

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2013

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

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

ABSENT: None

ATTENDANCE: Art Rilands, Janet Landcastle, Karen & Bill Johnson, Mike Pierre, Anne & Amanda Grover, Reggie O'Hearn, Doug Negley, Jonette Keneston, Dodie Baker, Todd Conaway

RE: Calling the Meeting to Order

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

RE: Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 12, 2013 Board meeting. Trustee Elwell made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Trustee Sawers seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

RE: Agenda 21

Doug Negley thanked the Village for the invitation to present. He said that New Yorkers for Property Rights are an organization trying to stop the movement of Agenda 21 or regionalism. The goal, he said, is to support home rule and stop Agenda 21. Some of the disadvantages of home rule are regulation by non-elected officials. These non-elected officials, through Agenda 21, would be authorized to make decisions that would be better made by local, elected legislators. He said the local branch of this is the Finger Lakes Regional Stability Plan. 85% of the population is completely unaware that this is even going on. This was started during the Clinton Administration, and supported by Andrew Cuomo as the "Cleaner, Greener Program." Phase 1, the creation of the plan, is completed. Phase 2, the implementation has begun and will continue unless it gets more resistance. He said the Gorham Town Board has passed a resolution to not be involved with Agenda 21, the main point is that there are more regulations by government that is not directly accountable to citizens. Anne Grover asked how it will directly affect us. Doug said he will leave a paper with information but that we will lose property rights, basically. He left some information.

7:25pm: Doug Negley left the Board meeting.

RE: Public Work's Supervisor: Art Rilands

A copy of this report is on file with these minutes. The sewer situation at 85 S Main Street was discussed. The Village has a 20 foot easement onto 85 S Main, but after that there is nothing. The Village attorney recommended seeing if 87 S Main has an easement. Trustee Elwell wondered how 87 S Main is hooked up if they don't have an easement. Art said that it was installed by Ed Nimmits. The Clerk will

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contact Randy Davis at 83 S Main and see if an easement can be obtained so 85 S Main can cross the property to connect to the existing line.

The sidewalk installation is continuing.

Snow removal was discussed. The Board decided to remove snow up to the curb on Rubin Drive but not the snow on Rubin Drive sidewalks. There was discussion of the Health Center wanting to install a sign at the corner of Rubin Drive and South Main Street. The sign can put a sign up, but it needs to be approved by DOT or far enough back from the road to be out of the street right-of-way.

Wind-Sun still has some uncompleted items. The Clerk talked to the project manager for R.P. and to LeClaire Fleming to ensure that they are receiving payment.

The sewer lift station repair was finished. LeClaire Fleming did a great job.

Bassett Street is still on the list for repair but is not a very high priority. Eventually, Art would like to take a layer off and lower the street. It is about two feet higher than it was originally because it has been repaved so many times.

RE: Fire Department Report

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

RE: Reading Center Director: Dodie Baker

A copy of this report is on file with these minutes. Dodie said the reading program was a huge success; they had a good turnout with over 40 kids and attendance lasting through the summer. A big thank you to all the volunteers, lots of work went into this and it shows with a higher turnout than any previous years. The Clerk, Jennifer Gruschow, said she was very impressed with the way the program was put together and all of the work that went into it. Fundraising was a huge success, "Circle of Friends" Book/Craft Sale and the onion festival raised \$650, which will go towards a patio for the reading center and possibly an informational sign in the front. One of the teens who worked at the reading center through the Workforce program may be coming back to help out on vacations.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer: Reggie O'Hearn

A copy of this report is on file with these minutes. The Clerk spoke with Brenda Englin regarding the barn on Warren Street. Brenda said not much will be decided on in the near future. Tom Bay has offered to buy it and a restoration company has shown some interest in the lumber. The historians will be asked again if they are interested in any of the items in the barn. Reggie will send them a letter and Trustee Sawers will ask Brenda if he can take a look at the things in the barn.

Reggie sent a notice of violation to 9 Chapel Street for the dogs and unregistered vehicles. He talked to Samantha Bergman, she said the chickens are gone. Reggie will come inspect to ensure compliance after the due date. Reggie told her she either needs to get rid of one dog or appeal the decision. Her deadline to respond is September 17, 2013. If there is no response by then, an appearance ticket

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for court will be given. He stated he cannot do anything about the loose dogs but he has had some good conversations with the dog wardens. There was some discussion on the difficulty of identifying whose dogs are out, when there are so many dogs in the Village.

RE: Water Improvement Project

As discussed previously, the punch list items from Wind-Sun need to be completed.

RE: Safe Routes to School

A public hearing needed to be set to review the project scope for the installation of sidewalk on Gilbert St/Route 245. Trustee Elwell made a motion to set a public hearing for September 30 at 7 pm. Trustee Sawers seconded the motion, Unanimously approved. **Note: the date was changed to September 23 at 7 pm to allow for the attendance of Bruce St Lawrence.**

RE: Bay Water Easement

This is on hold until the court date can be set.

NEW: Sewer Bed Application

This will be put on the agenda for next month. There is a possible DEC Grant available which could assist with funding for the sewer plant and wastewater treatment.

Re: Tobacco-Free Public Locations

Trustee Jabaut said he has not seen suggestive "No Smoking" signs anywhere. No one else on the Board had either. No action taken.

Karen Johnson asked if the sidewalks are going all the way to her house. Art said they are planning on fixing sidewalks from the post office up to Chapel Street. Karen asked if she can put her own in, the Village said that is fine.

NEW: Insurance Coverage for Storage Building

Art and Jen met with Stacy from Stork Insurance to discuss the renewal for the Village. They felt that the generators were the most important new item to have insurance on, but the sewer, water, firehouse and lift station generators all need to be insured separately. The generators on the inland marine policy are not fixed, portable and may not be under building contents. The price to insure them will not change if we list them separately so that change will be made to make sure they are covered correctly.

NEW: 2014 Health Insurance Premiums

ObamaCare will require some adjustments to health insurance. The Village has a couple options, to purchase insurance privately or through the state. If

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insurance is purchased through the state, they bill us and Excellus bills them. Money will be saved through the Village by a decrease in payroll but this is not necessarily the best option because it includes giving the government more control. This will be put on the agenda again for October. More details should be available after October 1st.

NEW: Trick or Treating Hours

Trick or Treating Hours will be between 6 and 8 pm this year.

RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize payment of the general bills in amount of \$11,189.55 noting \$511.59 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the Board meeting. Unanimously carried.

Payment of the cemetery bills in the amount of \$350.00 due to prior authorization was noted by the Board. The purchase of cemetery plots which had been discussed in the August 12, 2013 Board meeting was made.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Elwell to authorize payment of the water bills in amount of \$2,820.72, noting \$18.10 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 Field to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$2,784.47. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Fleig
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer