

# THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

## January 8, 2018

DATE: 1/08/18

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor John Sawers, Trustees: Holly Krossber, Kimberly Payne, Dave Masters, Mark Fargo  
Clerk: Joanne Burley, DPW Super. Art Rilands, Reading Center Director, Dodie Baker  
Code Enforcement Officer, Tim Pagel.

ATTENDANCE: Approximately 15 people attended meeting. Sign in sheet is available in Village office

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor opened board meeting.

**RE: Salute to the Flag:**

The Mayor John Sawers asked everyone to rise and join in the Pledge to the Flag.

**Re: Communications, Petitions & Guests:**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or comments before the meeting got started.

Jonnette Keneston asked to mention a couple of things. She wondered if the Board would consider purchasing a microphone system to use during meetings as there are many that cannot hear what is being said. She had a paper with some possible systems to consider. She asked why the Town of Middlesex was not paying the same price that the residents were paying for water. The Mayor told her they have a agreement with the Town and we are working with our attorneys to get a new agreement in place as the old one has expired and a new one has to be drawn up. He will report to the board as soon as that is done.

**Re: Approval of Minutes:**

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had a chance to review the minutes from the December 11, 2017 meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Mark Fargo mentioned there was a type on the second page. Clerk Joanne Burley will correct the error.

Trustee Kim Payne made a motion to approve the corrected minutes

Trustee Dave Masters made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion The motion was unanimously carried.

**Re: Reports of Committees:**

**Re: Public Works Supervisor –**

The Mayor asked Art to give his report.

**Streets:**

Art reported they have been cleaning the Barn. They will also be doing some painting. The snow plowing equipment has been working well with no break downs.

The Christmas Banners and lights will be coming down this week.

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### **Water:**

Art reported they had had a couple of water meters freeze this last week. They have been replaced.

He also reported that he would have to order meters very soon. The problem is we can't order meters like we have now. They don't make them anymore. He has sales people coming to talk about possible new meters. The new ones are read with a drive by meter. The reader is \$7,000 alone and each meter is about \$250. He will let us know.

The Mayor asked if there were curb stops that need to be fixed. Art said yes and we fix them as we find them. The Mayor asked how many need to be fixed? Art said probably about 100.

### **Sewer:**

Art reported that the sewer samples are doing OK so the beds are still doing the job. MRB has been in contact with Art on some clarifications of the sewer plant operation. They are still making some changes to the plan.

### **Fire Dept.:**

Art reported that the fire department had 10 incidents this month.

### **Re: Reading Center Director – Dodie Baker**

Dodie reported she had applied for a learning experience through STLS. She was one of ten Directors chosen to go to the LEAD (Leadership for engaged active Directors) to be held in Olean and Cuba, NY. Her first class will be Jan. 19, 2018. She will keep us updated each month. She has a volunteer that will keep the library open the day she is gone.

She reported that the "Circle of Friends" Craft Sale still has a few more things to sell. So far they have made \$243.00.

Dodie is meeting with Margo Gustina, Dep. Director of STLS on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the library expansion. After that date she will schedule a meeting with Trustee Kim Payne and other interested parties.

She will not be accepting used book donations until the beginning of February.

### **Re: Code Enforcement officer: - Tim Pagel**

Tim told the board he will be going to the FLBOA training March 12,13 & 14. The cost of the training is \$390 but he will be talking to the Town of Potter to see if they would like to share the cost. He has talked to the Supervisor and he said he is fine with sharing any expenses he can. He will confirm this at the Town of Potter board meeting that will be held this Thursday.

Tim also reported that he has gone back to 9 Chapel Street and there had been a significant amount of cleanup that has been done. She has some vehicles that have to be registered and she is supposed to do that on Friday and she will drop me off copies.

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Tim also mentioned that he is looking at the Village zoning laws and he thinks there might be some changes that need to be made. He will be looking for help from the board to clarify some of the existing laws. It makes sense to make all changes at the same time.

The Mayor said that we need to adopt a zoning law for the Solar Panels as they are beginning to pop up all over.

### **Re: Joanne Burley – Clerk/Treasurer**

Village Clerk, Joanne Burley informed the board that we had received Fire Protection agreement from the Town of Potter. The agreement was for the Village of Rushville would provide fire protection to a portion of the Town of Potter. They agreed to pay the Village \$12,900 for the year. The Clerk asked the board for a motion to allow the Mayor to sign this agreement as the Party of the Second Part. Trustee Kim Payne made the motion authorizing Mayor John Sawers to sign the Fire Protection Agreement with the Town of Potter. Trustee Dave Masters made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

The Clerk informed the Board that the Library had to hire a new cleaner. Previously, the cleaner was paid by voucher, but it was decided that we need to run any employee through our payroll. Joanne set the job up through the Ontario County Human Resources. The board now had to approve the new position as Cleaner of the Library. A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo to approve the position of Cleaner for the Library. A second was made by Trustee Dave Master. The motion was passed unanimously. It was also mentioned that due to the minimum wage increase we would have to change his salary to \$10.40 to comply with the minimum wage law. Joanne will take care of this.

There was a question from a resident, Sue Button regarding absentee ballots. She asked when we would accept absentee. Joanne informed her she would check the date and get back to her. The question came up regarding payment of the Inspectors. The Clerk will check to see if we have to increase the hourly rate to be above the minimum wage.

A question was asked what the hours of the Election were, which the Clerk verified they were 12 to 9 pm.

An Amendment was made to the minutes on 2/12/18 stating that the Election location would be in the Village Office on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 from 12 pm to 9 pm. A motion was made by Trustee Holly Krossber and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was received from Kim Payne to accept the location of the Voting on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Re: Old Business:**

**Sewer Project:** The Mayor informed the audience that we are still waiting on the approval from Rural Development. But we did hear some good news that we should be eligible for a no interest hardship loan. We are meeting with MRB and Donagan's office to go over the financial end of the project. He will let everyone know where we stand with the financing at the next meeting.

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### **Re: New Business:**

Trustee Kim Payne informed the audience that we had received a letter from one of the families that the Village helped for the Christmas season. They were very grateful and overwhelmed. Kim told the audience that she has the letter available if anyone would like to read the letter.

### **Re Bills:**

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Payne and seconded by Trustee Dave Masters to authorize payment of the General Bills in the amount of \$27,967.03, noting \$1573.49 had already

received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the Board meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Dave Masters and seconded by Trustee Kim Payne to authorize payment of the water bills in the amount of \$1,708.11, noting \$1,094.13 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the Board meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Payne and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$279.96, noting \$1,094.12 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the Board meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Dave Masters and a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Trustee Holly Krossber. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Burley, Clerk/Treasurer

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