

# **RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**May 13, 2013**

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

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

ABSENT: None

ATTENDANCE: Art Rilands, Dodie Baker, Mike Pierre, Reggie O'Hearn, Joe Brown, Amanda & Travis Grover

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 Sawers and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to adopt the minutes from the regular monthly meeting, the annual organizational meeting and the budget hearing, held on April 8, 2013, as printed. Unanimously carried.

Re: Sewer Installation Fee Schedule

Mayor Bagley addressed Amanda and Travis Grover to confirm they were present to learn more about the Village's sewer installation fee schedule. Such was confirmed and the Board agreed to address this agenda item first. Currently there is nothing on record regarding a fee schedule for new sewer installation. The Grovers are interested in purchasing the vacant lot north of 87 South Main Street and would like to develop the lot with access to public water and sewer. Discussion took place regarding the current location of the water and sewer mains in relation to the property in question and how the connections would need to be made. All hook-up costs are the responsibility of the property owner including the purchase of the sewer tank. The Village does take ownership of the tank after installation is completed and then is responsible for maintenance of such tank. Public Works Supervisor Art Rilands suggested utilizing the existing fee schedule for new water hook up and establish the same fees for sewer.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to adopt the sewer rate and fee schedule as provided and on file with the Village Clerk. The schedule is attached to these minutes in full. Unanimously carried.

Re: Public Works Supervisor: Art Rilands

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

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a trailer for hauling the mini excavator, which was purchased in cooperation with the Town of Gorham. The Village was responsible for 25% of the excavator cost and it was discussed whether the Village should contribute the same for the purchase of trailer.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to contribute 25% of the cost of the trailer for the mini excavator, not to exceed \$1,500, and to expense out the 2012/2013 fiscal year budget. Unanimously carried.

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Re: Cemetery Laborers

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to pay Andrew Paulison a wage of \$12/hour for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to hire Raechel Rilands at a rate of \$8.50/hour to assist in care and maintenance of the Village Cemetery and Grounds. Unanimously carried.

Re: Fire Department

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

It was shared that the Fire Department was preparing for their annual cash raffle event. Tickets would soon be on sale. The members have decided to host two chicken barbeques this year; one for the general public and one for the cash raffle event.

Re: Reading Center Director: Dodie Baker

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

Dodie shared that she is looking into grant funding for expanding the reading center. She has more information to gather and will discuss again in June. Mayor Bagley commended Dodie for the success of the Café Night event, hosted by the Circle of Friends to raise money for the reading center. He thought it was very well put together and there were several talented acts.

Re: Code Enforcement Officer: Reggie O'Hearn

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

There was discussion regarding the status of the two houses on Warren Street that are in poor condition. Reggie reported that one was recently purchased and is being repaired and he believes the same person will be purchasing the other for repair. Reggie also shared that he submitted to each County Planning Boards, for their review, a text amendment to the current Zoning Law. There was a slight oversight in the original document regarding the number of apartments in commercial buildings. The text will be amended to state that the existing buildings are allowed apartments based on 1,000 square feet per apartment. New construction is limited to two apartments per building. A Village Planning Board meeting will need to be held along with a public hearing by the Village Board.

Reggie also addressed the Board regarding an appointment to be the Director of Planning and Zoning for the Village. A letter was presented for such request. A copy is on file with these minutes. The item was tabled for further discussion.

Re: Deputy Tax Collector

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to appoint Laura Fleig and Deputy Tax Collection. Unanimously carried.

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Re: Year End Budget Transfers for 2012/2013 Fiscal Year

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to approve the budget transfers, as provided by the Village Clerk-Treasurer. Unanimously carried.

Re: DOT Permit Resolution

Tabled to gather additional information.

Re: Water Improvement Project

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to approve the change orders for Contracts A and B as provided by Chatfield Engineers. Unanimously carried.

The BAN issued by Lyons National Bank will be extended 30 days at a rate of .75%. This extension will allow for all the necessary punch list items to be completed and for all documents to be turned into Rural Development.

Discussion took place regarding the request for additional compensation from Chatfield Engineers. A detailed analysis of the engineering costs was provided by Paul Chatfield which explained the additional expenses the firm had incurred relating to the Village's project. Due to the series of events that occurred, the project was extended and additional costs were incurred. Mayor Bagley commented that even though Chatfield was at fault, he was a gentleman throughout the entire project and not once complained about completing the project. JP, from Chatfield's office, along with Art and Bruce, put in endless hours to ensure the project was completed and saw things through till the end. A lengthy discussion took place on attempting to compensate Chatfield for some of the additional expenses. It was agreed the Village would provide some additional compensation for their services.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Elwell to allocate an additional \$10,000 of the project funding to Chatfield Engineers for the services they provided in relation to the water improvement project. Unanimously carried.

Re: Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project

It was shared that a meeting with Department of Transportation would be held on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

Re: Bay Easements & Transmission Main Customers

Discussion took place regarding the letter Attorney Kenyon was to send to the Bay's attorney. The Clerk will follow up and ensure such letter was sent. Additional discussion took place regarding the need to send letters to the transmission main customers. Art and the Clerk have started to draft letters.

Re: Sewer Beds

This item has been tabled for future discussion.

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Re: Tobacco Free Public Locations

Joe Brown, 36 South Main Street, made a suggestion of having a sign made to encourage people not to smoke in public areas instead of being explicit about it and posting "No Smoking" signs. A sign in the park could possibly say "Our children play here, please refrain from smoking". He feels that such approach would be better received by the community than an overall ban on smoking. Further discussion took place regarding this topic. Trustees Jabaut and Sawers will report back in June.

Re: Welcome to Rushville Signs

Deputy Clerk Laura Fleig was working on this item and was not able to be present at the meeting. Discussion took place on having Mark Stash, a Village resident design the sign. The item is in progress and will be reported on again in June.

Re: School Waterline

Art Rilands reported that the Department of Health does not believe a new waterline is necessary therefore this item no longer needs to be discussed.

Re: Village Hall Flagpole

Art will keep looking for a replacement. Item can be removed from the agenda.

Re: Lawn Mowing Rate

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to set the lawn mowing rate for unmaintained properties at a flat rate of \$50 per mow.

Re: NY Safe Act

Attorney Kenyon has the document for review.

RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize payment of the general bills in amount of \$18,694.87, noting \$2,068.73 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the board meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to authorize payment of the capital project bills in amount of \$170,784.98. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize payment of the cemetery bills in amount of \$214.84. 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 \$4,800.74. 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 sewer bills in amount of \$149.03. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gruschow  
Clerk-Treasurer