

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2010

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

Trustees Charles Elwell, David Field, Timothy Jabaut, and John Sawers

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Art Rilands, Rainey Jones, Kathy Milton, Spencer Corzine

RE: Calling the Meeting to Order

Mayor Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

RE: Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to adopt the minutes from the February 8, 2010 regular monthly meeting as printed. Unanimously carried.

RE: Rainey Jones, 30 South Main Street

Rainey Jones thanked the Board for their efforts in improving the Village, but stated she had a few concerns and questions. Ms. Jones inquired who within the Village could sit on a Board and if they had to own property? The Board stated that anyone within the Village can sit on a Board; they do not need to own property. Ms. Jones expressed concern, stating she felt that an individual should own property and have an interest in the community, before they are able to sit on a Board. The Board thanked Ms. Jones for her concern but reiterated that it would be illegal to discriminate against someone based on their landownership status. Ms. Jones stated her second concern was in regards to a single individual holding a position on both the ZBA and the Planning Board. Mayor Bagley stated the Village and Code Officer Reggie O'Hearn checked into the legality of someone sitting on both Boards before such individual was appointed and it is legal to do so. Ms. Jones stated she is available to offer more services and could fulfill a greater role so someone does not have to sit on both Boards. Mayor Bagley stated the Village was very fortunate that the individual she is questioning, lives here in the Village. He is an amazing resource and is very knowledgeable of planning and zoning requirements. The Planning and Zoning Boards need experience and wisdom and he provides guidance to others on both Boards.

RE: MWCSO Letter of Support

Superintendent Chirco requested a letter of support from the Village regarding the School District's efforts to apply for a local efficiency grant on school consolidation. Budget crunches are forcing everyone to make changes and they are looking at all possibilities. A format sample letter was provided.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to issue a letter of support to the MWCSO for their efforts to apply for a local efficiency grant on school consolidation. Unanimously carried.

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RE: Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Sawers to enter into executive session at 7:20pm to discuss the Village's financial investments. Unanimously carried.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:00pm.

RE: Art's Report

Copy on file.

Streets

- New sign regulations will require the Village to change out all street signs. A written plan must be submitted by 2010 and all signs must be in compliance by 2015.

RE: Blodgett & Jones Charity Funds Committee Report

The Board reviewed the submitted report from Committee Chair Janet Read, copy of report on file.

RE: Fire Report

Copy of file.

Current rescue truck will be sold. There are two interested parties, one is West Lake Fire Department, and the other is a fire department in Virginia.

RE: Corrpro Water Tank Inspection

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize Mayor Bagley to sign the cathodic protection agreement with Corrpro. Unanimously carried.

RE: Election Inspector Replacement

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to replace Pamela Brown with Patricia Owen as Election Inspector. Ms. Brown's position as an elected Town Board official prevents her from legally serving as an election inspector. Unanimously carried.

RE: Budget Hearing

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Field to set the budget hearing date and time for April 12, 2010 at 6:30pm at the Village Hall. Unanimously carried.

RE: Annual Organizational Meeting

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Filed to set the annual organization meeting date and time for April 12, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall. Unanimously carried.

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RE: Budget Preparation and Review

Discussion took place regarding the tentative 2010/2011 fiscal year budget. The Clerk will make the following adjustments to the budget:

A1640.2: Increase to \$7,000

A5142.4: Increase to \$3,000

A8560.4: Increase to \$1,000

A7180.4: Increase to \$750

The Clerk will carryout the necessary public notices regarding the availability of the budget to be reviewed by the public.

RE: Zoning Law

Discussion took place regarding the revisions to the proposed Zoning Law. Mayor Bagley shared his thoughts and concerns. He asked the Board to thoroughly review and share their opinions in the near future.

RE: Employee Reviews

Mayor Bagley reported he still needs to complete Art and Mike's reviews.

RE: Credit Card

Discussion took place in regards to the need for the Village to have a credit card. The Clerk will research what Community Bank has to offer and will contact Deb Gearman, Purchasing Director at Ontario County for guidance regarding policies and procedures.

RE: Water Testing Equipment

Art explained to the Board that the Village's current testing method is not recognized by the EPA. Currently the testing involves matching the results on a color scale and it is not very accurate considering every person sees colors differently.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Elwell to authorize Art to purchase water testing equipment in the amount of \$1,000. Unanimously carried.

RE: Newsletter Subscriptions

Mayor Bagley shared that on the Community Center Field Trip, Bill from the Palmyra Community Center, suggested the Village subscribe to two newsletter publications. The first monthly newsletter involves fundraising ideas at a cost of \$159/year and the other involves grant funding opportunities at a cost of \$240/year. Discussion took place and the Board agreed the information was worth trying for a year's subscription.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to subscribe to Stevenson Inc, Successful Fundraising at a cost of \$159 and Foundation and Corporate Funding Advantage at a cost of \$240. Unanimously carried.

RE: Traffic Signal Removal

Mayor Bagley reported that the NYS DOT plans to remove the traffic control signal at the intersection of Main Street and Gilbert Street.

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RE: Elected Official Terms

Discussion took place regarding adopting a local law to extend the term length of the elected officials from 2 years to 4 years. The Clerk will contact Attorney Kenyon to draft the law.

RE: Southern Tier Library

Southern Tier Library contacted the Village Office stating they have not received our annual dues in 3 years. The Clerk is certain she never received any invoices in the past. The Board requested she investigate further before paying the dues.

RE: Animal Regulating Committee

Discussion took place in regards to the farm animals present in the Village. Mayor Bagley suggested a committee be formed to handle this issue. Trustee Sawers and Trustee Jabaut volunteered to be on the Animal Regulating Committee.

RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the general bills in amount of \$7,601.00 noting \$496.63 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 \$5,013.00. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

No cemetery bills required payment.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the water bills in amount of \$2,408.79. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize payment of the sewer bills in the amount of \$275.31. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Elwell to adjourn the meeting at 9:28pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gruschow
Clerk-Treasurer