

# **RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**September 10, 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, Mike Pierre, and Dodie Baker

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 regular monthly meeting held on August 13, 2012 as printed. Unanimously carried.

RE: Public Works Supervisor – Art Rilands

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

Water: Art reported that the Wind-Sun wants to use the Village's big back up pump during the transition period from the old system to the new system. The pump requires a lot of electricity to run. The Clerk looked into the electric rate and the Village is charged \$8.13/KW once the demand rate of 5 KW is reached. The Village normally uses around 25 KW but this past spring the large back up pump had to be run and 96 KW were used, which doubled the electric bill.

Sewer: The west sewer bad is not in good shape. We switched to the west bed 3 months ago and it already has issues with pooling. Prior to switching to the west bed, the east bed was online for one year. The life expectancy of the sewer beds was estimated to be 25 years and we are on year 24. Art suggested that the Board start considering the options for replacing the sewer beds now since it will mostly likely be a 2-3 year project. We don't want to wait too long and then end up in a tough spot or have problems with meeting regulation requirements. Mayor Bagley suggested we finish up the water project first but start looking for an engineer to develop a game plan this coming winter.

Sidewalks: Art believes he and the crew will be able to finish early with the designated sidewalk areas therefore will have time to tackle another area of the Village. He asked the Board for direction on where to install sidewalks after Castle Street. Discussion took place and it was agreed that we should continue up South Main Street past the Reading Center.

Streets: Art also shared with the Board that with the installation of the water line he has learned that Bassett Street will need to be a complete reconstruction. In portions where the contractor has dug across the road there is no existing base to the roadway.

RE: Fire Department

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As a representative of the Fire Department, Art shared with the Board their desire to sell the brush truck, Unit 2351 and use the proceeds towards a new pickup truck. Their thought it to purchase a new 1-ton pick-up truck in the price range of \$30,000. The Fire Department would cover the remaining cost of the truck after the sale proceeds. Discussion occurred regarding this matter and Art also informed the Board that the Fire Department has originally either purchased in full or assisted in purchasing the brush truck.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize the sale of Unit 2351 Brush Truck via an online auction site and to further authorize the proceeds of the sale to be utilized in purchasing a new 1-ton pick-up truck with the understanding that the Fire Department will be responsible for paying the difference between the Brush Truck proceeds and the purchase price. Unanimously carried.

RE: Reading Center Director – Dodie Baker

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Dodie shared with the Board that she was working on applying for a grant for a new open sign through the Southern Tier Library System. This would replace the current sandwich board that she utilizes to advertise events. Additionally Dodie shared she is looking into attending the annual meeting/dinner that Southern Tier hosts in October. The grant award is presented at this dinner.

RE: Code Enforcement Office

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Mayor Jon Bagley shared with the Board his discussion with Code Officer Reggie O'Hearn regarding the portion of the house at 20 Gilbert Street that was condemned and to be demolished. The homeowner did not remove the entire portion that was to be demolished. Reggie suggested an engineer review the remaining structure and inform the Village on how to proceed. Mayor Bagley and Trustee Sawers looked at the property and believe the remaining portion of the structure can be removed with little difficulty and an engineer does not need to be hired to review it.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize Code Officer O'Hearn to contact the Ms. Fuller, the owner of 20 Gilbert Street, that the structure was not completely demolished therefore the Village will take action. A contractor will be hired to complete the work and the Ms. Fuller will be billed. If she does not reimburse the Village, the contractor cost will be placed on her tax bill in June.

RE: Water Improvement Project

Mayor Bagley reported that the activity of Wind-Sun Construction was still pretty stagnant and not much had been accomplished. The floor of the building had been poured so now the rest of the Contractors can continue working on their contracts. The Village did receive a new job schedule, which was reviewed by the

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Board. Additional discussion occurred regarding the need to use the back up pump at the lake site. Any additional electric usage will be charged to the general contractor.

RE: Safe Routes to School Application

Mayor Bagley updated the Board on the application progress. Bruce St. Lawrence is working with Lu Engineers to develop a project scope and cost estimate. The Clerk is working to collect letters of support and completed surveys from parents and residents. Further discussion occurred regarding the agreement with the School.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize Mayor Jon Bagley to sign the agreement with the Marcus Whitman School District as provided and to authorize submission of the 2012 Safe Routes to School application to seek funding to install sidewalks on Gilbert Street to the Valley Primary School. Unanimously carried.

The resolution in full is attached to these minutes.

RE: Deputy Clerk Position

Several resumes have been received for the position. Mayor Bagley, Trustee Elwell and the Clerk will review the resumes and schedule interviews.

RE: Sidewalk Plan

Tabled.

RE: Terry Button Water Hook Up

Tabled.

RE: Grade D Water Certification Class

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Elwell to authorize Art Rilands to attend a Grade D Water Certification class at Morrisville College at a cost of \$300 in addition to the cost of one hotel room, food, and gas. Unanimously carried.

RE: Loitering Local Law

The Clerk was approached by a business about a no loitering law. The Board discussed the idea and concluded it is very difficult to enforce. The Village currently does have a curfew law that can address issues with teenagers loitering after 10:00pm. The Clerk will send copies to the Sheriff's Department to remind them of this local law on file.

RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize payment of the general bills in amount of \$13,022.59, noting \$1,597.00 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior

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to the board meeting and that the annual insurance premium payment was also being made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize payment of the capital project bills in amount of \$88,460.09. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Elwell to authorize payment of the cemetery bills in amount of \$1,663.23, noting \$1,497.00 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 Sawers to authorize payment of the water bills in amount of \$6,943.05, noting \$1,496.99 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 Field and seconded by Trustee Elwell to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$4,127.31, noting \$1,496.99 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the board meeting. Unanimously carried.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gruschow  
Clerk-Treasurer