

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

Present: Mayor Michael Hammond, 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, Bonnie and Red St. Denny.

Absent: Charles Fifield, 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 meeting were tabled to September's regular monthly meeting.

3. Appropriations:

a. General: \$20,798.46

b. Sewer: \$28,213.79

Motion: Connie McAllister

Seconded: Stacy Gushea

Vote: unanimous

4. Department Head Reports:

a. Sewer Report: Mark Basford gave a written report. Basford reported that Collins Hammond is set to replace the pump on Front Street. They will instal as soon as the pump gets here. Mr. Basford will update as needed. Everything at the facility is in generally good shape. He also noted that it was time to start to look at replacing at least one of the sand beds so we can get a better understanding of the cost and logistics involved.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

- b. 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.

Motion: Jolene LaSiege Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

- c. Clerk's Report: Both Clerks stated that things are going nicely and no issues to report. It was also notes that

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

- d. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Hammond gave a verbal report stating that he is continuing to work with Laura Bomyea on matters involving the Village. Hammond also added that he spoke with Joe Lightfoot and that the Village of Rensselaer Falls should see a credit over the next few years on the overcharge in workmans comp. This correction should be reflected on our next bill.

Motion: Stacy Gushea Seconded: Jolene LaSiege Vote: unanimous

- f. Committee Reports:

Trees - Discussion and review of trees that need removing in the Village was held. Red St. Denny was present with a estimate of some particular trees. After board review a motion was made to hire Red St. Denny to do curtain trees. Discussion was held on the wood that has been left behind by the Town of Canton crew. It was decided that anyone in the Village have access to take the wood if they want it and that property owners should identify "their" wood as soon as possible. Wood after Nov. 1, 2018 that is not cleaned up will be disposed of.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Jolene LaSiege Vote: unanimous

Playground - Committee member Connie McAllister reported that the playground has \$4,053.00 to date. Everything is going well.

Fall Festival - Discussion was held on the Festival. This years festivities were very

well attended and all went very well. Suggested was made to hold the Festival on Saturday next year only and not have events on Friday. This idea will be taken into consideration. Mayor Hammond thanked everyone involved. Hammond noted that so many people helped in large and small ways. There will be a debrief meeting on October 1, 2018 following the village board meeting.

a. Spring clean up invoice discussion and possible approval:

Discussion was held on the bills from the from Town Supervisor Ashley/Town of Canton Highway. The Village board expressed concerns of over billing. After discussion it was decided to pay in full the \$11,000.00, invoices #8 & 9 and pay \$2,000.00 of invoice #7. Mayor Hammond noted that we can apply these bills toward the Villages CHIPS reimbursement. Hammond also added that he met with local contractor Jeff Crowbar about ditching and digging ditches for drainage in the Village. Leaving only the Culverts for the Town of Canton for hire. Hammond suggested hired Mark Basfor to assist Crowbar with the ditching process. All board members that were in attendance were in favor of this process.

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

7:05 p.m. meeting adjourned

Motion: Jolene LaSieve

Seconded: Stacy Gushea

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond
Village Clerk