

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

December 10, 2018

DATE: 12/10/18

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor John Sawers, Trustee Krossber, Trustee Mark Fargo, Trustee Chandra Gilman, Clerk Joanne Burley, DPW Super. Art Rilands, Assist.DPW Mike Pierre, Code Enforcement Officer, Tim Pagel, Reading Center Director, Dodie Baker

Absent: Trustee Kim Payne

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

RE: Salute to the Flag:

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

The Mayor asked if anyone would like to address the board at this time. No one commented.

RE: Approval of Minutes:

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had a chance to review the board minutes from the November 19, 2018 meeting. Trustee Mark Fargo asked about the rate for electric listed on Page 2 of the minutes. The Clerk acknowledge the rate should have been \$0.05997. The correction will be made. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the November 19th minutes with the correction. Trustee Chandra Gillman made a motion to approve the November 19, 2018 minutes with the correction.

Trustee Mark Fargo made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Communications, Petitions & Guests:

RE: Reports of Committees:

RE: Public Works Supervisor –

Streets:

Art reported that they still have leaves to pick up and will try to get one more pickup done if the weather cooperates.

Decorations have been put up for Christmas.

Sewer:

The construction project is progressing slowly. The contractors will probably stop working for the season before Christmas.

Flows are high because of the wet weather. Art talked to MRB about doing some collection system work to try to stop some of the infiltration of water. If the Village gets the grants Greg said the work might be possible, but the decision would be up to the Village board.

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Water:

The new water meters are here. We are still waiting for the reader.

Cemetery:

Art said they had to remove snow from the cemetery for some burials. The ground was not frozen so it is messy over there now. It will be until Spring.

Fire:

There was a total of 8 incidents for last month.

Art said some fire department members looked at a used rescue truck recently. It is a 2000. At their meeting on the 11th they will probably make an offer on it. This is an item that was in this years budget.

Art also mentioned that there would be a service for a Middlesex Fire fighter who passed away. It will be held on Sat. He is not sure where it is going to be as there will probably be a large crowd as this person has been a fireman for several years and he was involved at the state level.

RE: Reading Center Director – Dodie Baker

Dodie reported the Christmastime in Rushville was a success. She thanked the Mayor and Art, Mike and the Firehouse crew. Santa handed out 115 candy canes.

She also told us that Karen Johnson had donated lots of outdoor Christmas decorations in memory of her sister-in-law,

The Circle of Friends are still accepting any donations of crafts or fine art for their craft sale.

There will also be a gently used children's book and a toy section. The sale will run until the end of December.

Extended hours will be on Dec. 15th for the craft and book sale with free coffee and tea served from 9 to 2:30.

Closed hours for the library for Dec. and Jan. are as follows: Dec. 14th, 22nd, 24th, 26th & 31st. and Jan. 2nd.

RE: Code Enforcement officer: - Tim Pagel

Rubin Dr. is still continuing to move forward. Tim inspects frequently. New siding and most of the windows have been installed.

20 S. Main St. has been cleaned up.

Tim spoke to the contractor regarding trying to vent the roof and add an insulation blanket to the existing attic floor. This should help with the leaking caused from the melting ice.

Tim has also been looking into the possibility of municipal trash pickup for the Village. The charge would be applied to the resident's taxes at an approximate cost of \$200 per year. This would be a savings for anyone that has trash pick up as that costs \$35 to \$40 per month. This would hopefully help to illuminate the trash problem on some of the Village properties. This would only be for the Town of Potter side of the Village as the Town of Gorham side has access to the Town of Gorham dump which is a cost of \$75 per year so it would not benefit them.

Re: Village Clerk: Joanne Burley

Joanne told the board she would be meeting with Emily, from MRB and a representative from NYSEDA to see if we would qualify for a \$5000 grant for the roof.

Joanne also brought to the attention of the board that in the November meeting we discussed the rate we would be charging the Town of Middlesex, but we never voted on the resolution.

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So she asked the board member to vote at this time. Trustee Holly Krossber made a motion to accept Resolution #10-2018 for the rates for the Town of Middlesex. Trustee Chandra Gillman made a second to that motion. The motion unanimously carried.

The Village has to adopt a Sexual Harassment Policy before the first of the year. Joanne referred to the policy she had given the board in their meeting packet. She explained that this policy was a template from the State that she added the Village of Rushville name to it. Trustee Chandra Gilman made a motion to accept the Sexual Harassment Policy for the Village. Trustee Holly Krossber made a 2nd to that motion. The motion unanimously carried.

Joanne indicated that there will be training that will have to be done, but we will hopefully receive something from the State that will be free to use for the employee training which we have until April to complete.

Joanne brought up that our contract with Amanda Grover to sell the Martin buildings will end on December 27, 2018 so the board was asked if we want to extend the contract for another 6 months. Trustee Holly Krossber made a motion to extend Amanda Grover's contract for another 6 months. Trustee Mark Fargo made a 2nd to that motion. Mark also added that they need to maintain their signs. The motion was unanimously carried.

Joanne also passed out a proposal from MRB to apply for a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Application. The fee was \$2,500 to write the grant. As it is unclear of the amount, we would be applying for the topic was tabled until the next meet to get more clarification.

RE: Old Business:

Sewer Project update:

The Mayor gave a brief update on the Sewer Project that he had received from MRB. Greg from MRB was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

Town of Middlesex & Marcus Whitman water agreements:

The Mayor told the board that we would be meeting with the school regarding their water agreement on Wednesday.

The Town of Middlesex was unable to meet as their Attorney was in court all week. We are hoping to meet with them next week.

RE: New Business:

Brian Phelps from Aflac came to the meeting to offer some information in regards to the Firefighter insurance we are required to have for our firefighters by the first of the year. He explained some of their policies that would give more protection. He left some brochures and offered to come out again to talk to anyone that might be interested.

The Mayor announced that if anyone had any names of people that were in need in the Village to let himself or Joanne know. The board decided they would again like to give 4 families \$250 again this year. Trustee Chandra Gillman made a motion to give out 4 - \$250 checks for Christmas. A 2nd was made by Trustee Holly Krossber. The motion was unanimously carried.

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Trustee Mark Fargo said he would like to be able to go along to hand out the checks again this year.

Re Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the General Bills in the amount of \$16,404.74 noting \$1,649.58 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 Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the Capital Project Bills in the amount of \$11,265.45. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the Cemetery Bills in the amount of \$36.22. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Holly Krossber to authorize payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$10291.27, noting \$957.29 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 Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Holly Krossber to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$8,259.66, noting \$2,158.53 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 Mark Fargo and a 2nd from Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Burley, Clerk/Treasurer

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