by Trustee David Masters to authorize payment of the water bills in the amount of \$7687.34. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee David Masters and seconded by Holly Krossber to authorize payment of the sewer bills in the amount of \$6491.03. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by David Masters to adjourn the meeting. A second was received by Trustee Kimberly Payne. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Burley,
Clerk/Treasurer Village of Rushville

