

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 12, 2012

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

Trustees Charles Elwell, David Field, Timothy Jabaut and John Sawers

ATTENDANCE: Art Rilands, Dodie Baker, and Jonette Keneston

PUBLIC HEARING

RE: Opening the Public Hearing

Mayor Bagley opened the public hearing for Local Law #1-2012 at 6:47pm.

RE: Local Law #1-2012

Mayor Bagley read aloud the proposed local law to override the 2% property tax cap, mandated by New York State. The Clerk reviewed with the Board and the public the issues and unknown factors that surrounded the law.

Jonette Keneston of 1 Bassett Street expressed concern about the local law and was not in favor of the Board adopting the law to over ride the property tax cap. Further discussion occurred about the property tax cap and once Ms. Keneston learned the law was only applicable for one fiscal year, she better understood the circumstances and the need to adopt the law.

RE: Closing the Public Hearing

With no further comments from the Board members or the public, Mayor Bagley closed the public hearing at 7:00pm

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

RE: Calling the Meeting to Order

Mayor Bagley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00pm.

RE: Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Sawers to adopt the minutes from the February 13, 2012 regular monthly meeting as printed. Unanimously carried.

RE: Public Works Supervisor – Art Rilands

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

Art reviewed with the Board the energy audit program and his meeting with the representative. The lights in the barn are very old and should be updated. In the near future the bulbs for the light fixtures will no longer be able to be purchased. Production of the old style bulbs has stopped and once the supply is sold; the bulbs will not be available anywhere. The Board discussed the energy program and agreed it would be advantageous for the Village to upgrade the lighting in the barn.

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A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to approve replacement of the lights in the Village barn, if the proposal price is reasonable, at the discretion of the Public Works Supervisor. Unanimously carried.

There is an outside water customer who has a large outstanding bill. The water cannot be turned off because no curb stop was ever installed. The Board agreed a curb stop should be installed this summer once the school year is over, to prevent water interruptions to the school building.

RE: Fire Department – Todd Conaway

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The fire department will be hosting their annual pancake breakfast the weekend of March 17th and 18th.

RE: Reading Center – Dodie Baker

Dodie shared with the Board that the “Circle of Friends” is hosting a *Café Night* at the Methodist Church as a thank you to the community for their contributions to the Libri Foundation matching book grant. The \$350 needed was raised in 3 days! The *Café Night* will be on April 28th at the Methodist Church.

The condition of the front door to the Reading Center was discussed. Dodie feels it is in poor shape and should be replaced. The Board agreed.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to purchase a new front door for the Reading Center. Unanimously carried.

RE: Code Enforcement – Reggie O’Hearn

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RE: Local Law #1-2012

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to adopt Local Law #1-2012 which will override the mandatory 2% property tax cap imposed by the New York State Legislature. Unanimously carried.

RE: Town of Potter Fire Protection Agreement

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and Trustee Elwell to accept the 2012 Town of Potter Fire Protection Agreement at a contract price of \$12,400 and authorizes Mayor Bagley to sign it. Unanimously carried.

RE: Budget Hearing

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to hold the 2012/2013 fiscal year budget hearing on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 6:45pm. Unanimously carried.

RE: Organizational Meeting

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to hold the Annual Organizational Meeting on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 7:00pm. Unanimously carried.

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RE: Third Quarter Budget Transfers

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to approve the budget transfers as printed and provided by the Clerk-Treasurer. Unanimously carried.

RE: Water Improvement Project

Mayor Bagley shared with the Board that the Pre-Construction meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th at 11:00am and we are still working with the lake people to decide on colors for the brick and roof.

RE: 2012/2013 Fiscal Year Budget

The Board reviewed the tentative budget and discussed the projects for the upcoming year. Mayor Bagley did not foresee any changes to be made between the tentative and final budget in April.

RE: Reading Center Parking Lot

Discussion occurred over the need to improve the Reading Center parking lot. There is a need for lighting in the back parking lot and further discussion took place regarding sidewalks. Art shared he believes he can find reasonably priced used light poles at M&M Electrical. He will get pricing together for the next meeting.

RE: Flower Boxes on Main Street

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to sponsor the “adopt a Main Street flower box contest” by offering a \$100 prize for the first place winner and to provide mulch and topsoil to the contestants. Unanimously carried.

RE: Floor Cleaning Quote

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to approve the floor cleaning quote provided by James Cator in the amount of \$963.00. Unanimously carried.

RE: Baseball Pitching Machine

Mayor Bagley shared that the school baseball program is interested in installing the pitching machine at the Gorham School. The Village would still own the machine; but it would be on extended loan to the school.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to authorize Marcus Whitman Central School to install the pitching machine at the Gorham Elementary School, with the understanding it is not a gift and is still owned by the Village. Unanimously carried.

RE: State Route 245 Bridge Construction & Detour

The Board discussed the bridge construction project and detour that will direct traffic down Townline Road to Warehouse Street. The traffic flow will greatly increase and it will have an impact on the roadways.

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RE: Planning Board Meeting

The Village Planning Board will be meeting Thursday, March 15th to review the permitted principle use application for the Pharmacy and a new thrift store at 15 North Main Street.

RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Elwell to authorize payment of the general bills in amount of \$16,307.75, noting \$2,491.56 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the board meeting. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the capital project bills in amount of \$873.49. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the cemetery bills in amount of \$275.35. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the water bills in amount of \$2,037.55, noting \$755.00 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the board meeting. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$205.55. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gruschow
Clerk-Treasurer