

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 20, 2014

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

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

ABSENT: John Sawyers

ATTENDANCE: Jennifer Gruschow, Art Rilands, Mike Pierre, Reggie O'Hearn, Dodie Baker, Kim Payne, and Jonette Keneston.

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 September 8, 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.

NEW: Private Sewer Line at 87 South Main Street

Kim Payne of 87 South Main Street addressed the Board regarding the private sewer line that connects her home to the Village owned sewer main at 83 South Main Street. Kim would like to turn her sewer line over to the Village and have it dedicated officially. She said she has documentation from the Village stating she is responsible for the pump. Neither party has any documentation regarding transfer of ownership of the sewer line to the Village therefore it is believed the line was never dedicated to the Village. The underlying issue is that no one knows where the sewer line is located; this is likely because the line was put in by a contractor and not the Village. A discussion ensued regarding the methods that can be utilized to locate the sewer line. Essentially, the Village cannot go onto the property and just start digging. The Village does not own the line, hence why there is no record of ownership. Kim has no mention of an easement in the deed.

Kim expressed frustration of not knowing where the line is, and the Village not owning it already. The sewer line is 20 years old. Mayor Bagley said the Village is willing to work with Kim, but she has to locate the line before it can be dedicated to the Village.

RE: Public Work's Supervisor: Art Rilands

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

Art reported that leaves have started to be picked up; this will continue weekly through mid-November. He has finished laying topsoil and seeding the roadside along Bassett Street. There is work to be done on Douglas Drive this week.

A badly damaged sewer lateral was repaired recently at 49 Gilbert Street. The damage was most likely caused due to a poor installation by the original contractor. The sewer plant is running well. All septic tanks have been checked for the year.

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The water plant is doing well. The contractor has finished punch line items. Water meters are currently being changed. Furthermore, there are two fire hydrants left to replace. It was recommended by Art that in another year, the Village should budget money for annual programming at the water plant.

RE: Fire Department: Art Rilands

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Art commented that the building addition is coming along well, and that new windows have been installed.

RE: Reading Center Director: Dodie Baker

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Dodie noted that the library received a generous donation of a Chromebook laptop for public use. The local mail carrier, Doug Knowlton is the individual who donated it.

Caleb Baker's Eagle project, the patio at the back of the library, is almost finished. A thank you goes to Art for all of his help. The ceremony will likely be held in the spring.

The library will be closing at 4:00pm on Halloween, October 31, 2014, in order to set up for the *Haunted Library*. Trick-or-treating at the library will be from 5:00pm-8:00pm; the *Circle of Friends* has been a great help in putting this event together.

The library is having tutors use the library once again and the Drop-in Crochet Club meets every Monday at 3:00pm. Additionally, the Boy Scouts of America Mohawk District Executive, Mike Catalano, has office hours every third Wednesday of the month from 3:00pm-5:00pm.

Some of the library's volunteers have donated homemade craft items for fall. All proceeds given benefit the library. Lastly, Dodie shared that the library will have its 2nd annual "Christmas" craft fair, officially starting November 24, 2014, and running through December 22, 2014.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer: Reggie O'Hearn

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There are roughly 20 feral cats, as well as varmints, living under the vacant house located at 20 Gilbert Street.

Reggie proposed an NFPA membership; he will need one solely for Rushville.

RE: Safe Routes to School Sidewalks Project

The work and paperwork is being finished.

RE: Bay Water Easement

Tabled.

RE: Sewer Planning Study

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The Board was asked to provide comments after reviewing the draft study. A committee for the study will be formed and will consist of Mayor Jon Bagley, Trustee John Sawers and Trustee Tim Jabaut. They will attempt to meet to further discuss the draft study that was prepared by MRB Group.

NEW: Request for Zoning Change at 46 North Main Street

Tabled until November. Waiting on the County Planning Board's reply.

NEW: John Deere Tractor Replacement Proposal

Mayor Jon Bagley and Art Rilands looked at a sub-compact Kubota tractor, while John Sawyers and Art looked at a sub-compact John Deere tractor. A discussion developed comparing the John Deere to the Kubota tractor. Art preferred the John Deere. It is a sub-compact tractor that is able to perform various tasks versus one. Mayor Bagley reviewed the prices-- the Kubota costing approximately \$26,000, and the John Deere approximately \$34,000.

A motion was made by Trustee Tim Jabaut to purchase the John Deere tractor as quoted by Lakeland Equipment. Trustee David Field seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

NEW: Security Cameras

Items were stolen out of the Village barn. The installation of security cameras for the barn, Village office, and possibly the library was discussed. The cameras could be connected to Brad Quale's phone as well as the Village office so they could be monitored. Further discussion took place regarding camera range and positioning along with installation cost.

A motion was made by Trustee David Field to purchase a security camera system not to exceed \$1500. Trustee Tim Jabaut seconded the motion. Trustee Chuck Elwell abstained from voting. He stated he was not against the idea, but uncomfortable. Motion was carried with 3 ayes.

NEW: Heroin

Mayor Jon Bagley stated that heroin is becoming prevalent in the area, as well as all over. It is believed that the increase in the number of robberies, including the theft of Village property, is related to the increase in heroin use. Jonette Keneston asked questions about what individuals of the town should be looking for to recognize the signs of heroin use. Further discussion took place regarding a recent forum Yates County Public Health held regarding heroin use. The Clerk will contact Yates County to obtain further information that was distributed at the forum.

RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee David Field seconded by Trustee Timothy Jabaut to authorize payment of the general bills in the amount of \$13,427.54, noting

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that \$2,677.24 had already been paid due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the Board meeting. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Timothy Jabaut and seconded by Trustee David Field to authorize payment of the safe routes to school sidewalks project bills in amount of \$37,125.81. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Chuck Elwell and seconded by David Field to authorize payment of the cemetery bills in the amount of \$480.89. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Timothy Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Chuck Elwell to authorize payment of the water bills in the amount of \$2,344.36, noting \$74.40 had already been paid due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the Board meeting. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee David Field and seconded by Trustee Timothy Jabaut to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$5,182.03, noting that \$74.40 had already been paid due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the Board meeting. Unanimously carried.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Chuck Elwell and seconded by Trustee David Field to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tawnee Badger
Village Deputy Clerk-Treasurer