

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

June 11, 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, Reggie O'Hearn, Dodie Baker, Mark Stash, Pam & Larry Brown, Amber Brown and Janet Landcastle

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 Elwell and seconded by Trustee Field to adopt the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on May 14, 2012 as printed. Unanimously carried.

RE: Public Works Supervisor – Art Rilands

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

Cemetery – Public Works Supervisor Art Rilands reported that too many ornaments and artificial flowers around headstones are preventing the headstones from being properly trimmed. Trustee Elwell stated he felt if the Village provided more time through additional hours or help that would help with trimming. Art disagreed stating there is simply too much stuff in the way. The rules state during the mowing season there are not suppose to be artificial flowers, but people place them anyway. When the headstone cannot be properly trimmed and the appearance of the Cemetery suffers and then others complain about the improper trimming. Trustees Field and Jabaut, as the Cemetery Committee, were asked to address the issue and report back at July's meeting. Additional discussion occurred regarding pressure washing more headstones in the lower section and possibly straightening more headstones. Trustee Sawers stated he would like to see more headstones repaired and straightened this year. No decision was made on this topic.

RE: Fire Department

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The fire department is interested in selling the mini pumper because it is rarely used. The profit from the sale of the mini pumper could be put towards a new pick up truck and the fire department would cover the remaining costs with their own in-house funds. The old Dodge the fire department received from Yates County gets a lot of use and replacing it with a new truck would be a good investment for the fire department.

RE: Reading Center – Dodie Baker

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Reading Center Director Dodie Baker shared that she has selected the new books the reading center will be getting from the Libri Foundation. Mayor Bagley

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thought the reading center had a great showing in the Memorial Day Parade and everyone enjoyed their “book worm” theme. Further discussion occurred about the reading center activities. The computer classes have been very well attended and are almost always full.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer – Reggie O’Hearn

Code Officer Reggie O’Hearn shared with the Board that a portion of the house at 20 Gilbert Street is in very poor condition and needs to be demolished. It is considered to be unsafe. As in the past, when acting on the Property Nuisance Abatement Law, the Village Board needs to set a public hearing and if the owner does not remove the structure within the designated time frame the Board sets, then the Village can remove the structure and charge the cost plus administration to the tax bill.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Sawers to set a public hearing for the unsafe structure at 20 Gilbert Street for Monday, July 9th at 6:45pm. The Clerk will ensure the proper notices are sent in accordance with the local law.

Additional discussion occurred regarding the grass mowing on the same property at 20 Gilbert Street. Reggie stated someone has been mowing the front lawn but the back lawn is not being mowed. It is over 2 feet high. If it is not mowed soon the Village should act. The neighbors have complained about the bugs and rodents.

RE: Water Improvement Project

Mayor Bagley shared with the Board that the project is on schedule. The Village has not yet received the filter submittal but it is confirmed that R.P. Adams filters are being used.

RE: Sidewalk Plan

Planning Board Member Mark Stash conducted a field study of the sidewalks on Gilbert Street with Planning Board Chair Dave LeClair and PWS Art Rilands. The conclusion of the Planning Board is to keep sidewalks on both sides of Gilbert Street. Their recommendation is to finish the South Main Street first and then work on Gilbert Street with the remaining budget. Poor quality sidewalks should be replaced first and efforts should be concentrated on increasing the amount of walkable sidewalks, instead of full replacement of sidewalks. Also consideration should be put into whether or not the Village should put money towards sidewalks heading to the Valley School if that building might be closed. Trustee Elwell stated he feels that building will always be used for something regardless if the School Board decides to close it. Further discussion took place regarding the opportunity for grant funding through the Safe Routes to School Program.

Lastly PB Member Stash shared that the Planning Board is interested in revising and renewing the Village’s Comprehensive Plan. The Board agreed that was a great idea and was thankful for the Planning Board’s active approach.

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RE: Steve Burgess Property

Art shared with the Board that Steve Burgess does not believe the water lines are marked accordingly on his deed. He has not seen an easement for the transmission main. This was simply a friendly gesture from Mr. Burgess so the Village can resolve any issue now in case he ever decides to sell his property.

RE: Gate at Filter Plant

Steve Burgess, neighbor to the Filter Plant, suggested that the Village install a remote gate at the intersection of the two driveways and he would be willing to share the cost increase versus a manual gate up at the immediate entrance to the plant. This would be beneficial to both the Village and Mr. Burgess. It would be easier to install the gate on flat ground and it would prevent Village personnel from having to stop on a hill in the winter time to open a manual gate. Art is unsure of the total costs but believes the solar power operating unit with remote is around \$1000 plus the cost of the gate. This will have to be approved by the Department of Health.

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to install a remote powered gate at the intersection of the Filter Plant driveway and Steve Burgess's driveway with the understanding that Mr. Burgess will pay for half of the cost. Unanimously carried.

RE: Walking Trail

Mayor Bagley was told by a resident that he saw teenagers drive a car down into the walking trail. There was some discussion regarding the need for some sort of gate or concrete barrier on the Gorham end of the trail. At this moment it is open and a car could drive onto the trail. Art will talk with the Gorham Highway Supervisor about this issue.

RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the general bills in amount of \$6,810.33, noting \$56.00 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 capital project bills in amount of \$101,224.95. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Elwell to authorize payment of the cemetery bills in amount of \$11,612.91, noting \$119.87 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 Sawers to authorize payment of the water bills in amount of \$4,168.45, noting \$650.00 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the board meeting. Unanimously carried.

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A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$3,151.67. 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 7:50pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gruschow
Clerk-Treasurer