

**VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS**  
**Budget Hearing and**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes by Zoom**  
**July 6, 2020**  
**(6:00 P.M.)**

Present: Mayor Michael Hammond, Trustee Connie McAllister, and James Blackburn and Clerk  
Treasurer Lisa Hammond

Also in Attendance by Zoom: Trustee Jolene LaSiege, Mark Bomyea and Renee Stiles

Absent: Deputy Mayor Charles Fifield, Village Attorney Henry Leader and Sewer  
Superintendent Mark Basford and Code Enforcement Officer Tim Tuttle

6:00 p.m. Mayor Michael Hammond opened the regular meeting and read over the rules and  
procedures of conducting a zoom meeting.

1. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

2. Appropriations approved:

General and Sewer

Motion: Connie McAllister      Seconded: Trustee Jolene LaSiege      Vote: unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of June 8, 2020 Regular board meeting were approved.

Motion: Connie McAllister      Seconded: James Blackburn      Vote: unanimous

4. Reports: Departments and Committees

a. Sewer Report:

Mayor Hammond reported on Mark Basfords verbal report, all at the Sewer Plant  
are good.

Motion: James Blackburn      Seconded: Jolene LaSiege      Vote: unanimous

b. Code Enforcement Report:

Mayor Hammond reported on Tuttle's report. Currently working on unlicensed vehicles and garbage issues in the Village upon the Board's request. Boat on Front Street and Car on State Street in the Village right away were discussed. 1995 Local Law was discussed and Clerk Hammond will look for a hard copy. Board to ask Tuttle about goats in the Village "farm animals".

Motion Trustee Connie McAllister    Seconded Trustee James Blackburn    Vote: unanimous

c. Clerk's Report:

Clerk Hammond reported on total tax collection and stated that things are going well with the office.

Motion: James Blackburn                      Seconded: Jolene LaSieve                      Vote: unanimous

d. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Michael Hammond stated that things are going well and his report is covered in the agenda.

e. Committee Reports:

*Trees* - None

Playground - Trustee McAllister noted balance in account

Falls Festival - Mayor Hammond stated that the committee will meet and decide on canceling the festival after regular board meeting.

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

6. New Business:

a. Congress Street Drainage Project:

Discussion was held. Mayor Hammond and Trustee Blackburn to meet with potential contractors to address old culvert pipe from United Helpers, Congress

Street to the front of FireHall. Discussion continued on the history of the culvert pipes, Mayor Hammond to talk to Highway Superintendent Terry Billings. It was noted that there are several sinkholes along Congress Street.

c. King Street Tree Request Discussion and possible Approval:

Mayor Hammond reported no change as he is still looking for a tree person to do this project. Hammond to follow up with National Grid before hiring a contractor in hopes National Grid will drop them for free. .

6. Updates:

a. Summer Street Projects:

Mayor Hammond stated that he's still waiting for Terry Billings, Highway Superintendent to be free. The Rensselaer Street driveway problem was discussed and is still on the radar. The Elizabeth Street project is still on the radar also. The Birch Street project was discussed and tabled due to possible sand placement for the sewer plant on the paper street section.

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

6:40 p.m. adjourned

Motion: James Blackburn

Seconded: Jolene LaSiege

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond, Village Clerk