

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY MAY 8TH, 2017

6:00 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, Fire Chief Dallas Denny, Bob Poor, 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.

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

Motion: Jolene LaSiege Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

3. Appropriations:

- a. General: \$6,399.99
- b. Sewer: \$3,283.33

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

4. Department Head Reports:

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

Basford reported that the Sewer Plant is running great and that the contractors have started working on the manholes.

b. Code Enforcement Report: Tim Tuttle gave a written and verbal report to Mayor Hammond to pass along to the board members

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

Clerk Gushea reported that sales tax was received

d. Mayor's Report: Verbal report was given

Mayor Hammond reported that it had been a fairly quiet month and matters were moving on smoothly

e. Committee(s) Report:

a. Stacy Gushea reported that Playground fundraising is on hold until the fire truck restoration color run is over.

b. Bob Poor reported on last years tree activity, planting five trees in total. Also tree removal that was performed. Discussion was held on a dangerous tree on Front Street.

c. Poor will call Lalonde Tree service about this tree and Poor will also get some trees ordered to be planted.

d. The Bellinger's reported that they are having monthly meetings with local business to help them grow on the second Sunday of the month. Bellingers stated they are willing to help anyone with social media and show support to the businesses.

Motion to approve reports

5. Updates from Mayor Hammond

A. Welcome Flags: 4 Flags have been ordered

B. Storage Shed: Storage shed has been ordered and is in the process of being built

C. Jerry Godwin: Godwin will do some small jobs around the Village

D. Comprehensive Plan: Hammond briefed the board members on meeting that he attended. Hammond wants this draft on the front page of the upcoming Website.

E. Trustee LaSeige stated she would like to participate when she has time.

F. Playground Boundaries: After four years in the works, all paperwork has been

signed and filed. Resolution from Leader to be approved at June meeting.

6. New Business:

- a. Historical Report: Bob Poor was present and gave a written and verbal report on the past years progress and happenings. Poor thanked the Village for increasing their Historical contribution.

Motion: Jolene LaSiege Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

- b. New York State Retirement System: Discussion was held on correspondence with the retirement system on an estimate of contribution. Clerk Hammond will keep the board updated.

- c. Basketball Court Trees: Mayor Hammond received a price from Carl St. Denny to remove the box elders from the Library building/Basketball Court. Motion was granted to have the work done.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

- d. Streets/Sidewalks: Mayor Hammond asked the board members to be mindful of upcoming projects and come to Junes meeting with suggestions.
Some discussion was held on projects.

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

Trustee LaSiege made a motion to purchase two new barrels and soil for garden committee.

Motion: Jolene LaSiege Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

Kyle Hartman read a letter that the board received outloud.

Discussion was held on an upcoming Bed and Breakfast meeting at the County. Bonnie St. Denny from the Village Planning Board will be attending.

7:40 p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion: Stacy Gushea Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond