

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS

Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Michael Hammond, Deputy Mayor Charles Fified, Village Clerk Lisa Hammond, Trustee Stacy Gushea, Code Enforcement Officer Tim Tuttle, Ralph Hammond and Bob Poor

Absent: Trustee Jolene LaSiege and Trustees Connie McAllister

5:30 p.m. Mayor Michael Hammond opened the Special meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

2. Appropriations: Sewer and General

Bills were audited by Trustees Charles Fified and Connie McAllister

Motion: Charles Fified Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the July 11, 2022 regular meeting were approved upon motion.

Motion: Charles Fified Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

4. Reports: Departments and Committees

a. Sewer Report: A written report was received by the board members

Motion: Charles Fified Seconded: Stacy Gusheas Vote: unanimous

b. Code Enforcement Report:

Tim Tuttle was present and gave a verbal report. Tuttle stated that he has six items for discussion. Congress Street is cleaned up and the court is happy with progress, but there is still the matter of unsafe porch. Tuttle stated this project is left at 95 percent complete. King Street storage building project obtained a permit and is

100 percent complied with. Cornelia Street project on third dumpster and is between 95 and 98 percent complete. Canton Street project is now complete, with court satisfaction. 101 Front Street is being worked on by the Village Attorney trying to figure out what to do next. Couglars/Hartmans on King still is a work in progress with a dumpster on site. A tall grass complaint was received and a ZBA meeting needs to be scheduled for a new driveway. One new permit was issued to Robert Eaton for renovations. Discussion was held on the apartment building fire on Main Street owned by Anhminh Reynolds. Tuttle stated that the 60 days had passed on the matter and the one thing that wasn't done, was that Reynolds should be invited to a public meeting with the Village Board to discuss their intent of the building debris. The Board agreed to invite Reynolds to a special meeting. Clerk Lisa Hammond will send notice to Reynolds when the date is decided on. Tuttle stated that under New York State law if the building is too far gone, then it is presumed to contain asbestos and total cleanup has to be done by a licensed company. Trustee Stacy Gushea noted that a lot of time has been given to the owners and no effort has been made to clean it up. Gushea feels that Reynolds is not showing good faith. Tuttle did state that the insurance company had paid nothing at this point. Kevin and Anhminh Reynolds will be invited to speak with the board. Tim Tuttle told the board it will cost thousands of dollars to have it cleaned up. Tuttle added that Couglars/Hartman's garage and Dobbs property could also cost the Village thousands to clean up, but these two locations can be tested for asbestos because there is a structure standing.

Motion: Stacy Gushea Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

c. Clerk's Report:

Clerk Lisa Hammond noted that a Sales tax check was received in the amount of \$15,743.00. Just over \$32,000.00 has been received in tax revenues.

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

d. Mayor's Report: Tabled with a lot going on.

e. Committee Reports:

Trees - Bob Poor met with members of the cemetery about tree removal and together with the Village a plan is in motion.

Playground/Falls Festival Committee: Tabled

5. New Business: Tabled

6. Updates: Tabled

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

6:31 p.m closed regular monthly board meeting

Motion: Charles Fifield

Seconded: Stacy Gushea

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond

Village Clerk