

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS
Regular Meeting Minutes
DECEMBER 4TH, 2017
(6:00 P.M.)

Present: Mayor Michael Hammond, Deputy Mayor Charles Fifield, Trustee Member's, Connie McAllister, Jolene LaSiege and Stacy Gushea

Also in Attendance: Sewer Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Esther Gushea, Clerk Treasurer/Deputy Lisa Hammond, Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford, Code Enforcement Officer Tim Tuttle, Bonnie St.Denny, Mark Bomyea, Jennifer Foote and Kyle Hartman

Absent: Village Trustee Jolene LaSiege and Village Attorney Henry Leader Mayor Michael Hammond opened the Village Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.
2. Mayor Sworn In:
Michael Hammond was sworn in by Clerk Lisa Hammond for a two year term as Mayor
3. Trustees Sworn In:
Stacy Gushea was sworn in by by Clerk Lisa Hammond for a two year term as Village Trustee
4. Appointments:
 - a. Clerks:
Lisa Hammond was sworn in by Mayor Michael Hammond as Village Clerk for a two year term
Esther Gushea was sworn in by Clerk Lisa Hammond for a two year term as Deputy Village Clerk
 - b. Deputy Mayor: Mayor Hammond appointed Charles Fifield as Deputy Mayor for a two year term
 - c. Planning Board: Members were announced as follows, Robert Poor, Stan Infantine, Bonnie St.Denny, Thomas Jones and James Gushea
 - d. Zoning Board: Members were announced as follows, Andrew Farnham, Jackie Bill Blackburn, Michael Wainwright and Logan Gushea
5. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the November 6th , 2017 Regular Board meeting were not available - Tabled to January regular meeting

6. Appropriations:

- a. General: \$2,358.66
- b. Sewer: \$37,616.10

Motion: Charles Fifield

Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

7. Department/Committee Reports:

- a. Sewer Report: Mark Basfor gave a verbal report and stated that he will be purchasing a new yard light. Basfor also stated that will all the flooding and water that the Village has seen, all has been going very well with the plant. Mayor Hammond stated that he will be having new keys made for the locks. Mayor Hammond asked Basfor to give the board something in writing to have for the record file
- b. Code Enforcement Report: Tim Tuttle gave a verbal report, stating that things are going well in the Village. Attorney Leader and Tuttle are working on two matters.
- c. Clerk's Report: Clerk Gushea talked about National Grids provider sending the Village a \$45.00 check. Trustee McAllister reviewed the check. Clerk Hammond stated that Community Bank wants to donate a \$1,000.00to the playground. Hammond to send letter.
- d. Mayor's Report: Mayor Hammond gave a verbal report on the Comprehensive Plan meeting stating that there was a really good turnout for it. Three people from Rensselaer Falls attended. They will hold another public input session and hope for completion of September 2018.
Mayor Dinner will be this upcoming Thursday. Mayor Hammond and Trustee Connie McAllister will attend, Sergis in Potsdam.
Camera is on it the park. Mayor Hammond will get a bucket truck to straighten camera. Santa lighting went very well and about 43 people were in attendance.
A letter of thanks was received from Peg Hances nephew for the tree that was planted in the park in her memory.
Diane Chase was acknowledged for the wrapped gifts in the park.

e. Committee Reports:

Motion to approve all of the above reports

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

8. Updates:

a. Website/Technology:

Mayor Hammond stated nothing more has happened on technology

b. Comprehensive Plan:

Mayor Hammond covered this above in Mayor's report

c. Financing Options: Tabled

d. Fall Festival Breakdown: nothing new to report

e. Pancake Breakfast: Trustee Gushea to place a statement on facebook and see if there is any interest and report back to the board.

6. New Business: Jennifer Foot was present with Fire Department Application for review. After review it was decided to accept her application.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

a. Playground Grant: Mayor Hammond stated that he received a phone call from Patty Ritchie's office asking if the Village was interested in a \$50,000 grant to go toward the Playground project. Hammond forwarded the information onto Laura Bomyea. Bomyea did a lot of homework in this matter. Hammond to work with Bomyea and give further updates. Hammond will email information to board members for input. Mayor Hammond also sent franchise agreement onto Bomyea. Hammond asked if the board was thinking about a agreement with SLIC. Discussion was held and the matter was tabled. Code Enforcement Officer stated that he has SLIC and likes his service. Hammond to do homework with Bomyea. If anything was to take place a public hearing would have to be held.

b. Snow Plowing: Discussion was held on Bruce Lester plowing again this year.

Esther to contact him about the matter.

c. State Street Plans: Highway Superintendent Billings has a plan to cut trees back and make drainage better, depending on the winter. Mayor Hammond stated that State Street should be all the same width. Mayor Hammond wants this to be a goal all the way through State Street.

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

6:47 p.m. Meeting adjourned

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond
Village Clerk