

# RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2011

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

Trustees David Field, Timothy Jabaut and John Sawers

ABSENT: Trustee Charles Elwell

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Art Rilands, Mike Pierre, Reggie O'Hearn, Ginny Curtis, Carol Swartwood, John & Ann Hicks, Josiah Travis, Greg Franklin, Jean McCreary, Sean Ryan, Tina Ryan and other unidentified guests.

RE: Calling the meeting to order

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

RE: Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to adopt the minutes from the regular monthly meeting as printed. Unanimously carried.

RE: Public Works Supervisor – Art Rilands

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

Water: Department of Health mandated that a turbidity meter be installed. The meter was purchased from Hach and they will soon be scheduling an appointment with Art to calibrate it and ensure proper installation.

Streets: With the assistance of Tad Gerace, Art and Justin and Michael Englin planted 5 new trees. Sidewalks will start to be installed the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July. The equipment will be rented for 1 month. Additional laborers will need to be hired. Discussion also took place regarding the need for a speed zone sign coming into the Village for Bassett Street

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize Art Rilands to hire additional labor to assist in the installation of sidewalks as he deems necessary and within the allotted budget, at a wage rate not to exceed \$20/hour. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to either acquire from Yates County or purchase through a vendor a speed zone ahead sign to be placed at the entrance into the Village on Bassett Street. Unanimously carried.

Cemetery: The headstones are cleaning up nicely. Justin and Michael Englin have been working at doing so. Discussion took place about purchasing a broom attachment for the new grasshopper cemetery mower. This could be used for cleaning streets and snow removal.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Sawers to purchase a broom attachment for the grasshopper mower. Unanimously carried.

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RE: Youth Center Proposal – Ginny Curtis & Carol Swartwood

Ginny Curtis, resident of the Village and member of the Methodist Church, addressed the Board regarding the need for some type of Youth Center in the Village. She told the Board that a group of individuals have been meeting since January and developed the idea to start a one day a week program where teenagers in grades 6-12 in the Marcus Whitman School District can go and be in a positive atmosphere. The program will run from 3-7pm on Wednesdays at the Methodist Church. They plan to fix a meal together with the youth and sit down and eat a family style meal. Ms. Curtis has talked with the Dundee Youth Recreation Director for ideas and assistance on how to get started. Discussion took place in regards to the Teen Hope that used to take place at the Masonic Lodge that was run by another church group and how that program did not work well at all. There was no supervision. Josiah Travis, also resident of the Village, addressed the Board regarding that concern. He stated he was somewhat involved in that effort and can say this program has a very different direction than what was trying to be achieved at Teen Hope. Ann Hicks, pastor of the Methodist Church stated that there will be activities for the teens to partake in and there will also be homework assistance available. It is there goal to create a family type atmosphere that many of the teens are not getting at home. Pastor Hicks mentioned that there will be supervision but the teens will not be condoned and turned away for bad habits such as smoking. Discussion took place about allowing the teens to smoke on church grounds. Further discussion occurred on the activities and how the teens would be supervised.

Trustee Field stated it was worth a try and thought it was a good idea. The group indicated there would be boundaries and rules/regulations. They wanted it to be an accepting but structured program that emphasized respect. The Clerk will put a write up in the newsletter regarding the upcoming Youth Center. The Board thanked them all for coming and hoped the program was successful.

RE: Reading Center Director – Dodie Baker

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Director Baker could not be present. The Board reviewed her report. Various items were highlighted such as the donation of Adirondack chairs and footstools from John Finnan. The Board agreed that Dodie could staff the Reading Center as best as possible when she decided to take vacation with volunteers. The report also addressed the need for an air conditioner.

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to purchase an air conditioning unit for the Reading Center. Unanimously carried.

RE: Sewer Unit Reduction – 25 North Main Street

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to reduce the sewer units for 25 North Main Street to a single unit since the home was no longer operating as a hair salon. Unanimously carried.

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RE: Water Improvement Project

Mayor Bagley shared with the residents of Shale Beach Drive that they received that afternoon an updated scheduling and building layout options from Chatfield Engineers. Once the Board decides on the layout of the interior of the building, Mayor Bagley will contact the group to discuss the aesthetics. Once Chatfield has plan close to being finalized a meeting will be held. The residents thanked Mayor Bagley for willingness to meet again.

RE: Code Officer's Agreement

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize Mayor Bagley to sign the Yates County Code Officials Agreement. Unanimously carried.

RE: Zoning Law

Code Officer Reggie O'Hearn informed the Board they would need to hold a public hearing for both the environmental piece and for the law itself. A notice for comments with a copy of the law will also need to be sent to interested agencies.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Jabaut, declaring the Rushville Village Board of Trustees as lead agency pursuant to the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act and that there are no involved agencies, only interested agencies that will be notified in writing of the proposed law. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to hold a public hearing to review part 2 of the full assessment environmental review form on Monday, August 8 at 6:30pm, and following such public hearing at 6:45pm a second public hearing will be held regarding the adoption of proposed zoning law, Local Law #2-2011. Both public hearings will be held at the Village Hall, 1 South Main Street, Rushville, NY. Unanimously carried.

RE: Grass Control Local Law

Code Officer Reggie O'Hearn reviewed that the proposed grass control local law allows for a single violation notice to be sent for the entire mowing season. This will speed up the mowing process and allow for the Village to remain in better condition.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to hold a public hearing on Monday, July 11, 2011 at 6:45pm at the Village Hall to hear comments regarding Local Law #1-2011 which if adopted will regulate and control the spread and growth of grass, weeds, and brush in the Village of Rushville. Unanimously carried.

RE: Banner Flags on Street Poles

The Lions Club would like to purchase decorative banner flags for the street poles. The Board is supportive of the effort. The Clerk was instructed to send Paul Curtis a letter stating the Board's approval.

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RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to authorize payment of the general bills in amount of \$17,042.23, noting \$90.36 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 Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the capital project bills in amount of \$224.00. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to authorize payment of the cemetery bills in amount of \$14,095.27, noting \$13,136.00 had already received payment due the purchase and delivery of the new grasshopper cemetery mower. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the water bills in amount of \$8,745.33. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$2,514.72. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gruschow  
Clerk-Treasurer