

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2018
(6:00 P.M.)

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

Also in Attendance: Sewer Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Esther Gushea, Clerk Treasurer/Deputy Lisa Hammond, Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford, Kyle Hartman, Ernie Swartfigure, Jeff Hammond, James & Karin Blackburn, Greg Sloan, Elwin Couglar, Mike Kennedy and John Wilson

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.
2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of August 9, 2018 Regular Board and minutes of September 10, 2018 meeting were approved.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

3. Appropriations:

- a. General: \$2,963.58
- b. Sewer: \$5,202.89

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Jolene LaSiege Vote: unanimous

4. Department Head Reports:

- a. Sewer Report: Mark Basford gave a written report and stated that all is running smoothly. Mayor Hammond read Basfords report and added that St. Lawrence County while replacing culverts hit the Villages Sewer line connecting Corning. Discussion was held on the Village not participating in Dig Safely New York. Basford has started the paperwork to correct this.

- a. Code Enforcement Report: Mayor Hammond read Tim Tuttle's report, noted that things are not moving ahead on the garbage issues in the Village as fast as he would like.
- b. Clerk's Report: Both Clerks stated that things are going nicely and no issues to report.
- d. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Hammond gave a verbal report stating that he felt the Annual Harvest Dinner hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary was a great success and sold out.

All reports were approved by motion

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

- f. Committee Reports:

Trees - Mayor Hammond thanked the group of people that helped plant the new trees in the Village.

Playground - none.

Fall Festival - a short discussion was held on the Festival.

5. Updates:

- a. State Street Rehab discussion:

Discussion was held on the bills from the from Town Supervisor Ashley/Town of Canton Highway. The Village board expressed concerns of over billing. Mayor Hammond noted that we can apply these bills toward the Villages CHIPS reimbursement. All board members agree that it is a lot of work, but no one runs a piece of equipment for a steady ten hours. After discussion this bill was tabled to the November regular Village Board meeting. Mayor Hammond will write Canton Town Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley expressing the Village of Rensselaer Falls concerns.

The Village Board members instructed Clerk Lisa Hammond to draft a letter to the residence along the State Street rehab instructing them that they have time to claim the wood that was cut. Mayor Hammond to approve draft and letter will be mailed out. Kyle Hartman requested the two popple trees in front of the dump and the board members approved this.

b. Heuvelton Labor Day Stuff:

Discussion was held on returning the items borrowed from Heuvelton. Ernie Swartfigure will contact someone and handle matter.

C. Waddington Stage Rental:

Motion to pay the Town of Waddington \$100.00 in rental fees for the stage for the Falls Festival

Motion: Jolene LeSiege Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

6. New Business:

a. Rescue & Fire new members:

John Wilson was present and approved an conditional approval to join the Rensselaer Falls Fire Department upon a clear physical . Karin Blackburn will get cleared physical to the board along with a current roster of members.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

Mike Kennedy was present and approved to join the Rensselaer Falls Rescue. Kennedy is ALS certified.

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

b. State Street Rehab - see discussion above under updates

c. Front Street Culver - A brief discussion was held on a estimate request from both Jeff Crowbar of Heuvelton and the Town of Canton Highway. Mayor Michael Hammond to contact both parties.

d. Falls Festival: Discussion was held on proposed changes to next year's Festival.

It was agreed that all went smoothly and a lot of people stepped up to help. Mayor Hammond stated he would like to see more volunteers next year.

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

- a. St. Lawrence County snowmobile club members were present from Punchlock Snowmobile club. Discussion was held on opening up Birch Street, which is a paper Street in the Village to snowmobilers during snowmobile season. After discussion it was decided that a member of Punchlock and the Mayor will speak with landowners about the seasonal snowmobile use. Motion to grant access of Birch Street to East Street during snowmobile season was approved with the stipulation the Punchlock will maintain by grooming and posting signage.

Motion: Charles Fifield

Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

7:02 p.m. meeting adjourned

Motion: Jolene LaSieve

Seconded: Stacy Gushea

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond

Village Clerk