

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS
February 10, 2025
6:00 P.M. Regular Monthly Meeting

Present: Mayor Michael Hammond, Deputy Mayor Connie McAllister, Trustees Samanth Booth and Nicholas Calton, Village Clerk Lisa Hammond, and Shirley Calton

Absence: Attorney Henry Leader, Trustee Jolene LaSiege, Code Enforcement Officer Ron Dulmage 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: Sewer and General

Bills were audited by Trustees Connie McAllister and Samantha Booth

Motion to approve bills.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Nicholas Calton Vote: unanimous

Discussion was held on non abstract bills example: automatic payments to the USDA Payroll. Trustee Samantha Booth was auditing bills during the discussion.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of January 13, 2025 were tabled to next months meeting

4. Reports: Departments and Committees

- a. Sewer Report: Mark Basford was not present. Mayor Hammond read his report and discussion was held on Clerk Hammond contacting Andrew Smith of B&L Contracting to ask if he can come out and take a look at the Sewer Plant to possibly look at our own feasibility study and look into grant monies for it.

27.5 Hours reported by Basford for and 36 Hours reported for Jared Murray for the Month of December.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Samantha Booth Vote: unanimous

- b. Code Enforcement Report: Code Officer Ron Dulmage was not present, Mayor Michael Hammond stated that the Building Permit has been issued for the construction of the Library/Village Office Grant. Hammond and Dulmage will be meeting on other ongoing issues in the Village.

Motion: Nicholas Calton Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

- c. Clerk's Report: Clerk Lisa Hammond reported that a sales tax check was received in the amount of \$19,102.45. Hammond noted that she sent out sewer bills including a letter from the Mayor and a flyer from the fire department. Reported to the retirement system. Hammond reminded the board members that the federal mileage rate increased to .70 cents. Clerk Hammond stated she received the application and proof of physical, from last month's discussion.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Nicholas Calton Vote: unanimous

- d. Mayor's Report: Michael Hammond requested Clerk Hammond to contact FEMA "Marty Hasst" to set up our next meeting. Mayor Michael Hammond informed the board members that the Canton Town Supervisor reached out to him about the LWRP future grants. A brief discussion was held and it was decided not to pursue it. Mayor Hammond to let the Town of Canton know not at this time. Mayor Michael Hammond stated for the record that he will not be seeking another term.

Motion Trustee Connie McAllister Seconded: Nicholas Calton Vote: unanimous

- e. Committee Reports:

Trees - none

Falls Festival/Playground: meeting after this meeting

Committee reports approved by motion of:

5. New Business:

- a. none

6. Updates: Library Project:

Mayor Michael Hammond stated that he has unfortunate news. We were not awarded the second part of the grant. Mayor Hammond reached out to Emily from Canton Library to schedule a meeting. The seconded part of the grant is for the finished work and furnishings. Hammond extended an invite to the Village Board members.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE VILLAGE BOARD

6:24 p.m. Closed Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Motion: Samantha Booth

Seconded: Nicholas Calton

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond, Village Clerk