

VILLAGE OF RENSSALER FALLS
REGULAR VILALGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY MARCH 6TH, 2017

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

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

Also in Attendance:, Sewer Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Esther Gushea, Clerk Treasurer/Deputy Lisa Hammond, Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford , Ralph Hammond and Kyle Hartman

Absent: Village Attorney Henry Leader and Code Enforcement Officer Tim Tuttle,

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): Minutes of the February 6th, 2017 Regular Board meeting were approved:

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

3. Appropriations:

- a. General: \$3,187.96
- b. Sewer: \$1,873.07

Motion: Jolene LaSiege Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

4. Department Head Reports

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

Basford's gave a verbal report, stating that upgrades have been done to some of the lift stations and more will be need to done. Basford has concern about main station going down and not being able to bypass it. Basford requests putting a new valve

and t so we can pump directly back to the sewer plant. Mayor Hammond noted this will be taken into consideration while working on the budget. Basford will get prices.

- b. Code Enforcement Report: Tim Tuttle written report was received and approved.

Mayor Hammond noted that Tuttle was attending code classes this week and Tuttle did reach out to Senator Ritchie and found out there is no money available for IT grants, but there is \$50,000.00 in capital project funds.

- c. Clerks Report: Verbal report was given from the Clerks

Clerk Hammond reported that Charter Communication will be sending information to the Board about the contract with them. (Time Warner)
Clerk Gushea reported that she has been in contact with Nation Grid about the tree on Front St. (waiting for a response)

- d. Mayors Report: Verbal report was given

Mayor Hammond reported that he and Trustee McAllister attended the Mayors meeting in Gouverneur. Director of SLC Planning Office was the speaker.
Hammond reminded the board that Rensselaer Falls will host the dinner again in September.

- e. Committee(s) Report:

Stacy Gushea reported that a spaghetti dinner fund raiser will be held to raise money for the playground at the Moose Lodge in Ogdensburg. Gushea also stated that another breakfast will be held in the Village sometime this spring.

Motion to approve reports

Motion: Stacy Gushea

Seconded: Jolene LaSiege

Vote: unanimous

5. Old Business

- a. Welcome Flags:

Mayor Hammond stated he is going to get something drawn up from Commercial Press and bring it back to the board for approval (Welcome to Rensselaer Falls banners)

b. Storage Shed:

Discussion was held on estimates on a storage shed to be housed on the playground property. Trustee Fifield reminded the board members that this is going to be used just for storage. All agreed. This matter was tabled until April meeting for decision to be made.

c. Spring Festival:

Discussion was held on having a community day in the fall – suggestions were made to form committees and start brain storming.

d. Web Site:

Mayor Hammond stated that he met with the Web Site Consultant from North Shore Solutions. Hammond passed out a proposal to the Board members to consider and positive discussion was held.

Motion was made to move forward with the proposal from North Shore Solutions.

Motion: Jolene LaSiege

Seconded: Charles Fifield

Vote: unanimous

e. Fireman's Banquette

Mayor Hammond reminded the board members of the Firemen Annual Banquet to be held on March 25th at 6 p.m.

6. New Business:

a. Lawn Mowing Bids:

Mayor Hammond informed the board that in speaking with the neighboring Mayor it is not necessary that bids be advertised for lawn mowing as the amount is not high

enough. Hammond stated that in the future if last year's individual is not interested than a simple add will be placed locally.

b. Technology Grants:

Mayor Hammond stated that he has been in contact with Laura Bomyea and she has leads on grant money for IT. Hammond has reached out to Crowley Computers for estimates on a new server, iPads, etc.

Trustee LaSiegue is still working on reserving a room at SUNY Canton to hold another Small Business Meeting HELP

c. Census Information:

Mayor Hammond noted to the Board Members that Rensselaer Falls has received a couple packages on the upcoming Census

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

Kyle Hartman read a letter to the Village Board. Letter was received and noted. Hartman also brought up dogs running loose in the Village. Clerk Hammond took down the names of some of the owners of identified dogs and will send a letter to them about the problem.

Sean Bellinger was present and talked about some of the responses he got toward his business after the small business meeting was held in the Village. Discussion was held between Mr. Bellinger and the board members about ideas and concerns. Mr. Bellinger offered his knowledge to the Village of Rensselaer Falls which was well received.

Trustee LaSiegue offered to share all contacts with Mr. Bellinger.

A Budget work session was added to the agenda.

Discussion was held on the upcoming budget for 2017-2018. Board members went over figures that were presented by Clerk Gushea. Discussion was held on the various funds and it was decided to get the figures off paper and implemented into the computer. Summer projects were mapped out. The full board was in agreement that the basketball court will get improvements.

8:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion: Connie McAllister

Seconded: Stacy Gushea

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond