

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

October 21, 2019

DATE: 10/21/19

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor John Sawers, Deputy Mayor Holly Krossber, Trustee Mark Fargo, Trustee Chandra Gilman, Trustee Kim Payne, Deputy Clerk Mary Beth Braman, DPW Supervisor Art Rilands, Code Enforcement Officer Tim Pagel, Fire Chief Paul Moberg, and Director of the Reading Center, Dodie Baker. **Absent:** Clerk/Treasurer Joanne Burley

ATTENDANCE: Approximately 5 people attended this meeting. Sign in sheet is available in the Village office. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

RE: Salute to the Flag: The Mayor asked everyone to rise and join in the Pledge to the Flag.

RE: Approval of Minutes: The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had a chance to review the minutes from the September 9, 2019 meeting and if there were any corrections or changes that needed to be made. Trustees Mark Fargo and Chandra Gilman pointed out the corrections that needed to be made. Trustee Gilman made a motion to approve the September 9, 2019 minutes with corrections. Trustee Fargo made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Communications, Petitions & Guests: Charles Elwell asked the Board about shutting off the water at his "family" home located at 8 Green Street. Mr. Elwell stated that after making many improvements to the home he sold it, but the house has since been abandoned. Mr. Elwell is concerned about the cold weather coming and the potential for the pipes to burst, ruining the new furnace and hot water heater that were installed in the basement. Mr. Elwell asks if the Village could shut off the water to help preserve the home as much as possible. Art Rilands said that the Village usually has to wait to hear from the bank before they can shut the water off. The Mayor stated that we would try to find out who owns the home and confer with them to see if we can get permission to shut the water off and accommodate Mr. Elwell's request.

RE: Reports of Committees:

RE: Public Works Supervisor: Art Rilands

Streets: Art reported that parts of both Warren and Castle Streets have been paved, and that is all the paving that can be done this year. Trustee Mark Fargo asked how much higher Warren Street is going to be. Art said it is as high as it is going to get as all the work has been completed. Art says they have started to get the leaf vac ready for the season and are finding it needs a lot of work, and that the parts are getting tired. They have also started getting the sander ready for the winter season.

Sewer: The Sewer Project is moving along. A second bed has been dug out and new pipe and stone are being put in. There are still many smaller items that need to be done on the project. It is looking like it will be the first part of next year before the project is complete.

Water: All the algae testing for this year has been done. There were some raw water samples that tested positive, but no positive hits in the finished water. The new water line valve has been installed on the corner of S. Main and Rubin Drive.

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Water Collection Project: The drawings for the collection system work are about to be done. MRB will send plans to DEC for their blessing. MRB would like to put this project out to bid in January or the first part of February 2020. Art states that the Village will be pretty well torn up while the work is being done. Trustee Holly Krossber asked if the cost of this project will allow us to use the entire grant. Art said the total cost of this project is about \$600,000. There was some discussion about the remaining money, and whether or not that would be lost if we didn't use it for something else. It was determined that the money can be used elsewhere, but not for anything that was bid on. Mayor Sawers asked if we could use some of the money to paint the fire hydrants. Fire Chief Paul Moberg said that he has put quick adapters on many of the hydrants, and we wouldn't be able to paint those. There were some suggestions as to using the money for aeration blowers, a driveway into the Wastewater Plant, and landscaping. We will be looking into those, and other, ideas. Art also talked about the UV Unit being a \$250,000 item, and since it is only used seasonally, the currently warranty on the unit won't last long. Art thinks we might want to consider an extended warranty on the unit. There was some discussion as to if the warranty starts

Art told the Board he would be gone Wednesday and Thursday for training. Mayor Sawers told Art and Mike how nice things are looking in the Village, and that they are doing a great job.

RE: Fire Report: Paul Moberg:

Paul apologized to the Board for not attending the Village meetings, citing scheduling difficulties. Paul offered the Board a Fire Call Log from June 1-Oct 1, 2019. There were several false alarms for the school, and he was set to meet with the Grounds Supervisor to see what could be done, but the meeting did not pan out and needs to be rescheduled. Paul reported that the department has gained 3 new members in the last two months, and will be gaining another next month.

Paul said that the department needs some gear, and he wants to find out what is left in the budget for it. Trustee Mark Fargo asked how much a set of gear was, and Paul told him between 3-4 thousand dollars. Trustee Fargo asked about grants. Paul said they got a grant for gear in 2011, but the FPA standard says gear over 10 years old is no longer good, and they are needing to replace those sets from 2011 very soon. Paul states he may put in for gear during the next cycle. He told the Board that the department had a good turnout for annual physicals and mentioned that there is now an optional blood test offered with the physical, which he feels is a great idea.

The department has serviced 3 heavy trucks. The Engine Truck needed brakes replaced on one wheel and that has been done. Mayor Sawers asked if they were all air brakes. Paul told him yes. The Rescue truck needed U bolts, and a test was done on the Pump Truck with the Engine test coming out good, but the Pump pressure test having failed. A retest will be done.

Paul talked about the new Rescue Truck the department is looking for and says he found one in Ohio that he and some other members are driving out to take a look at it on Wednesday. It is a 2003, and appears to be in good shape. Paul stated that between the budget and recent fundraiser, there is about \$91,000.00 available to put toward the truck. There was some discussion as to whether it makes more sense to purchase a used truck or attempt to get grant monies to purchase a new one. Paul said he would call Senator O'Malley's office and speak with them about a Community Facilities grant and would report back to the Board regarding a used vehicle vs new vehicle purchase.

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Paul said that the department has done mutual aid with Crystal Beach and attended Rope Rescue class in Naples. There was some discussion about the Ambulance and the trouble they are having keeping help. There was some discussion about the Burn Law, and that maybe it is time to revisit the law and fine tune it. Paul said he would like to be part of that committee.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer: - Tim Pagel

Tim talked about continuing to work with Wells Fargo regarding 4 Bryant Square and securing the property. Tim also talked about Village Clean-Up, and what approach the Village could take to encourage residents to clean up the excessive garbage on their property/properties. He mentioned perhaps renting dumpsters, hoping that by offering residents the chance to get rid of their excess waste materials at no cost, residents might be more inclined to clean up their properties. Beyond that, he is at a loss of what else can be done to help eliminate the excessive junk and garbage that is seen on several properties throughout the Village. The cost of the dumpster is \$95 per ton of material, and the delivery cost is roughly \$250-300 to deliver and take away the dumpster. Tim says he will get more definitive figures on this and share those findings with the Board at the next meeting.

Tim reports having received calls from several Village residents who rent property and are not happy with their rentals. He suggests that the Board may want to institute a local law whereby any rental property must be registered and meet codes, then inspected every three years, or be inspected upon rental to new tenant, to make sure they are in compliance with Zoning Laws. Trustee Krossber asked if that also incorporates a sale/transfer of ownership. Tim said yes, any transfer involves an inspection of the property and that property meeting codes before the transfer can take place.

Tim talked about Dollar General wanting to buy some of the Morganti property that lies within the Village, in the hopes of building a store there; however, the property they want to buy is not in a Commercial District and, if they were able to acquire it, the Zoning Board does not want to have to "spot zone" just to allow them to build. Tim encouraged the Project Manager to look at spaces that are commercially zoned, such as the old Cannery or the Martin Building. He will keep us informed on how this plays out.

RE: Reading Center Director – Dodie Baker:

Dodie told the Board that "The Great Give Back" was a huge success. This is a program designed by New York State Libraries where 3 different styles of bookmarks are made and then given away with a gently used book, to Veterans, Seniors, and Children's Groups in hopes of promoting literacy. There were requests to extend the giveaway one more week, which has been done. Dodie reminded everyone about the Halloween Trick or Treat at the Library on October 31, 2019, from 6 to 8 pm. Dodie has 3 new volunteers lined up to work, one who has already started, and the other two will be starting soon. Dodie is excited that the architect and Tim are working on the plans for the expansion of the library and is very excited to see the completed plans.

Dodie told the Board that Gorham Library petitioned the NYS Regents Board to become a Chartered Library and were granted that authority without the Regents Board having conferred with, or notifying, Middlesex and Rushville Libraries. What this means is of the three Libraries, Gorham is the only that can have a Chartered status for the Marcus Whitman district. Dodie feels that we really need to have the Regents Board overturn the ruling as we want the Reading Center to stay as is and not be forced into having chartered status.

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There is a meeting on Monday, October 28th at 7pm with Brian from Pioneer Library System to discuss this. They are looking at having the meeting at Marcus Whitman, as it is a neutral area for all involved parties. Dodie will follow up with the Board at our next meeting. Dodie wanted to remind everyone that Christmastime in Rushville is coming in December and raffle tickets for the 50/50 drawing will be on sale from Nov 1-Dec 6, 2019.

RE: Clerk:

Clerk/Treasurer Joanne Burley asked that in her absence Deputy Clerk, Mary Beth Braman bring forward a proposal to mark the new section of the cemetery, with the funds coming from interest earned in the Cemetery Account. Trustee Krossber felt the final project cost was kind of expensive. Art said that there was going to be a lot of work being done there, that would certainly outlast anyone at the meeting, and the cost for the work being done was certainly worth it. Village resident Bob Walker asked which specific area this was, and Art told him it was the field to the east. Art also said that eventually, we would need a road and driveway put in as well. Trustee Krossber asked if the cost included the driveway work. Art said it did not. Trustee Krossber stated she was on board as long as the money was coming from interest earned from the Cemetery Account. Trustee Holly Krossber made a motion to approve the mapping of new section of the cemetery. Trustee Chandra Gilman made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Deputy Clerk Braman also mentioned that Elections are going to be held in March 2020, and that there will be three (3) open positions, as the terms of Mayor Sawers, as well as Trustees Chandra Gilman and Holly Krossber, are expiring. Petitions will be available after Christmas. Petitions can be signed from December 31, 2019 onward, and must be turned in by February 11, 2020.

Old Business:

Martin Building: Trustee Holly Krossber reported that she received the full abstract for all the property included in the Martin Building sale, and that she will reach out to our Attorney, Tom Blair, to see what he wants us to do with them. Trustee Krossber talked about the buyers are now having a dispute between them; with the end result being that the sale may not go through. Trustee Mark Fargo asked if there was a problem with our Attorney and questioned if our Attorney may have cost us the sale. Trustee Krossber said she does agree that there should be a full abstract, she felt that whatever steps our Attorney took were done with what he felt were the Village's best interests in mind.

Town of Middlesex: Trustee Holly Krossber informed the Board that she reached out to Middlesex Town Supervisor Wayne Dunton, asking for their Town Board and Town Engineer(s), to meet with our Village Board and Village Engineer(s), to attempt to solve the ongoing water issue between them. Middlesex refused, stating in a letter that they felt both entities were biased, and they wanted mediation instead. Rather than continuing to spend more money on mediation, the Village decided to move forward with a lawyer, and we have cleared to start legal proceedings. Mayor Sawers will keep everyone apprised of the situation.

Sewer Project: Requisitions for payment:

A motion was received by Trustee Kim Payne to pay Win-Sun Construction in the amount of \$338,134.09. A second was received by Trustee Chandra Gilman. A roll vote was taken with Trustee Mark Fargo voting Nay, citing his apprehension at making a payment in full until we know for sure the UV Unit works.

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Art Rilands told him that we have probably already paid Win Sun for the unit, but he is looking into an extended warranty on the unit to make sure it is covered for a longer period of time since it is only used seasonally and not all year long. Trustee Holly Krossber said that while she is in favor of paying this bill, we should look into an extended warranty on the UV unit and have that in place before we pay Win-Sun in full. Trustee Fargo felt much more confident with this approach, and changed his vote from Nay to Aye. A Final Roll Vote was taken with the results as follows:

Trustee Kim Payne:	Aye
Trustee Holly Krossber:	Aye
Mayor John Sawers:	Aye
Trustee Chandra Gilman:	Aye
Trustee Mark Fargo:	Aye

A motion was received by Trustee Kim Payne to pay J&E Electric in the amount of \$37,235.25. A second was received by Trustee Holly Krossber. A Final Roll Vote was taken with the results as follows:

Trustee Kim Payne:	Aye
Trustee Holly Krossber:	Aye
Mayor John Sawers:	Aye
Trustee Chandra Gilman:	Aye
Trustee Mark Fargo:	Aye

Re Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Fargo and seconded by Trustee Payne to authorize payment of the General Bills in the amount of \$56,694.85. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Payne and seconded by Trustee Fargo to authorize payment of the Cemetery Bills in the amount of \$211.99. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Payne and seconded by Trustee Gilman to authorize payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$11,328.14. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Gilman and seconded by Trustee Fargo to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$8,326.41. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Payne and a seconded by Trustee Krossber to authorize payment of the Capital Project Bills in the amount of \$39,371.51. The motion was unanimously carried.

Trustee Chandra Gilman mentioned that it would be nice if the Board set aside monies from the budget so that the History Department can go to dinner like the Library does. Everyone thought that was a good idea. Mayor John Sawers talked about meeting with the Auditors regarding overspending on the new roof, and the budget transfers that will need to be made to compensate for this. The Mayor then asked if the Board had any further business they would like to discuss. No one had any issues to bring forward.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Kim Payne with a second from Trustee Holly Krossber, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Braman, Deputy Clerk

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