

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS
REGULAR MEETING JULY 10TH, 2017

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Michael Hammond, Trustee Member's Jolene LaSieve, Connie McAllister and Stacy Gushea

Also in Attendance: Sewer Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Esther Gushea, Clerk Treasurer/Deputy Lisa Hammond, Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford, Bob Poor, Kyle Hartman, James Blackburn, Diane Wilcox, Ron Stiles, Don Sedak

Absent: Deputy Mayor Charles Fifield, Village Attorney Henry Leader, Code Enforcement Officer Tim Tuttle

Mayor Michael Hammond opened the Village Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Additions to agenda: Road work quote and Litigation for executive session

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the June 5th, 2017 Regular Board meeting were approved:

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Jolene LaSieve Vote: unanimous

3. Appropriations:

- a. General: \$3,007.39
- b. Sewer: \$3,244.96

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

4. Department Head Reports:

- a. Sewer Report: Mark Basford verbal report was given and approved:

Basford reported that the meter pit was pumped out and air fresheners have been planted. Basford suggested that Corning should flush their line and he may contact them about it. New locks have been purchased and Basford will get keys to the

Mayor. Basford asked permission of the board to train Jerod Murray of the old State Road in case of retirement or illness of Gary White. All manholes have been flushed and Clerk Hammond was instructed to pay the Rensselaer Falls Fire Department \$500.00

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

- b. Code Enforcement Report: Tim Tuttle submitted a verbal report and it was approved

Mayor Hammond reported on a couple projects that Tuttle had discussed with him

- c. Clerk's Report: Verbal report was given from the Clerk's

Clerk Hammond reported that tax collection is going well and to date we are at 73% collected

- d. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Hammond reported that the Mayor's Dinner will be on September 7th, 2017 Comprehensive Plan meeting will be on July 17th both Mayor Hammond and Stacy Gushea will attend. On July 26th at 3:00 p.m. the Waterfront Revitalization committee will be meeting, Ron Stiles will be attending this.

- e. Committee(s) Report:

- Tree is down on Front Street and Habitat for Humanity is very pleased.
- Basketball Court will be repainted by Pro-Line Striping
- Solar-Power Pole-Shed was discussed and ground still to wet
- Waterfront Committee - talked about in Mayor's report
- Fall Festival - Discussion was held on the upcoming - Mayor Hammond stated Fireworks on Friday night, entertainment provided, with Bill Forbare catering food, possibly a big wheels race that evening . Saturday will be a parade and vendors, crafts and games - talk of a frog jumping contest was held. On Saturday the ladies auxiliary will provide a BBQ. More details to follow at next month's regular meeting. Trustee Jolene LaSiege is working diligence on calling vendors and making contacts. Mayor Hammond thanked LaSiege for her efforts.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

Motion to approve reports

Motion: Jolene LaSeige Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

5. Updates:

- Tree on Front Street - see committee reports
- Basketball Court - see committee reports
- Solar Camera Power Pole and Storage Shed - discussion was held and it is still to wet to move forward at this time - table to August for discussion
- Waterfront Committee - see mayor's report
- Fall Festival - see committee report

6. New Business:

a. Bids - Pavilion - Survey

Trustee Jolene LaSeige gave a full report on the homework that she has done on the above matters. Discussion was held

b. Resolution approving participation in the NYS Retirement System

Mayor Hammond read aloud the resolution.

Motion: Jolene LaSeige Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

Roll call was done:

Jolene LaSige	yes		
Connie McAllister	yes		
Stacy Gushea	yes	Charles Fifield	absent
Michael Hammond	yes		

7. Any other business that may come before the Board

Stacy Gushea reported that the Village Office door is extremely hard to open and should be replaced. Motion to put two new doors at the Village Office with help from the library.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

Discussion was held on approval for AJ Septic to place two porta potties for the Fall

Festival in the amount of \$175.00 on September 8th and 9th of 2017

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Jolene LaSiege Vote: unanimous

Mayor Hammond to get in touch with an employee at Walmart about the Village of Rensselaer Falls tax exempt account.

Kyle Hartman was present and requested that ditching be done along both sides of State Street. Hartman also suggested that the Village and Town consider helping the Historical Society with the construction of their new steps. Discussion was held on parking on the corner of CR 15 and Rensselaer Street

Diane Wilcox of CR 14 was present with James Blackburn with appropriate paperwork in order to join the Rensselaer Falls rescue squad. Board members reviewed and agreed. Motion to allow Wilcox to join the Rescue Squad.

Motion: Jolene LaSiege Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

Highway Construction projects: Discussion was held on the list of Summer Construction Projects. Terry Billings provided a list compiled by he and Mayor Hammond's drive around. Approval was given to to do the proposed projects on the list provided.

Motion: Jolene LaSiege Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

Discussion was held on the drainage behind Patricia Palmer's house, Clerk Hammond to ask Terry Billings about this matter.

7:23 p.m. Motion to into Executive Session

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

7:36 p.m. Motion to come out of Executive Session

Motion: Stacy Gushea Seconded: Jolene LaSiege Vote: unanimous

7:37 p.m. Meeting adjourned

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond