

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2018

DATE: 3/12/18

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

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

ATTENDANCE: Approximately 13 people attended meeting. Sign in sheet is available in the Village office

At 7:05 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: Approval of Minutes:

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had a chance to review the minutes from the Feb. 12, 2018 meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Mark Fargo made a motion to approve the minutes

Trustee Dave Masters made a 2nd to the motion The motion was unanimously carried.

Re: Communications, Petitions & Guests:

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions . There was no response.

The Mayor introduced **Ken Seeling** from the History Room to give his annual report.

Ken reported the Wall of Honor has increased this year to 694 pictures. That figure is up by 9.

They hope to have 700 by the end of the year.

The volunteers have put in 2800 hours which is down a little bit. They release 4 newsletters per year. These are mailed out to members. They no longer put an article in the Daily Messenger as it is no longer free.

He reported they are open Tuesdays from 9-3 and it is hit and miss on Thursday mornings due to the weather.

2 families have been helped with genealogy questions.

They are expecting to put 5 more Veterans banners on the streets this year. We may have to start to alternate them.

The History Rooms has received 86 new items from 25 different people in the last year.

Their plans for this year is to update their inventory so they know where things are.

They are always updating their Scrapbooks. They have scrapbooks for local Sports, local History and they also have one for local businesses.

They are still trying to obtain a State Charter.

They need volunteers. Preferably some under the age of 75.

Paul Moberg from the Rushville Hose Company came to make a presentation to the board regarding the budget for 2018/2019. The presentation is available in the Village office.

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This presentation was in regards to the Hose Company in need of a newer rescue truck. They believe they can find one in the \$100,000 range. Paul gave us some ideas on how they would be able to purchase this new truck, but understands that money is tight.

This truck would go on all calls and mutual aid calls. It would carry all the tools they would need in any emergency.

The truck they are using now needs new tires that would cost about \$2,000 to \$3,000 along with some other things that will soon need to be fixed.

They would be willing to put the gator and the air conditioning on hold for now.

The Mayor told him the board would take their proposal into consideration.

Paul also let the board know that the Fire Co. will be having their annual Pancake Breakfast on March 17th and 18th. They will be having a petting zoo this year.

Terry Button, our Yates Co. Legislator came to update us on a few things.

- Article 10 – Land use for energy
- Shared Services – 16 to 17 over 9 other counties
- Camp Monterey
- Finger Lakes Tourism brought in \$6.2 billion

Re: Reports of Committees:

Re: Public Works Supervisor –

The Mayor asked Art to give his report.

Streets:

They have been plowing as needed. Trustee Kim Payne mentioned that they have done a great job with the plowing this year.

They have been working on equipment getting it ready for the Spring/Summer. There was some minor damage to some trees after the last storm they have been getting cleaned up.

Water:

Art has arranged to have the chlorine and turbidity equipment calibrated at the water plant. One turbidity analyzer needs to be replaced under warranty. They will be starting an annual maintenance program for the equipment. The painting is all done at the plant.

Sewer:

Art reported we were in noncompliance again for the month of March because of the wet weather. MRB has been out to take samples of the material in the sewer beds. He is also rebuilding a blower for the aeration tank at the sewer plant.

Barn: They have been cleaning and painting in the barn.

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Village Hall: The roof leaked again. Tim Pagel is getting some budget numbers together to repair the roof.

Fire Dept.:

Art reported that the fire department had 4 incidents this month.

Re: Reading Center Director – Dodie Baker

Dodie reported she will be attending the third of the monthly classes for the year. 2 of her volunteers will keep the Library open.

Dodie said she is looking into the “Hunger Solutions, NY” for her summer program. As she gets more information, she will pass it on to us.

She has not been able to email Kim Payne as of yet, but will be doing it soon to get started on the Library project.

She reported she had their 2nd “Beat the Winter Blues” board game gathering. 10 people participated.

She is in need of Adult volunteers. Please pass the word and have them come talk to her.

Re: Code Enforcement officer: - Tim Pagel

Tim reported on the Chapel Street violations. He has received the copies of the registrations for the 2 unregistered vehicles. He stated there had been some cleanup and that the final inspection would be done after May 18th. he will report back.

Tim reported that he had gotten an estimate on the engineers fees for the roof of approx. \$5,600.

Trustee Kim Payne mentioned she had talked to LeBarge Co. regarding a possible grant available for the cost of the roof. She will look into this possibility.

Tim has also talked to someone from the Yates Co. Habitat for Humanity regarding the 2 properties on Main St. that maybe they would be interested in constructing a house.

He also mentioned that he noticed that the Village has a Local Law on all the side streets of the Village. He will put a note in the newsletter to remind people.

Tim also told us he had been contacted by the Broadway Group looking for property in the Village for a retail store. He has given them locations of property and he will keep the board informed.

Re: Joanne Burley – Clerk/Treasurer

Clerk Joanne Burley asked the board to approve the pay increase for the 2018-19 year. The Mayor has proposed a 3% increase for its employees. There was a motion made by Trustee Kim Payne to approve the 3% increase for its employees. Trustee Mark Fargo made a 2nd to that motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Clerk also asked that the board to approve the Standard work day for Mayor John Sawers and Trustee David Masters at 6 hours and for Deputy Clerk Leslie Jones at 7 hours. There were questions about this procedure. The Clerk explained that the Auditor had picked up the both the Mayor and David Masters were in the State retirement system and that we should have been reporting their work hours on our monthly report. You have to assign the number of hours between 6 and 9 hours. She explained that it does not mean that they work that number of days. The number of hours is used for the formula to determine the hours they would get credit

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for working for the State, which would go towards their retirement. Trustee Kim Payne made a motion to approve the Standard Work day for the Mayor and Trustee Dave Masters as 6 hours and for the Deputy Clerk, Leslie Jones as 7 hours. The motion was unanimously passed.

Clerk Burley mentioned to the board that we had received a thank you note from the Rushville Youth Center thanking us for \$100 they received for winning the flower box contest. She also mention that Mark Stash had forwarded an email he received from one of his client's and she had found out he lived in Rushville and she wanted him to know that she felt "Rushville has a lot of potential. "

The Clerk also mentioned she had passed out a very tentative budget for the board members to look over. We will have conversation about it at a later date, but she felt the tax rate will probably be staying the same this year.

Re: Old Business:

Martin Buildings: .

The Mayor said we are going to get an appraisal of the buildings soon.

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 \$26,272.33, noting \$1,792.64 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 Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the Cemetery Bills in the amount of \$97.06. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Payne and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the water bills in the amount of \$4,010.25, noting \$918.23 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 Mark Fargo to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$368.63, noting \$918.23 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 2nd from Trustee Mark Fargo. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Burley, Clerk/Treasurer

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