

**RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**May 14, 2012**

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

Trustees Charles Elwell, David Field, and John Sawers

ABSENT: Trustee Timothy Jabaut

ATTENDANCE: Art Rilands, Todd Conaway, Dodie Baker, Jonette Keneston, Jerry & Mary Lazarus, and Janet Landcastle

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 Sawers and seconded by Trustee Elwell to adopt the minutes from the organizational meeting, budget hearing and regular monthly meeting held on April 9, 2012 as printed. Unanimously carried.

RE: Sidewalks on Gilbert Street

Mayor Bagley discussed the letters that were mailed to the residents of Gilbert Street regarding the plan to remove the old sidewalks on the north side of Gilbert Street. He stated it was not meant as an insult to anyone, the idea was to remove the dangerous sidewalks since it would be very difficult to install new sidewalks at that side of the street.

Jonette Keneston of 1 Bassett Street shared her concern with the Board regarding the new sidewalks in general, not addressing Gilbert Street directly. She stated that when she walks in the evening the new sidewalks are very slippery and is hard to walk on. She said the older concrete is fine but the new concrete does not have any grip.

Janet Landcastle of 24 Gilbert Street addressed the Board regarding the sidewalk plan. She feels everyone should have new sidewalks and the ones on the north side of Gilbert Street should not be removed but be replaced and/or repaired.

Jerry and Mary Lazarus of 45 Gilbert Street shared their concerns regarding children crossing the road. If sidewalks are removed on the north side, they will have to cross the road to get to the existing sidewalk. They said traffic is very heavy and people do not follow the speed limit. It would be dangerous to have children cross the road to get to the sidewalk on the other side. Trustee Sawers stated that crosswalks and speed is an issue throughout the Village and is something that needs to be addressed everywhere.

Mayor Bagley shared that he met with Mark Stash who serves on the Planning Board and he would like the Planning Board address this issue and act proactively. He apologized for sending the letters without receiving more feedback and that the Village will not move forward with removing the sidewalks on the north side of Gilbert Street. The Village has built up a lot of positive energy and he would like to keep moving forward. The Planning Board will be asked to discuss and develop a sidewalk plan and submit their recommendation to the Village Board.

RE: Public Works Supervisor – Art Rilands

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RE: Hach Turbidity Meter

The agreement with Hach Company for their quarterly inspection of the turbidity meter is due to expire. They calibrate the meter during their inspection and the Village is required by Department of Health to have a turbidity meter.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to renew the Hach Turbidity Meter Inspection Agreement for \$836 for a term of one year. Unanimously carried.

RE: Fire Department – Todd Conaway

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The water tank of the small brush truck needed to be repaired. The bill is listed to be paid to Pine Ridge Welding.

RE: Reading Center – Dodie

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The “Raise the Roof for Reading” fundraiser was a success. Almost \$500 was raised and the event was attended by over 60 people. The event will most likely be held annually.

RE: Code Enforcement – Reggie O’Hearn

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RE: Deputy Registrar

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Elwell to appoint Nancy Hollenbeck as Deputy Registrar for a term of 4 years to expire, April 2016. Unanimously carried.

RE: Water Improvement Project

Chatfield Engineers had provided a change order for the work at the lake site and at the filter plant. The changes include a door for the building at the lake, a riser at the water tower and asbestos removal at the lake.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Elwell to approve the change orders as provided by Chatfield Engineers. Unanimously carried.

The Board addressed the issues surrounding Wind-Sun Construction’s desire to use a different filtration company (Separmatic) than what was listed in the specifications (R.P. Adams). Wind-Sun sent a letter to Chatfield’s office stating the reasons for rejecting the submittal were not justified and asked the engineers to continue reviewing the drawings. Chatfield’s office is looking for direction. The Board discussed this matter further and concluded that the history of the filtration company does matter and the contractor cannot expect the Village to accept the experience of the company but not the bad financial history. Attorney Kenyon had previously shared with the Mayor that the newly formed Separmatic cannot use the experience of the old Separmatic without also accepting the judgments and liens against the old company. The new company has to form their own experience history. Trustee Sawers commented that the contractor should have quoted the filtration system as specified instead of hoping to get a deal on a cheaper unit.

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A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Elwell to instruct Chatfield Engineers not to proceed with reviewing any shop drawings from Wind-Sun Construction relating to filtration systems from Separmatic, LLC. Unanimously carried.

## **RE: Unfiltered Water Rates**

The Board discussed the future rates for the customers who are currently receiving unfiltered water. Once the water project is complete they will be receiving filtered, potable water.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Elwell to classify the customers currently receiving unfiltered water from the transmission line, as outside water customers, and to be charged accordingly, once the water project is complete. Unanimously carried.

## **RE: Bills**

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Elwell to authorize payment of the general bills in amount of \$7,331.77, noting \$437.90 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 Field to authorize payment of the capital project bills in amount of \$145,819.58, noting \$670.00 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 Sawers and seconded by Trustee Elwell to authorize payment of the cemetery bills in amount of \$406.69. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the water bills in amount of \$3,155.49, noting \$24.00 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the board meeting and the payment to Chicago Title Company in the amount of \$702.50 was the background research on Separmatic, LLC. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$1,982.49. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

## **RE: Adjournment**

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Elwell to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gruschow  
Clerk-Treasurer