

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2019
(6:00 P.M.)

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

Also in Attendance: Sewer Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Esther Gushea, Clerk Treasurer/Deputy Lisa Hammond, Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford, Ernie Swartfigure, Mark Bomyea and Bob Poor

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

Mayor Michael Hammond added Executive Session personnel sewer

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

Minutes of February 4 , 2019 Board meeting were approved.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

3. Appropriations:

- a. General: \$1,961.58
- b. Sewer: \$1,632.71

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

4. Department Head Reports:

- a. Sewer Report: Mark Basford submitted a written report and was present for questions. Basford stated that the Blower at the plant is still not working correctly and that it can not be fixed by Lawton Electric in Ogdensburg. Basford stated that he can buy it from USA Bluebook at a price of \$1,648.95, adding that this price is lower than purchasing it locally. A brief discussion was held on the upcoming budget process. Basford reported a problem on King Street with the sewer backing up due

to roots. Matter is repaired for now, but may be an issue in the future.

Motion to approve Sewer Report and purchase part for blower at Sewer Plant by Trustee Charles Fifield, seconded by Trustee Stacy Gushea. All voted in Favor. Motion carries.

- b. Code Enforcement Report: Written report was submitted by Tim Tuttle via text message, read by Clerk Lisa Hammond. Tuttle reported 7 ½ hours for the month of February.

Motion to approve Code Enforcement Officer report by Trustee Charles Fifield, seconded by Trustee Connie McAllister,. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Mayor Michael Hammond added that he will be reaching out to Tuttle about overlay waterfront districts.

- c. Clerk's Report: Clerk Hammond reported that she has received confirmation back from Insurance Company on coverage of Firefighters under the new Cancer coverage.

Motion to approve Clerk's report as presented by Trustee Connie McAllister, seconded by Trustee Stacy Gushea. All voted in favor, motion carries.

- d. Mayor's Report: Mayor Michael Hammond stated that he wants to reach out to the Town of Waddington to see if they may want to sell their stage, as they now have a brand one for the popular Bassmasters Tournament. Hammond noted that the Village needs some overdue paving this year and wants to work with Washburns to repave their parking lot, as it is the hub of the Village. Hammond is still in communication with a private contractor about ditching in the Village.

- e. Committee Reports:

Trees - A tree fell down during a windstorm on Cornella Street and landed in the road. Red St. Denny removed tree for the Village

Playground - No activity at this time.

Fall Festival - A Corn-Hole Tournament was held on March 2, 2019 at the fire station. Committee member Connie McAllister reported that around \$1,200.00

was raised, without proceeds from the Fire Department food that was sold. Mark Bomyea was present and stated around \$500.00 will be forthcoming to the fund from the food. Mayor Michael Hammond reported that there were 20 teams that played in the tournament and that it was a great success. Hammond thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to the cause. This years festival will be held on September 6th & 7th, 2019. Monies raised will help pay for fireworks and bands.

Motion was made by Trustee Stacy Gushea to accept the committee reports, seconded by Trustee Charles Fifield. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

5. New Business:

a . Town Highway -Discussion/Update:

Mayor Michael Hammond went over the conversation with the Rensselaer Falls Village Trustees of the meeting he and Deputy Mayor Charles Fifield had with the Town of Canton Highway committee and Highway Superintendent Terry Billings on February 25, 2019 in Canton. Hammond stated that he didn't feel there was much accomplished. You will have to put in here what you want...

b. Falls Festival - Discussion of Committee meeting:

Discussion was held on the direction the Festival is going. Suggestion was made to hold a committee meeting on the 16th or 23rd of March around 9:00 a.m. During this meeting a Chair and Vice Chair should be established.

c. Electrical Work - Discussion/Approval:

Electrical work needs to be done around the Village buildings, such as the office, the shed at playground, and a camera installed. Approval was consented by the board members to have this work done.

d. Highway Consultant - Discussion/Approval:

Mayor Michael Hammond stated that he will be reaching out to Bill Dashaw for guidance and advice on Budgeting and Highway estimating.

e. Workers Compensation Bill: A brief discussion was held on Townships taking

over the burden from Villages. This matter was also discussed at the February meeting

7. Updates:

a. Town of Canton Joint Meeting: Mayor Michael Hammond informed the Trustees that the Joint Meeting with the Town of Canton will not be scheduled until a clear path is worked out with the Highway Committee

b. Budget Meeting - Discussion/Approval:

Mayor Hammond will meet with Mark Basford from the Sewer Plant, along with both Clerks to go over next year's budget. A budget work session will be held on April 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. before the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

8. Any other business that may come before the Village Board:

Mark Bomyea a member of the Fire Task Force was present and wanted to ensure the Village Board that he is on this committee to represent Rensselaer Falls Village. Bomyea asked the trustees for input and direction for the upcoming Task meeting. Discussion was held on how the pie is being divided between the four fire departments and Fire Tax monies. Bomyea to report back to the Village Board.

Mark Bomyea added that he would like to see the Village Board to consider having the Code Enforcement Officer perform rental inspections, enlight of the recent tragedy in Watertown where four family members died from a fire in the home where no smoke detectors were found.

Bob Poor from the Historical was present and stated that this year's annual garage sales will be held on May 11, 2019

7. Executive Session:

7:15 p.m. Trustee Charles Fifield made a motion to go into Executive Session: Upon a majority vote upon a motion that identifies the subject to be considered, the Trustees may conduct an executive session to discuss any of the issues identified as proper by Public Officers Law 105 (1) F Sewer Plant Personnel, seconded by Trustee Connie McAllister. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

7:25 p.m. motion was made by Trustee Connie McAllister to come out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Stacy Gushea. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Trustee Stacy Gushea to pay Jerod \$16.00 an hour to work at the Sewer Plant, seconded by Trustee Connie McAllister. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

7:26 p.m. meeting adjourned

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond
Village Clerk