

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

August 12, 2013

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

Trustees David Field, Chuck Elwell and John Sawers

ABSENT: Trustee Timothy Jabaut

ATTENDANCE: Art Rilands, Janet Landcastle, Barb Dunham

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

RE: Calling the Meeting to Order

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

RE: Minutes

Mayor Bagley pointed out a couple of issues with the minutes from the July Board meeting. The wording used in the animal control portion of the July minutes was "independent vendor" That portion was actually referring to "county dog control." There were some inaccuracies regarding the sewer charges for 4 N Main as well. The Board discussed these and a motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to adopt the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on July 8, 2013 after making the changes recommended by the Board. Unanimously carried.

RE: Agenda 21

The guest speaker was not able to make it. Tabled.

RE: Public Work's Supervisor: Art Rilands

A copy of this report is on file with these minutes. The pavilion was removed from the park due to rotted posts making the structure unsafe. It was built around forty years ago and has not been used much this year but has been used regularly in the past. The Board will discuss replacement this month and contact the Lion's Club to find out if they are interested in helping with replacing it. The Lion's Club was instrumental in its original construction. Replacement will be discussed again at the September Board meeting.

SG Security Maintenance Agreement: The Board decided not to purchase a maintenance agreement for the Village Barn alarm system at this time.

Water Project: Bruce will be contacted to set up an appointment with Wind-Sun so the final punch list items can be finished. R.P. Adams and LeClaire Fleming may not have been fully paid. The Clerk will be following up on this with both contractors and Rural Development to make sure they are paid.

Sewer Lift Station: The bar holding up the sensor floats for the pump is rusted off. A quote was obtained from LeClaire-Fleming for \$12,800.00 to do the repairs. In order to fix it, a bypass would need to be made around the area being fixed while the work is done. It is a big job and easier in the summer when sewer

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flows are down. Art is worried about how old the pipes are and the possibility of one pump not being able to keep up if the other pump fails. The Board discussed the additional cost if it is not repaired and more parts of the lift station fail. Art said the pipes currently used are iron. Mayor Bagley asked why plastic is not used. Art said he is much more comfortable using ductile iron pipe and that if the lift station is rebuilt correctly, it could last quite a while. Trustee Elwell asked if we should get another price. Art said it is a timed repair and if we wait too long, the cost of fixing it could increase significantly. The Board all agreed that they were satisfied with LeClaire-Fleming's work for the Village so far and trusted them to take on the project. Trustee Sawers suggested we accept the quote with a Do Not Exceed. Trustee Field made a motion to accept the quote with a Do Not Exceed order. Trustee Sawers seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Art is going to put the Welcome to Rushville sign up tomorrow. It has arrived and looks great!

RE: Fire Department Report

A copy of this report is on file with the minutes. The 2013 Annual Cash Raffle was a success. The Board appreciates the Fire Department's hard work in pulling this off one more year.

The Board commended the valiant efforts of the Fire Department for freeing a man trapped between a tractor and a truck. Chrystal Beach was unable to get him out when the Rushville Fire Department arrived and had the necessary tools and training to extract him.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer: Reggie O'Hearn

A report was not provided. There was discussion about the Brown's Barn on Warren St. They have requested help tearing it down and are willing to pay for it. The Board discussed the possibility of saving some of the old items in there and whether they were in good enough condition to save. The historians may be interested in some of them.

Brenda Englin is the contact for this project. The Clerk will talk to Robert Catlin and Brenda Englin to see if Robert can help with some of the hauling away of the barn and scrap metal.

RE: Reading Center Director: Dodie Baker

A report was not provided. Dodie is on vacation and was not in attendance.

RE: Water Improvement Project

As discussed previously, the Clerk will follow up to ensure that contractors have been paid.

RE: Safe Routes to School

Surveying has been done for the Safe Routes to School project. This has showed that some of the sidewalks are not in the road right-of-way. Individual

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agreements with landowners may need to be done. The sidewalks will remain in their original location, but some of the landowners may be asked to sign agreements allowing the sidewalks to be rebuilt.

RE: Bay Water Easement

Nothing has been heard from the lawyers as far as setting up a court date to come to an agreement on the correct easement interpretation. Bill Kenyon said the process of setting up a court date for the two lawyers to discuss this easement may take several months.

Re: Tobacco-Free Public Locations

Trustee Jabaut was absent. Tabled.

RE: Dangerous Dogs/Dog Warden

Mayor Bagley reported seeing Bergman's dogs chasing a cat around 1am on Thursday, August 8. The cat was found dead the next day.

Barb Dunham reported problems with dogs at 9 Chapel Street also. She lives next door and the residents of 9 Chapel have six dogs. She is uncomfortable letting her children play in the backyard when these dogs are out. The Deputy Clerk will check with the Town of Potter to find out if dogs are registered and Reggie will look into this issue as well as the unmowed yard and multiple cars sitting in yard. Dick Lafler will be contacted to discuss dog warden options if nothing else works out.

The Clerk printed off Local Law 1-1976, which refers to Article 7 of the Agriculture & Markets Law regarding procedures that should be followed in aggressive dog situations. She also printed off NYCOM's State and Local Regulations of Animals. The procedures designated in these laws are not being followed to their due diligence by the Yates County Dog Wardens. The Board discussed again hiring a Village dog warden. It was decided that the deputy Clerk will contact Ontario County animal control to find out if having Ontario County Animal Control take over the entire Village instead of just the Ontario County side is a possibility first. If not, Ron Spike will be contacted again.

7:40pm Barb Dunham left meeting.

NEW: Cell phones

Art asked if the Village could consider getting him a Smartphone so he could monitor the water plant remotely more easily. Tabled, the Clerk will see if it can be put in next year's budget.

NEW: Building Access After Office Hours

Dave Harrington, the Village computer technician, has a difficult time repairing the computers since the Village office is closed when he gets off work. The Clerk thinks it is helpful to have one computer contact rather than having different people working on it so that they are familiar with the setup and what is going on.

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Both the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk feel that he does a good job, but have a hard time getting him to come in because of the hours the office is open not corresponding with when he is off work. The Board discussed allowing Dave to work on the computers after the office is closed as needed. Trustee Fields made a motion to allow Dave to have access to the office after hours, Trustee Elwell seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

NEW: Park Pavilion

As discussed previously, the Village will look into options for replacing the pavilion in the park.

NEW: Cemetery Lots

Penny Cline asked the Village if they would consider buying back some cemetery lots she had purchased. Art said it would be useful to have some more lots in that location. Trustee Sawers made a motion to buy them back, Trustee Field seconded. Unanimously approved.

RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the general bills in amount of \$11,237.55, noting \$100.00 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 cemetery bills in amount of \$645.80. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Elwell to authorize payment of the water bills in amount of \$5,474.93. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$6,735.71. No prior payments were made. **It was noted that Voucher #0813-26 seemed too high. The deputy Clerk will check the numbers and see about having the bill reduced or corrected before printing the check.** Unanimously carried with the possible reduction of Voucher #1813-26 noted.

The Clerk notified the Board that Brian Kolb had sent an acknowledgement of his receiving the Village's Resolution calling for the repeal of the NY Safe Act.

Janet Landcastle asked why the Village minutes are always a month behind on being updated to the website. The Deputy Clerk explained that it is to ensure accuracy. This allows for the minutes to be proofread by the Clerk and approved by the Village Board to make sure that what is discussed is accurately represented. Once they are approved in the following month's Board meeting, they are then posted online.

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RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Fleig
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer