

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2017

DATE: 1/9/17

TIME: 7:00

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor: John Sawers

Trustees: Holly Krossber, Kimberly Payne, Dave Masters, Mark Fargo

Code Enforcement Officer- Reggie O'Hearn

Clerk: Joanne Burley

ATTENDANCE: Approximately 40 people attended meeting. Sign in sheet is available in Village office

Re: Board Meeting – Salute to the Flag:

At 7:00 p.m. the Mayor opened the regular board meeting by having everyone rise to salute the flag.

Mayor Sawers thanked everyone for coming. He stated the following: We appreciate you taking the time to attend our meeting and welcome your comments. If you would like to share your thoughts with the board, please state your name and address and please limit your comments to 2 minutes please. This will keep the comment period to a reasonable length and still allow everyone who wishes an opportunity to speak.

Re: Communications, Petitions & Guests:

The Mayor asked if there were any comments. No response

Re: Approval of Minutes:

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had a chance to review the minutes from the December meeting. The Mayor asked for a correction to the December Minutes – He stated he had quoted the wrong amount for the roof. He quoted the price to repair the Martin Garage which is something we might put in next year's budget. The actual quote for the Village Hall was \$6,925 from Proctor Enterprises. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Dave Masters made a motion to accept the minutes from the December meeting. Trustee Holly Krossber 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Re: Reports of Committees:

Re: Public Works Supervisor – Art Rilands

Art reported we had a surprise visit from the Dept. of Labor. She toured the water plant. She found some notices have to be changed. There will be safety and awareness training at the end of the month. They will be back for the Sewer and the Village Barns separately.

Streets:

Art reported they have been working on some of the equipment, servicing and repairs. He has checked out the heat in the Martin garage and it will work with some minor repairs.

Christmas lights have been removed from the trees and the Village Hall, and the Christmas banners will come down this week.

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Village Hall:

Proctors have replaced the shingled part of the roof and sealed the flat parts. He reported the old lathe and plaster ceiling, above the suspended ceiling, came loose and fell through the suspended ceiling into the meeting room. It has been cleaned up.

The Mayor mentioned Nancy Elwell put up new curtains in the meeting hall. He wanted to thank her for her donation of the new curtains. They look very nice.

Sewer:

The sewer flows are high because of the wet weather. We were in noncompliance last month because of the wet weather. They will try and do some sewer pipe inspections this week trying to find some leaks.

Water:

Water usage is still way down. Art is still working on options and pricing for new water meters. We have about 30 meters that really need to be changed.

Any questions for Art? No response

Fire: No report this month.

Re: Reading Center Director – Dodie Baker

Dodie asked the Board if she could do her annual thank you luncheon for her regular volunteers. (including Summer Read volunteers). She expects 12 to 15 people to attend. Trustee Mark Fargo asked the cost for each meal for the volunteer's luncheon. A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and a 2nd from Trustee Kimberly Payne to approve the luncheon at a cost of not more than \$20 per person. The motion was carried unanimously.

Dodie also reported the Craft Sale will continue through February. To date they have made \$242.00. This will go toward's new books.

Dodie also reported there are new books and DVD's. Come and check them out. The Library will be open on Monday, Jan. 16, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The kids are off from school so that is a good day to be open.

The "In Honor of Anna Dewdney Story time" that was postponed will be held Sat, Jan 28 from 10 am to 12 noon.

The Mayor wanted Dodie to thank all the volunteers.

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Re: Code Enforcement officer, Reggie O'Hearn:

Reggie reported the 46 S. Main Street burned house has been taken down and removed. Seeding will take place in the Spring.

9 Chapel Street is still in continued violation. Trustee Kimberly Payne asked if people had called for any inspections. Reggie responded No.

Re: Old Business:

- Medication Drop Box:

The Mayor reported that the Drop box has been ordered. Sheriff Spike will be contacted when we get the box and have it installed. Trustee Mark Fargo asked if there would be camera's on the box. The Mayor responded not at this time.

