

# VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS

## Regular Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2019  
(6:00 P.M.)

Present: Deputy Mayor Charles Fifield, Trustee's, Connie McAllister, Jolene LaSieve and Stacy Gushea

Also in Attendance: Clerk Treasurer Lisa Hammond, Code Enforcement Officer Tim Tuttle, Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford, Ralph Hammond, Bob Poor and Shelly Washburn

Absent: Mayor Michael Hammond and Village Attorney Henry Leader

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

Minutes of July 1, 2019 board meeting were approved.

Motion: Jolene LaSieve                      Seconded: Connie McAllister    Vote: unanimous

3. Appropriations approved:

Motion: Connie McAllister                      Seconded: Stacy Gushea    Vote: animous

4. Department Head Reports:

- a. Sewer Report: Mark Basford gave a verbal report.

Basford stated that River Septic pumped out Corning tanks last week. Basford reported that there was a problem at Corey Reynolds home with backup, but has been taken care of. Reynolds has to take care of some root problems. Basford added that he is trying to stay ahead of the weeds.

Trustee Jolene LaSieve asked about having the lines flushed out. Bob Poor reported that it is usually done once a year and he will reach out to Mike Wainwright of the Fire Department to show him where the flush outs are located.

- b. Code Enforcement Report: Tim Tuttle gave a verbal report.

Tuttle stated that he has reached out to Attorney Henry Leader about the variance

at the playground property related to Esther Gusheas property. Tuttle stated that there is a section of the playground property that is still owned by a Mr. Lytle. Trustee Charles Fifield asked Tuttle about fireworks permit for the Falls Festival. Tuttle stated he will do it the same as in the past. Tuttle reported issuing one new permit this month.

c. Clerk's Report: Clerk Hammond reported that things are going smoothly with tax collection, working on bingo licenses. Community Bank papers were signed by members and will have Mayor Hammond sign his portion when her returns.

d. Mayor's Report: Mayor Michael Hammond in his absence asked that all board members attend Kyle Hartmans memorial service on September 9th, 2019 from 9am to 9 pm . The September monthly meeting has been moved to the 16th of September.

Motion to approve all reports by Trustee Connie McAllister, seconded by Trustee Stacy Gushea. All voted in favor, motion carries.

e. Committee Reports:

*Trees* - Discussion was held on the removal of trees in the Village. Trustee Jolene LaSeige reported about a tree at Pat Palmers tree in her yard and how much she loves it. LaSeige assured the Palmers that the Village will replace it. Deputy Mayor Fifield stated that Allen Palmer asked about the area in front of Pat Palmer's house and expressed his concerns. LaSiege explained about the premitures of the project and the green space that the project is going to provide. Committee to check on tree previously discussed at Matt McAllisters property that is in need of being cut down.

*Playground* - Jolene LaSeige reported that Travis Maric, Steve LaRose and Kevin Cutway have volunteered to put up playground equipment that has not yet been erected, along with a basketball net that is too heavy for Ernie Swartfigure to handle.

*Fall Festival* - Committeemember Jolene LaSiege reported that JP Building Supply has sold the committee lumber at cost to build a stage for the bands for the Festival and Corn Hole boards. Jim Gushea is building it at no cost. Committee meeting will hold a brief meeting after this Village Board meeting tonight.

Motion was made by Trustee Jolene LaSeige to spend \$700.00 and not to exceed \$700.00 to pay for such lumber. Seconded by Trustee Stacy Gushea. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

5. New Business:

a . U-turn signs - possible removal

Owners of property across from ICF asked that the U-turn signs be removed.

Motion made by Trustee Jolene LaSeige to remove the signs, seconded by Trustee Connie McAllister. All voted in favor motion carries.

b. Fund Transfer:

A motion to transfer \$5,000.00 from the General fund to the Historical for the Falls Festival made by Jolene LaSiege, seconded by Trustee Stacy Gushea. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

6. Updates:

a. Fire Summitt: Tabled

b. Hold Harmless: Approval

Motion by Stacy Gushea, seconded by Trustee Connie McAllister. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

see attached

c. MOU: Approval

Motion by Trustee Connie McAllister, seconded by Trustee Stacy Gushea. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

see attached

d. Comp Plan:

Trustee Charles Fifield stated that the Comp Plan draft was adopted. Fifield noted that the

Village will hold a Public Hearing on the 16th of September. Trustee Jolene LaSeige noted that it was originally supposed to be on the 9th, but Hartmans asked that the date be changed because they want to attend the Public Hearing and have Village support at Kyles memorial.

Motion made by Jolene LaSiege, seconded by Trustee Connie McAllister to hold a Public Hearing jointly with the Town of Canton, all voted in favor. Motion carries

Trustee Fifield suggested contribution to the Town of Canton in the amount of \$3,000.00 toward the Plan. Trustee Jolene LaSiege suggested waiting to see what the Town comes up with for our contribution.

Motion was made by Trustee Stacy Gushea to pay the Town of Canton \$3,000.00, seconded by Trustee Connie McAllister. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

e. Bank Signatures: see above under Clerks report

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

Deputy Mayor Charles Fifield stated that the Basemaster in Waddington is asking for help funding their event.

Motion made by Trustee Connie McAllister, seconded by Trustee to give \$100.00 all voted in favor. Motion carries.

Discussion on increase to Clerk Lisa's Hammond salary due to workload increase due to Esther Gushea's retirement. Hammond reminded the board members that Karen Clary is helping with some paperwork for the Village as so not just one person is overseeing accounts.

Motion made by Trustee Connie McAllister to increase Clerk Hammond pay using Esther Gushea's pay of \$300.00 from the Sewer account, leaving the \$87.50 in the General to use toward paying Karen Clary when needed, seconded by Trustee Stacy Gushea. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Trustee Jolene LaSiege wants this matter revisited. LaSiege stated that there are more and more mandates on us and that the workload is only increasing.

see attached Resolution

Historical Building: Discussion was held on the cost of painting the building. Trustee Jolene LaSeige talked about grants that are available through Restore America.gov LaSeige stated that Senator Patty Ritchie has reached out to Mayor Michael Hammond about helping out with this matter. LaSeige to talk with Hammond and Shelly Sanderson and do more research on the matter.

Shelly Washburn was present and expressed her concerns about the Festival coming up. Discussion was held on competition and how there should be enough people present to provide business for everyone involved.

6:40 p.m. meeting adjourned

Motion: Connie McAllister      Seconded: Stacy Gushea      Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond  
Village Clerk