

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 3rd, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Michael Hammond, Trustee Jolene LaSiege, Deputy Mayor Charles Fifield, Trustee Connie McAllister and Trustee James Blackburn, Village Clerk Lisa Hammond, Ralph Hammond, Bob Poor

Absent: Attorney Henry Leader, Code Enforcement Officer Tim Tuttle, Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford

6:00 p.m. Mayor Michael Hammond opened the Regular monthly meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

2. Appropriations:

Sewer and General

Bills were audited by Deputy Mayor Charles Fifield and Trustee Jolene LaSiege

Motion: James Blackburn Seconded: Jolene LaSiege Vote: unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of April 5th, 2021 were approved

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

4. Reports: Departments and Committees

a. Sewer Report: none

b. Code Enforcement Report: none

c. Clerk's Report:

Clerk Lisa Hammond reported that the

Motion: Jolene LaSieve

Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

d. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Hammond stated that he met with contractors on several projects about street work and sidewalk work. No news on a Mayor's dinner to date. A brief discussion was held on sales tax.

Motion: Charles Fifield

Seconded: Jolene LaSieve

Vote: unanimous

e. Committee Reports:

Trees - Bob Poor was present and said when it gets closer to May, he will take a look around and see what we need.

Playground - Discussion was held on installing the ball throw machine. Mayor Hammond talked with a contractor about steel structure at the playground - a brief discussion was held on the matter. Board members were in agreement that they would be interested in meeting with the contractor for discussion of the matter.

Falls Festival Committee Meeting - April 13th, 2021 6 p.m.

Motion: Connie McAllister

Seconded: Jolene LaSieve

Vote: unanimous

5. New Business:

- a. Falls Festival and Yard sales - Discussion
- b. Zoom subscription - Discussion
- c. Relieves - Discussion and Possible Approval

Discussion was held on bumping up streets and maintenance from \$50,000.00 to \$90,000.00.

Discussion was held on making these changes after the public hearing was held. It was decided that Mayor Hammond will contact the Village Attorney and report back to the board.

Motion to approve the above the proposed budget contingent Village Attorneys approval to making the change by Trustee Connie McAllister, seconded by Trustee James Blackburn. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

6. Updates.

a. Local Law/Policy

b. Heuvelton Street Project - Discussion & Possible Approval:

Discussion was held on paving and milling by Sheenans for \$42,300.00 on this project. Town of Canton to do the inbetween prep work on the project. Mayor Hammond spoke with a State representative handling the CHIPS program. Hammond noted that it's a wait game until the State budget is passed. Canton will not be doing the paving on this project. Discussion was held on a possible shared agreement for a new paver.

Motion to approve project by Trustee Connie McAllister, seconded by James Blackburn. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

c. West Front Street Project - Discussion & Possible Approval:

Discussion was held on the work done by the County last fall and stopping at the Village limit sign on CR 14. Mayor Hammond contacted the Town of Canton about helping complete this project using an MOU. \$47,400.00 to mill and repave. Sheenans will do the paving as the Town of Canton paver is in bad shape due to age. Village of Rensselaer Falls owns a 3rd of the Canton paver.

Motion by Trustee Jolene LaSiege to do the project, seconded by Trustee Charles Fified. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

d. Pioneer Park Projects - Discussion & Possible Approval:

Discussion was held on the drainage in the park and top soil issue. Mayor Hammond met with a couple different contractors for this project. McGregor's at \$2,200.00 to scrape and tamp and hydroseed it - this would be just a bandage to the existing problem. The other contractor was Green Machine and he had good vision for the future. Discussion was held on a new curb and sidewalk being done. Raising the drainage in front of Santa and repairing the

middle drainage by capping it. Cost of \$13,500.00

Motion to approve Green Machine to complete the project motion by Trustee Connie McAllister, seconded by Trustee Charles Ffield. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Mayor Michael Hammond noted that both residents J.Frysinger and C. Richardson expressed concerns about the sinkholes in their yards due to drainage issues. Hammond wants to look into this issue.

Mayor Michael Hammond presented a blue binder that Attorney Henry Leader compiled of the Villages Local Laws and Codes into one location. Discussion was held on putting these into a digital format. Trustee James Blackburn offered to do this task. Mayor Hammond will place these on line when completed. Proposed local laws and policy updates to be discussed at the May meeting.

b. County Hazard Mitigation Committee - Discussion

Mayor Michael Hammond stated that about five years ago the Village signed a resolution to be a part of this plan. The committee is to identify areas of concerns for problem areas. Hammond stated that Trustee James Blackburn has volunteered to serve on this committee. Blackburn is looking forward to sitting down with the firm that has been hired and having a face to face conversation with the Villages concerns and issues. Fire and Rescue are also going to have discussions with the firm.

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

6:54 p.m Adjourned meeting

Motion:Trustee Connie McAllister Seconded: Trustee Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond, Village Clerk