- Income Survey:

The Mayor reported the Income Survey has been completed. We have not gotten the final report, but the company did convey that we are under the \$45,545 which will give us access to more low income grants for the sewer project. This will allow us to obtain funds at a very low rate. We are waiting for this to wrap up before we move on. We should have the results in a couple more weeks. We are waiting on the survey to wrap up so we can move forward on looking for grant money.

Re: New Business:

- The Mayor told the board we have asked EFPR Solutions, which is a staffing and outsourcing group coming to help us with the budget process and help us know where to put the Sewer grant money we will be applying for. This will help us know where to put this money and have it available for the Sewer project. Right now have no money set aside for the Sewer project that has to be done. We have used the \$25,000 grant getting prepared for the project. That grant has been used up.
- We will be having some budget workshops in regards to the Sewer Budget. We would like some help from the residents so if you are interested leave your name with Joanne. This will be for the Sewer budget.
- **Dissolution of Village** - A resident of the Village has presented the village with a petition to dissolve the Village. The petition was done incorrectly and we have disallowed the petition. I will turn it over to Joanne to explain it to you.

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I received the petition on Dec. 27th. I contacted our legal advisors and the NYCOM and talked about the petition. There was a paragraph on the top of the first page that told people what they were signing. It was not on all of the pages. Because it was not on all pages and there were 3 people getting signatures I did not feel all the signers were notified of what they were signing. That is why I rejected the petition.

As Village Clerk I am the person that can reject a petition. The resident has been notified of the rejection. The Mayor asked if there were any comments from the board. No response.

- Trustee Kimberly Payne asked if we had heard anything from Mr. Schuppenhauer regarding the equipment being removed from the Martin Building. Joanne said she had not heard from Don Cheney. Trustee Payne asked Joanne to check to see if they have received anything from him.
- Trustee Holly Krossber brought up that she had been made the liaison for the Martin buildings in back and through her investigation she found that there had been a Phase I performed on the one building (the big building) and it was recommended a Phase II be done. She feels we should continue on to a Phase II. She would also like to have a Phase I done on the other building. She feels that we should have a Phase I done on that building to see if it is safe.
Trustee David Masters asked the audience if they knew what a Phase I was? He quickly explain that a Phase I is an environmental study. They check they take ground samples and test them to see if there is contamination.
It was asked how much it would cost. Trustee Krossber said she would get some quotes. She thought a Phase I cost about \$1,300, but she would check.
A resident asked if we are under any obligation to clean up the buildings if it was found to be contaminated. Trustee Krossber said she will ask that question when she get the quotes.
Mayor Sawers commented that if it is contaminated it is very costly to clean this up. It would increase the value depending on what the results are. The resident asked if we could even sell the property and the Mayor responded we could sell it at a reduced rate with the understanding there was contamination if the study comes back with that information.
Trustee Krossber asked for a motion to have her get some quotes for the Phase II audit. Trustee Krossber made the motion to allow her to get quotes and a 2nd was received by Mark Fargo. All in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Trustee Holly Krossber asked if we will be getting an audit done. Mayor Sawers said the EFPR will be doing that. We only had a procedural audit done before that cost \$2,750. This would be a complete audit. That will finish up the audit.

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Art Rilands asked how much the audit would cost. The Mayor responded it would be \$2,500. Art said I thought the last quote was \$8,000 but the Mayor said we have had part of that done. This will finish up the audit.

The Mayor announced we will now approve the bills.

Re Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Kimberly Payne and seconded by Trustee Holly Krossber to authorize payment of the General Bills in the amount of \$26,924.08. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kimberly Payne and seconded by Trustee Dave Masters to approve the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$25.74. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Dave Masters and seconded by Trustee Holly Krossber to authorize payment of the water bills in the amount of \$2,029.43. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Dave Masters and seconded by Trustee Kimberly Payne to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$1,355.51. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Kimberly Payne to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Trustee Dave Masters. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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