

VILLAGE OF RENSSSELER FALLS
REGULAR VILALGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY FEBRUARY 6TH, 2017

6: P.M.

MINUTES

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

Also in Attendance:, Sewer Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Esther Gushea, Clerk Treasurer/Deputy Lisa Hammond, Code Enforcement Officer Tim Tuttle, Ralph Hammond and Kyle Hartman

Absent: Village Attorney Henry Leader and Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford

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. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): Minutes of the January 2nd, 2017 Regular Board meeting were approved:

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

3. Appropriations:

- a. General: \$2,128.95
- b. Sewer: \$5,586.60

Motion: Jolene LaSieg Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

4. Department Head Reports

- a. Sewer Report: Mark Basford written report was submitted and approved:

Mayor Hammond read through Basford's report – All things at plant are operating well at this time.

- b. Code Enforcement Report: Tim Tuttle was present and gave a written and verbal report.
- c. Clerks Report: Verbal report was given from the Clerks

All board members will be attending the Firemen's Annual Banquet this year
W2 were sent out

- d. Mayors Report: Verbal report was given

Mayor Hammond reported that some playground equipment has been offered by an individual – discussion was held on making sure its safe and approved.
Trustee Gushea reported that the playground committee has applied for a Stewart's grant and that they plan on holding a spaghetti dinner at the Moose Lodge in Ogdensburg.

- e. Committee(s) Report:

Connie McAlister reported on Playground committee - \$160.55 was raised from a bottle drive, making the bank account \$3,292.01

Motion to approve reports

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

5. Old Business

- a. Tree at 547 Front Street:
Discussion was held on the tree at 547 Front Street that needs to come down. It was reported that two individuals looked at the project and felt it was too dangerous for them to handle. Clerk Gushea will contact National Grid and ask if they will take it down.
- b. Parking: Discussion was held on parking on the Streets in the winter months in the Village. No action was taken.

6. New Business:

- a. Approval to move meetings to Fire Station

Motion to move regular monthly meetings to the Fire Hall

Motion: Jolene LaSieve Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

Trustee Stacy Gushea will reach out to the Fire Department for approval

- b. New Shed: Discussion was held on the construction of a new shed on the playground property to house supplies – One estimate was reviewed by board members and the matter was tabled to the March meeting to get other estimates
- c. Advertise for bids for pavilion: Discussion was held on the construction of a pavilion on the playground property. It was decided to get prints done and then ask for bids at a later date. Code Enforcement Officer Tuttle to get information and report back to the board at March meeting.
- d. New lap top and printer: Estimates were reviewed on a new lap top. It was approved to purchase lap top and printer not to exceed \$1200.00

Motion: Jolene LaSieve Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

Discussion was held on technology and the fact that the Village uses the libraries internet. Mayor Hammond suggested reaching out to Senator Patti Ritchie. Code Officer Tuttle is going to reach out to Jim Reagan, Ritchie's staff person. Mayor Hammond would like to see a new server purchased.

Discussion was held on the Village's Time Warner Contract and it was decided that Clerk Hammond will contact them for a current copy of such and then revisit the issue at March meeting.

- e. Ipad for Code Enforcer: Discussion was held on purchasing an Ipad to help aid Tuttle in his job performance. Mayor Hammond will get a quote on a Ipad and bring it back to the March meeting.
- f. Schedule Training session with Business Development Center

Discussion was held on Trustee LaSiege organizing another meeting with
On the SUNY Campus in Canton. Possible meeting dates are March 16 or March 23rd.

g. Schedule Budget work session:

Discussion was held on the budget tentative handout. It was decided that a budget
work session will be held at the end of the regular March meeting.

7. Executive Session possible litigation:

7:30 p.m.

Motion to go into executive session for the purpose of possible litigation

Motion: Charles Fifield

Seconded: Jolene LaSiege

Vote: unanimous

7:45 out of executive session

Mayor Hammond reopened the regular meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Motion with made to seek mediation for possible resolution with the Pine Street
Litigation

Motion: Jolene LaSiege

Seconded: Stacy Gushea

Vote: unanimous

8. Public Comment: none

9. Any other business that may come before the Village Board

Mayor Hammond read a letter received from Kyle and Sally Hartman – letter consisted
of a comprehensive list of business opportunities in the Village.

Mayor Hammond gave a short presentation on Google Doc's and will have more
information at the March 6th meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond

