

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2012

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

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

ATTENDANCE: Art Rilands, Mike Pierre, Dodie Baker, Pam Brown, Chandra Gilman, Rainey Jones and Sean Ryan.

RE: Calling the Meeting to Order

Mayor Bagley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:10pm.

RE: Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to adopt the minutes from the December 12, 2011 regular monthly meeting as printed. Unanimously carried.

RE: Letter of Support – NY Rural Water Association

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to offer a letter of support to NY Rural Water outlining the resources we utilize from them.

RE: Water Damage at 3 North Main Street

Rainey Jones of 30 South Main Street rents space at 3 North Main Street for her seasonal ice cream parlor. During the winter she stores her equipment at the same location. The property owner Carol Swartwood had requested the water to be turned off in mid-December because the building is not heated in the winter time. Village Employee Mike Pierre proceeded to turn the water off. Mike explained that he had went to the Swartwood residence asking for someone to go inside the building to ensure the water was turned off completely and his request was ignored by Ron Swartwood, Carol's husband. Mike saw Ron again a week later and had asked if anyone had been inside the building and Ron again ignored Mike. Rainey explained to the Board that on the evening of January 3, 2012 she was driving by the parlor and noticed the windows were frozen over. When she got home she relayed the details to her husband, Jeff and he went to examine the situation. When Jeff opened the door, water came rushing out. The next day Village employees noticed the pools of frozen water outside the front and back doors. Art Rilands instructed Mike to make sure the water was shut off all the way. It was discovered Mike had not turned the water off completely. A pipe had frozen and broke allowing water to spill onto the floor inside the parlor for an unknown amount of time. Rainey is concerned about damage to her ice cream machines and other equipment. The Board discussed this matter further and concluded the Village was at fault and would proceed with contacting its insurance representative to file a claim.

RE: Public Works Supervisor – Art Rilands

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Streets - Village hall shed work is complete, concreted and heated. The grasshopper mower will be stored inside during the winter time for snow removal on the sidewalks. Several residents were delighted to see the Village removing snow on the sidewalks that were installed last summer.

Water - The school water tank is working but is still not automatic.

RE: Fire Department

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Report submitted for months of November and December along with a full 2011 annual report and call log.

RE: Reading Center Director – Dodie Baker

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Dodie shared with the Board that everything is still going great at the Reading Center. She would like to get a back up system for her computer. The Board agreed it was important to have a back up system installed.

Parking at the Reading Center was also discussed. A truck has been continuously parking parallel to Bassett Street on the side of the Reading Center. Mayor Bagley shared he believes it is one of Anne Simmons tenants at 29 South Main Street. The Clerk will send a letter to Ms. Simmons.

RE: History Room Annual Report

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The Board commented on the volunteers' activity and enthusiasm. It is a great addition to the community.

RE: 2012 Village Elections

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to declare the 2012 Village of Rushville Election Day to be Tuesday, March 20, 2012 with polls to be open from 12:00noon – 9:00pm and voting to take place at the Village Hall, 1 South Main Street. Unanimously carried.

RE: 2012 Election Inspectors

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to appoint Virginia Gardner, Dolores Lee, Patricia Owen and Jean Rice as Election Inspectors for the 2012 Village Elections at a rate of pay of \$8.00/hour. Unanimously carried.

RE: Water System Improvement Project

Mayor Bagley reiterated with the Board that the bids opened on January 5th came in a little high. Everyone is trying to think creatively on how to move the project forward and it is believed Contract E will still be possible with reducing the overall project cost some and utilizing a portion of the water fund balance. It was

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agreed upon by all Board members that it was not desirable to borrow additional funds from Rural Development.

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to move forward with the Water System Improvement Project without borrowing additional funds and to utilize \$200,000 of the water fund balance in order to be able to complete the entire project in full. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Elwell to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall to award contract bids, adopt the supplemental bond resolution due to total project cost increase and to accept the amendment to the engineering agreement. Unanimously carried.

RE: Sean Ryan – Shale Beach Drive Resident

Mr. Ryan addressed the Board regarding the water project and the concerns from the neighbors. He asked if the plans had changed. Mayor Bagley said there were some changes but nothing in relation to the items they were concerned about. The fencing may be scaled back for cost savings awaiting DOH approval. Landscaping will be discussed at a future meeting with the residents. Mr. Ryan asked if the residents of Shale Beach Drive could add to the property to provide landscaping, in addition to what is planned. The Board did not have a problem with that but would further discuss access to the property and planting additional landscaping at a later date. The Village will contact the residents after bids are awarded to schedule a meeting.

RE: 2% Tax Cap Local Law

Mayor Bagley reviewed with the Board the letter from Attorney Bill Kenyon regarding the newly adopted tax cap legislation by NYS. The Board discussed in detail the contents of the letter and concluded it was pertinent to adopt a local law overriding the tax cap due to the fact no one, even at the State level, fully understands the ramifications of the law if you exceed the tax cap, even by clerical error.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to request Attorney Kenyon to draft a local law to override the tax cap legislation and for it to be presented for consideration at the February Board meeting. Unanimously carried.

RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the general bills in amount of \$8,045.11, noting \$150.00 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 Elwell and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize payment of the capital project bills in amount of \$1,884.00. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

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A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to authorize payment of the cemetery bills in amount of \$189.57. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the water bills in amount of \$2,918.14. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$4,987.44, noting \$321.12 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the board meeting. Unanimously carried.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Sawers to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gruschow
Clerk-Treasurer