

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2018
(6:00 P.M.)

Present: Mayor Michael Hammond, Trustee Member's, and Stacy Gushea and Trustee Jolene LaSiege

Also in Attendance: Sewer Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Esther Gushea, Clerk Treasurer/Deputy Lisa Hammond, Ralph Hammond, Bob Poor, Bonnie St. Denny, Ernie Swartfigure and Kyle Hartman

Absent: Village Attorney Henry Leader, Deputy Mayor Charles Fifield, Trustee Connie McAllister, Mark Basford, Code Enforcement Officer Tim Tuttle

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.
2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of April 2, 2018 Regular Board meeting were approved:

Motion: Stacy Gushea Seconded: Jolene LaSiege Vote: unanimous

3. Appropriations:

- a. General: \$3,906.75
- b. Sewer: \$2,593.84

Motion: Stacy Gushea Seconded: Jolene LaSiege Vote: unanimous

4. Department Head Reports:

- a. Sewer Report: No report from Mark Basford. Mayor Hammond will reach out to Basford about service on tractor and generator at the Sewer Plant. Trustee Gushea stated that the pumping station on County Rt 15 has an odor again - Mayor Hammond will ask Basford about this.

- b. Code Enforcement Report: Tim Tuttle reached out to Mayor Hammond and

reported that he is in the process of filing paperwork with the local court to take action on a couple non complying residents.

c. Clerk's Report: none

d. Mayor's Report: Mayor Hammond gave a verbal report. Hammond started the process on obtaining a municipal credit card. Mayors dinner will be held in Canton next month on June 7th with a presentation on Workmans Comp.

e. Committee Reports:

Trees - Bob Poor reported that 8 trees were replaced last year and that he will go around the Village and see what will need replacing this year.

Playground - Mayor Hammond reported bolts missing on the equipment and that the camera needs to be readjusted. Research will be done on purchasing a rock wall and another piece of equipment for the playground.

Fall Festival - 2nd weekend in September 2018 - A bounce house and popcorn machine will be purchased. One meeting has been held. Claire Richardson will be sending out letters to the vendors. The Big Wheel race will be moved from Friday night to Saturday night.

Motion to approve all of the above reports

Motion: Jolene LaSiege

Seconded: Stacy Gushea

Vote: unanimous

5. Updates:

a. Playground Grant: Mayor Hammond reported that he has reached out to Laura Bomyea and has not heard back from her. Rob Burnett is finalizing the prints with the final details so it can go out to bid.

b. School Resource Officer: Mayor Hammond met with Canton Central School Superintendent and the Village of Police Chief on funding for a Resource Officer at Canton School. Police Chief offered to give the Village a presentation on what a Resource Officer is. The Village of Rensselaer Falls makes up 10% of Canton's School population. After discussion it was decided to hold off on the presentation.

c. Comprehensive Plan: The last Comprehensive Plan meeting will be held at BOCES in Canton later this month and Mayor Hammond encourages everyone to

attend. It will be an interactive meeting like what was held at the Fire Department last month.

6. New Business:

- a. Resolution Relevy Sewer Bills to Village Taxes:

Motion was made to place \$11,853.00 on Village residents tax bills

Motion: Jolene LaSiege Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

- b. Wind Damage discussion was held. Red Carl St. Denny took down a large portion of a tree on King Street that was damaged. Motion was made to approve St. Denny to complete the job. Mayor Hammond will write a letter to Patty Ritchie asking if there is any State money to help with the tree damage.

Motion: Stacy Gushea Seconded: Jolene LaSiege Vote: unanimous

- c. Sewer Contracts: Discussion was held on outside user contracts. Mayor Hammond to have Attorney Leader review the current contract. Discussion was also held on Municipal trash service to help with the trash problem within the Village.

- d. Discussion was held on having an consultant come in and give us advice.

- e. Summer Mowing Maintenance job discussion: Mayor Hammond stated that no bid was received on mowing. Jerry Godwin and Erie Swartfigure expressed interest. After discussion was decided to table the matter. Hammond stated that the board is considering hiring someone to mow and do maintenance around the Village, planters, playground, etc. Hammond stated that Jerry Godwin has started the mowing for this season and will continue until a decision is made on this matter. Hammond suggested that the Village invest in a mower, weed eater, etc for a maintenance person to use. Trustee LaSiege made a motion to create a position of maintenance, mowing and snow removal - No second was made. Mayor Hammond to have Godwin and Swatfigure submit a proposal. This matter will return next month said Hammond, as there is two board members are absent from this meeting.

Motion to spend up to \$8,000.00 on a new mower, weed eater, wagon, ramp

items to be used by a maintenance employee.

- f. Summer Street Maintenance: Mayor Hammond stated that Highway Superintendent Terry Billings may not be available as much this season due to the ditching or tree removal. Hammond suggested reaching out to contractors after he talks to Billings. Hammond stated he hopes to have a procurement policy in place by next month. Hammond also stated that State Street will be a priority and a large project for tree removal and widening of that Street.

7. Any other business that may come before the Board:

Bonnie St. Denny said she would like to the playground more handicap acceptable.

Bob Poor reported from the Historical that the Historical Association will be holding hours for the public on Sundays this summer from 3-6 pm and that a new heater was put in the kitchen. Poor stated the \$900.00 insurance payment each year is hurting the association. Mayor Hammond stated he would look into a coverage under Eastern Shores to try to help out. Mayor Hammond asked the Clerks to invite the Insurance Carrier to come to a meeting.

Discussion was held on spraying for spiders at the same time the Fire Department has it done. Mayor Hammond will talk with Fire Chief.

Kyle Hartman thanked Bob Poor and Ralph Hammond for all their service to the Village. Hartman requested that the Village clear out the trees in front of the fence behind the cemetery and allow him to have the wood. Hartman requested that the Highway Superintendent ditch East Street to 40 feet. Hartman wants the 45 foot of trespass at the dump addressed. Hartman says there is asphalt and apperis singlas, adding that if it's not good for Kyle it won't be good for the Village. Hartman stated that he has contacted Preston Carlise. Hartman has two 20 ft culvert that he wants put in the ditches on East Street by the Village. Mayor Hammond will talk with Billings about it. Village tree across from Cemetery is broke off and needs to be taken care of.

Bob Poor and Ralph Hammond of the tree committee will check on a couple maple trees on King Street and CR 15.

7:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned

Motion: Jolene LaSieve

Seconded: Stacy Gushea

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond

Village Clerk