

# **RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**May 12, 2014**

TIME: 7:02 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

Trustees: David Field, Charles Elwell and John Sawers.

ABSENT: Trustee Timothy Jabaut

ATTENDANCE: Jennifer Gruschow, Art Rilands, Dodie Baker, Jonette Keneston, Anne Grover, Amanda Grover, Travis Grover and Mike Pierre.

RE: Calling the Meeting to Order

Mayor Jon Bagley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:02pm.

RE: Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 14, 2014 Public meeting. A motion was made by Trustee John Sawers to approve the minutes as printed. Trustee Chuck Elwell seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 14, 2014 Budget meeting. A motion was made by Trustee John Sawers to approve the minutes as printed. Trustee Chuck Elwell seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 14, 2014 Organizational meeting. A motion was made by Trustee John Sawers to approve the minutes as printed. Trustee Chuck Elwell seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 14, 2014 Board meeting. A motion was made by Trustee John Sawers to approve the minutes as printed. Trustee Chuck Elwell seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 1, 2014 special meeting. A motion was made by Trustee John Sawers to approve the minutes as printed. Trustee Chuck Elwell seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

RE: Communications, Petitions & Guests

Amanda Grover came to the meeting tonight to speak about her experience with 85 South Main Street. Amanda felt that the Village was uncooperative with finding the water and sewer line and would be charged \$500 fee for each water and sewer. Amanda was told by Art Rilands that he would not do the tap in because he didn't have the tools to do it and that he has been here for 14 years and has never had to do it. Travis Grover said he wanted Art to help figure how to find the water and sewer line and not be told he didn't know. Amanda said she had to pay someone else \$200 to tap into the line and doesn't understand what the \$500 Village fees are for. Amanda called two places to get part the tap and was told that the municipality usually does the tap in and buys the parts. Amanda found out the tap in tool was \$100. Amanda said she would have bought the tool and donated it to the Village and it would have been

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cheaper than paying another \$200 for someone else to come in and do the job. Amanda felt that the whole process was very chaotic, unorganized and everything was very stressful. Mayor Jon Bagley thought the Village was being cooperative and helped a lot with easement research in the beginning. Amanda said Art was very uncooperative.

Anne Grover shared her experience many years ago with building a house in the Village and said her experience did not go very well. Anne also commented that the zoning in Rushville and many other places has gone too far. Anne continued to share her feelings about government control over people's lives and that people need to be more involved with what's going on in the Village. The Grover's also discussed other projects going on in the Village and feel Mayor Jon Bagley is allowed to do things that others can't. Mayor Jon Bagley commented that he is trying to make the Village a better place and everybody needs to work together.

RE: Public Work's Supervisor: Art Rilands

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

The school wants to start running their pump station on a full automated setting, Art has some major concerns about something bad happening and too much pressure going to the Village water mains. Art would like to have a meeting set up with the school to discuss the issue. Trustee Chuck Elwell thinks a letter should be sent to the school to make them aware of the Villages concerns.

Trustee David Field commented on how busy the walking trail has been. Jonette Keneston asks if we could get the sign replaced or fixed because it says "Trial" not "Trail". Jonette also commented on how nice the trail looks and that the benches are beautiful.

Suit Kote took samples of the asphalt on Bassett Street to see if it can be reused and said it could. Art reported he repaired some of the potholes on Bassett Street and would like to get working on Bassett Street as soon as possible in June.

RE: Fire Department: Art Rilands

No report provided

Art said there was nothing new to report

RE: Reading Center Director: Dodie Baker

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Caleb Baker is working on building a back patio for the Reading Center for his Eagle Project. Dodie feels it will be a great place for people to go outside and read for the Summer Read Program being held July 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Caleb is also working on making a new sign for the Reading Center that will have the address of the Reading Center on it. Caleb would like to present the sign and have it hung before July.

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RE: Code Enforcement Officer: Reggie O'Hearn

No report provided

Not in attendance

NEW: Appoint Jenna Bergstresser as Deputy Tax Collector

A motioned was made by Trustee David Field and seconded by Trustee John Sawers to appoint Jenna Bergstresser as Deputy Tax Collector. Unanimously carried.

RE: Safe Routes to School Sidewalks Project

Mayor Jon Bagley spoke with Bruce and found a location for the contractors to stockpile stone and soil. A preconstruction meeting has been set up for Friday to get a start date. Bruce plans on going door to door on Gilbert Street before the project starts.

RE: Bay Water Easement

Jon Bagley reported that he is trying to work with the Bay family without going to court.

RE: Sewer Planning Study

MRB Group has been busy gathering data and working with Art. Art said that the main focus will be on the infiltration issues.

RE: Memorial Day Parade

Jennifer Gruschow commented that everything with the Memorial Day Parade is going well and is always looking for Volunteers to help plan and prepare. The Parade is being held in Rushville this year on May 26, 2014 at 10:00a.m.

RE: Addition on the Fire House

Art reported that they plan on doing a full foundation with wood studs for the addition if metal studs are not required. Art also commented that Grainger Homestead is going to be giving the ladder truck back to Rushville.

RE: Rebuilding Park Pavilion

Trustee Chuck Elwell asked if the Village wanted to rebuild the park pavilion or not. Mayor Jon Bagley feels the Pavilion should be rebuilt at the fire house instead of the park and feels it wouldn't be vandalized at the fire house like it would be at the park.

Trustee Chuck Elwell will talk to the Lions club to see if they had any interest in building the pavilion.

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NEW: FEMA – National Flood Insurance

Mayor Jon Bagley stated that many homes along Gilbert Street are within the FEMA designated flood plain and are charged \$4,500 a year for homeowner's insurance because they have to have flood insurance compared to the normal \$800-\$900 for standard homeowners insurance. The federal government designates communities as participating and nonparticipating communities. Rushville is a participating community, explaining why the homeowners have to have flood insurance. The positive side to being a participating community is that if there is a disaster the Village will receive FEMA assistance. The negative is if the Village doesn't participate, then FEMA will not help. The Village will be mailing a survey to all the property owners along the river. Amanda Grover commented that renters of the Village should also be informed incase rent goes up. Jennifer Gruschow commented that an article will be in the quarterly newsletter for all the other residents of Rushville to see.

RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee David Field seconded by Trustee John Sawers to authorize payment of the general bills in the amount of \$6,865.46. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee David Field and seconded by John Sawers to authorize payment of the cemetery bills in the amount of \$739.38. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee John Sawers and seconded by Trustee Chuck Elwell to authorize payment of the water bills in the amount of \$2,372.70. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee David Field and seconded by Trustee John Sawers to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$1,955.24. Unanimously carried.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee John Sawers and seconded by Trustee Chuck Elwell to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenna Bergstresser  
Village Deputy Clerk