

**VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**JANUARY 8TH, 2018**  
**(6:00 P.M.)**

Present: Mayor Michael Hammond, Trustee Member's, Connie McAllister, and Stacy Gushea

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

Absent: Village Attorney Henry Leader, Mark Basford and Code Enforcement Officer Tim Tuttle  
Deputy Mayor Charles Fifield and Trustee, Jolene LaSiege

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. Swear in Deputy Mayor Fifield: Removed:

3. Swear in Trustee LaSiege: Removed

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the November 6th and December 4th , 2017 Regular Board meeting were approved:

Motion: Connie McAllister

Seconded: Stacy Gushea

Vote: unanimous

3. Appropriations:

a. General: \$2,812.13

b. Sewer: \$3,859.56

Motion: Stacy Gushea

Seconded: Connie McAllister

Vote: unanimous

1. Department Head Reports:

a. Sewer Report: Mayor Hammond received a written report from Mark Basford, Hammond read the report.

- b. Code Enforcement Report: No report was received from Tim Tuttle
- c. Clerk's Report: Verbal report was given from Clerk Hammond about the W'2s and 1099 reporting. Clerk Gushea had nothing to add.

d. Mayor's Report: Mayor Hammond gave a verbal report and read a thank you letter from the Historical Society. Mayor Hammond added that he is looking for more participation from the board members and any member of public to join in the helping with the Comprehensive Plan.

e. Committee Reports: None

Motion to approve all of the above reports

Motion: Connie McAllister    Seconded: Stacy Gushea    Vote: unanimous

#### 5. Updates:

a. Website/Technology: Mayor Hammond discussed technology again with the board members and stated he is looking for a new computer but hasn't made the purchase yet due to tax exempt issues. Mayor Hammond is going to check into getting a credit card for the Village.

b. Comprehensive Plan: Mayor Hammond covered this above in his Mayor's report. Next meeting is slated for February 19th. This will be a committee meeting stated Hammond and the company from Saratoga will be there presenting a rough draft.

c. Fall Festival Breakdown: Removed

d. Pancake Breakfast: Discussion was held on trying to organize another breakfast to raise money for the playground but there appears to be no interest. It was decided that any food items that are left be donated to local churches and charities.

e. Playground Grant: Mayor Hammond went over a SAM Grant application with the board members and discussed his conversation with consultant Laura Bomyea. Hammond will be meeting with Rob Burnett about ideas and prices on engineering the building project at the playground. Mayor Hammond read over the Grant application and project description that

he and Bomyea constructed. Hammond stressed that this is preliminary and just the beginning of hopefully a great project for the Village.

f. Snow Plowing: Bruce Lester is the only interested party in plowing this year.

Lester proposal is for \$400.00 for the season. Lester wishes to be paid \$200.00 now and \$200.00 at the end of the season. Mayor Hammond noted that the library is considering paying a portion of this. Motion to hire Bruce Lester for \$400.00

Motion: Stacy Gushea

Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

6. New Business:

a. Plan to Maintain Playground Facility - Budget

Mayor Hammond would like to see the Canton Recreation Director start planning events in the Village of Rensselaer Falls, as a shared service. Hammond stated that the board should think about adding more money to the recreation budget.

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

6:33 p.m. Meeting adjourned

Motion: Connie McAllister

Seconded: Stacy Gushea

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond

Village Clerk