

VILLAGE OF RENNELAER FALLS

REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 7th, 2017

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

Also in Attendance: Sewer Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Esther Gushea, Clerk Treasurer/Deputy Lisa Hammond, Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford, Code Enforcement Officer Tim Tuttle, Kyle Hartman, Bonne St. Denny, Ralph Hammond, Don Sedak, Bob Poor and Jerry Godwin, Philip Rolfe, Sabrina

Absent: Trustee Jolene LaSiege and Village Attorney Henry Leader

Mayor Michael Hammond opened the Village Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Additions to agenda: Litigation for executive session

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the July 10th, 2017 Regular Board meeting were approved:

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

3. Appropriations:

- a. General: \$5,495.59
- b. Sewer: \$3,747.59

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

4. Department Head Reports:

- a. Sewer Report: Mark Basford verbal report was given and approved:

Basford reported that the bypass at the pump station located on Front Street was being installed with some work to go. Basford explained that this was done because this pump is the Main pumping Station and if both both went down we had no way

to move the waste without hiring someone to come and pump it

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

- b. Code Enforcement Report: Tim Tuttle submitted a written report and it was approved

Tuttle went over a few items that he is working on with residence and letters that he has sent out.

- c. Clerk's Report: Verbal report was given from the Clerk's
- d. Mayor's Report: Mayor Hammond gave a verbal report

The Mayor's Dinner will be on September 7th, 2017 at Fobare's Fruits.

- e. Committee(s) Report:

Trees - Ralph Hammond reported that the new trees will be arriving around the 5th of September and he and Bob Poor will get Jerry Godwin to help plant them

Playground - none

Small Business - none

Fall Festival - Mayor Hammond gave a verbal overview of the Fall Festival schedule.

Motion to approve all of the above reports

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

5. Updates:

- a. Bids for Pavilion - Mayor Hammond stated that Jolene LaSiege is working on this
- b. Basketball Hoops - Mayor Hammond stated he will get the hoops purchased
- c. Summer Projects - Highway Superintendent has a current list from the Village of what highway construction projects to be done.
- d. Tree for Peg Hance - Ralph Hammond will get a price on a small blue spruce to be planted in memory of Peg
- e. NYS Retirement - Mayor Hammond reported that Attorney Leader has given further guidance on last month's resolution that was passed to join the retirement system

6. New Business:

a. Planning/Zoning Board members:

Discussion was held on current members and an updated list was provided to Tim Tuttle from Clerk Hammond. Recommendation was given to re-appoint Andrew Farnham to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

b. Website Management

Mayor Hammond went over the status of the Website and gave an overview of what people seem to be looking at and for. Hammond informed the board that this is time consuming item and that in the future the board should consider finding someone that can devote time to the website.

Bonnie St. Denny suggested having a section for visitors to leave comments. Hammond will look into this and set something up.

7. Any other business that may come before the Board

Philip Rolfe was present and expressed his concerns about the water drainage on his property and requested that the Village fix the flow with fill. Mayor Hammond thanked Rolfe for sharing his information and stated that he will speak to Highway Superintendent Billings about the issue. Hammond also stated that Rolfs new home looks very nice in the Village. Trustee Charles Fifield reminded Rolf that everyone is having water and flooding issues this year due to the high water levels.

Discussion was held on moving the September meeting date from the Labor Day holiday to Wednesday the 6th of September at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Office, motion was made to do so.

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

6:52 p.m. Motion to into Executive Session

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

7:15 p.m. Motion to come out of Executive Session

Motion: Stacy Gushea

Seconded: Charles Fifield

Vote: unanimous

7:16 p.m. Regular Meeting adjourned

Motion: Connie McAllister

Seconded: Stacy Gushea

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond