

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS
Regular Meeting Minutes by Zoom
August 3, 2020
(6:00 P.M.)

Present: Mayor Michael Hammond, Trustee Connie McAllister, and James Blackburn, Clerk
Treasurer Lisa Hammond and Code Enforcement Officer Tim Tuttle

Also in Attendance by Zoom: Trustee Jolene LaSiege, Trustee Charles Fifield, John Danis, Bob
Poor and Renee Stiles

Absent: Village Attorney Henry Leader and Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance
2. Appropriations approved:

General and Sewer

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

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of July 6, 2020 Regular board meeting were approved.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: James Blackburn Vote: unanimous

4. Reports: Departments and Committees

- a. Sewer Report:

Mayor Hammond read Mark Badfords report, all at the Sewer Plant is good.
Trustee Blackburn and LaSiege had questions about Corning's tanks and meter, both
Trustee are going to follow through with emails to Basford.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

b. Code Enforcement Report:

Tim Tuttle reported 6 permits have been issued to date. Tuttle asked Clerk Hammond to provide him with a phone from Stacy Gushea and Brayton Foote. Discussion was held on Local Law from 1995 "junk"

Motion: Trustee Charles Fifield Seconded Trustee James Blackburn Vote: unanimous

c. Clerk's Report:

Clerk Hammond reported that things are going well with tax collection and all other matters.

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Jolene LaSiege Vote: unanimous

d. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Michael Hammond noted he will report out during new business

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: James Blackburn Vote: unanimous

e. Committee Reports:

Trees - None

Playground - None

Falls Festival - Mayor Hammond stated that due to the COVID-19 the committee has decided to cancel the festival.

Motion to approve all Committee reports: Trustee James Blackburn, seconded by Trustee Connie McAllister. Voted unanimous

5. New Business:

a. Congress Street Drainage Project:

Mayor Hammond reported he is still waiting on bids and history of old culvert pipe from United Helpers, Congress Street to the front of FireHall.

- b. Rescue Squad Contract: Tabled
- c. Fire Department Contract: Tabled

d. 65 Years Active Service Proclamation:

Mayor Hammond read aloud Proclamation for Bob Poors 65 Years of Service to the Fire Department.

See attached

All board members voted in favor of Proclamation

Mayor Michael Hammond, Deputy Mayor Charles Fified, Trustees Jolene LaSeige, Connie McAllister and James Blackburn

e. Planning Board/Zoning Board Appointment:

Mayor Michael Hammond made the recommendation to appoint Stacy Gushea to the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Trustee Connie McAllister. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

6. Updates:

a. Summer Street Projects:

Mayor Hammond stated that Terry Billings, Highway Superintendent gave an estimate of \$4,000,00 to fix the Rensselaer Street driveway problem. Elizabeth Street will be paved and shimmed. Estimates included fixing imperfection in Village Park.

b. Tree Requests:

Mayor Hammond is still working with Contractors and bids to secure estimates. The RFP was placed on social media and the response was very good. Hammond to report out at the September meeting.

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

It was decided to move September 7th board meeting to September 14 at 6 pm due to

Labor Day

7:00 p.m. adjourned

Motion: Charles Fifield

Seconded: Jolene LaSieve

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond, Village Clerk