

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2018
(6:00 P.M.)

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

Also in Attendance: Sewer Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Esther Gushea, Clerk Treasurer/Deputy Lisa Hammond, Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford, Kyle Hartman, Town Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley, Brandon Kelly, James Blackburn & Karin Blackburn, Dallas Denny, Ernie Swartfigure, Bob Poor, Ralph Hammond.

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 July 2, 2018 Regular Board meeting were approved:

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

3. Appropriations:

- a. General: \$20,798.46
- b. Sewer: \$1,711.98

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

4. Department Head Reports:

- a. Sewer Report: Mark Basford gave a written report. Basford noted that Rivers Septic will be doing the pumping of the Corning Station, while the plant is on break. Basford also noted that Casey Bill has been asked to look at the electrical problem with the pumping station on Front Street.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

- b. Code Enforcement Report: Tim Tuttle gave a verbal report by phone to Mayor Hammond. Hammond stated that the court proceedings on a couple properties are moving forward and making progress with the next court date in August.

Motion: Jolene LaSiege Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

- c. Clerk's Report: It was noted that Clerk Gushea recently received the Women of Distinction award. Everyone congratulated Esther Gushea.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

- d. Mayor's Report: Mayor Hammond gave a verbal report.

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

- e. Grant Writer: Mayor Hammond added that he is continued contact with Laura Bomyea and things are moving as expected.

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

- f. Committee Reports:

Trees - None

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 upcoming Festival. Committee member Jolene LaSiege gave a brief overall of what has been purchased and what needs to be purchased. A overview of the schedule was discussed.

5. Updates:

- a. Shores Representative Presentation: Kevin Townsend was present and gave a brief overview of the Villages current policy. The Village has added the historical association to their policy. During discussion of the Falls Festival fireworks, suggested that the Rensselaer Falls Fire Department sponsor them, as to save the Village money. Mr. Townsend suggested naming the Fire Department first on the insurance policy for Festival Fireworks and the Village as second listed because the department already has Firework coverage in their policy.

- b. RF Volunteer Fire Request: Members of the Village of Rensselaer Falls Fire and Rescue Departments were present and requested from the Village of Rensselaer Falls Village board \$50,000 to go towards the purchase of their new tanker. After discussion was held Trustee Jolene LaSieve made a motion to give the Fire Department \$2,500.00. This is discussion stemming from the \$50,000 grant that Fire Department was awarded to purchase a \$250,000 fire truck.

Motion: Jolene LaSieve Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

- c. Workman's Compensation: Mayor Hammond stated he would be willing to meet with the County Attorney and County Treasurer to discuss the matter of the Workman's Comp formula. He also stated that he may have an update after the next Mayor's dinner, September 7th 2018.
- d. Your Speed is Solar Signs: Discussion was held on prices of Solar Speed signs, that were approved to purchase at July's regular monthly board meeting.

6. New Business:

- a. Spring clean up invoice discussion and possible approval:
Canton Town Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley was present and discussion was held on a new billing procedure from the Town Supervisor's office. The Village board expressed their concerns of over billing. Supervisor Ashley stated her concerns of the Town's funds. After discussion the matter was tabled until September's regular monthly board meeting. Supervisor Ashley wants to implement a MOU and a hold harmless agreement with the Village of Rensselaer Falls.
- b. State Street rehabilitation project invoice discussion and possible approval: see above item a.
- c. Historical Society Proposal:
218 Rensselaer Street property transfer discussion was held with a quick suggestion to approve.
A motion to gift the Rensselaer Falls Historical Society to the Village of Rensselaer Falls was made by;

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

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

8:15 p.m. Motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of personnel

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

8:35 p.m. motion to come out of executive session

Motion: Stacy Gushea Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

8:36 meeting adjourned

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond
Village Clerk