

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2019
(6:00 P.M.)

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

Also in Attendance: Clerk Treasurer Lisa Hammond, Ernie Swartfigure, Ralph Hammond, Bonnie St. Denny, Mark Bomyea and Bob Poor

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

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

Minutes of May 8 , 2019, April 1, 2019 and April 23, 2019 Board meetings were approved.

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

3. Appropriations approved:

Motion: Jolene LaSieve Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: animous

4. Department Head Reports:

- a. Sewer Report: Mark Basford submitted a written report that was read by Mayor Hammond. Basford stated in his report that he is continuing to work on the Corning sewer station order. A new trimmer was approved for purchase for trimming at the sewer plant.

Motion to approve Sewer Report by Trustee Connie McAllister, seconded by Trustee Stacy Gushea. All voted in Favor. Motion carries.

- b. Code Enforcement Report: a written report was submitted by Tim Tuttle and read by Mayor Hammond.

Motion to approve Code Enforcement Officer report by Trustee Charles Fifield, seconded by Trustee Jolene LaSiege,. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

- c. Clerk's Report: Clerk Hammond reported that she has begun collection of taxes. Hammond added that Karen Clary will be working on things to help in the absence of Esther Gushea.

Motion to approve Clerk's report as presented by Trustee Connie McAllister, seconded by Trustee Stacy Gushea. All voted in favor, motion carries.

- d. Mayor's Report: Mayor Michael Hammond gave a verbal report on sales tax. and an update on the lastest Mayors dinner at the Grand View in Ogdensburg.

Motion to approve Mayor's report by Trustee Charles Fifield, seconded by Trustee Jolene LaSiege. All voted in favor, motion carries.

- e. Committee Reports:

Trees - Discussion was held on what trees should be trimmed and what ones that are dead and in need of being cut down. Mayor Hammond to reach out to Red St. Denny. Bob Poor was present and gave his advice and will also talk with St. Denny if he runs into him. The Dump and Cemetery areas were discussed and Mayor Hammond will talk to St. Denny.

Playground - Committee member Connie McAllister will remove Esther Gusheas name from the Playground bank account. \$4,137.00 in account to date. Ernie Swartsfigure was instructed to place sand in holes under swings.

Fall Festival - A committee meeting will hold a meeting on June 17th, 2019 Mayor Hammond asked Mark Bomyea to check into the monies from the Firemen for the Cornhole Tournament that was held. Bomyea to reach out to treasurer of Fire Department. Mayor/Committee member Michael Hammond wants to see another Cornhole fundraiser done this summer before the festival

Motion was made by Trustee Stacy Gushea to accept the committee reports, seconded by Trustee Connie McAllister. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

- 5. New Business:

a . Resignation of Clerk Gushea:

Mayor Michael Hammond read a letter signed by Esther Gushea resigning from her duties due to a neck injury. The resignation was accepted with regret.

Motion to accept by Trustee Connie McAllister, seconded by Trustee Charles Fifield, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

b. Summer Projects:

Louis from Sheehan Contractors was present and went over a plan to alleviate some drainage problems along with an estimate. Highway Superintendent Terry Billings and Mayor Hammond had previously met with Louis. Three projects were discussed.

Mayor Hammond stated that he reached out to Shelly Wasburn, store owners in the Village and she is interested in receiving a price to have the store parking lot done while the materials and equipment our available. One street is the Town of Canton street so Mayor Hammond will reach out to the Town to see if they would contribute to the cost. Mayor Hammond also discussed making more green space and getting rid of a section of Rensselaer Street. Hammond will talk with Terry Billings about the estimate and working with Heuvelton and Potsdam to cut down on the hauling of materials. Mayor Hammond reminded the board that we have CHIPS monies forthcoming that these projects will qualify for.

A discussion was held and no motion was made. It was asked of the contractor to have Washburn's square footage to be broken out seperate in the quote.

c. Tractor upgrade: Mayor Hammond went over State rates with or without trade in. Feel free to add Discussion was held on selling the Tractor outright. Hammond would like to see this upgrade to have attachments with the tractor, like brush hog, plowing, mowing along railroad tracks, etc. Trustee sated after he reviewed the options provided it would make better sense if this is decided to sell the current tractor out right.

After discussion this matter was tabled. To date there is only 800 hours on the current tractor. Trustee Charles Fifield added that he would like to see the Street projects done this year and maybe the tractor next year.

d. Falls Festival Committee Meeting: see committees above

7. Updates:

a. Fire Task Force: Mark Bomyea was present and stated that this matter is at a

stand still. The object at this point Bomyea said is that the Chiefs are supposed to be meeting and discuss possible fire districts.

b. Barkely's: After discussion it was decided to have Barkley come and reset safe locks. Trustee Stacy Gushea to contact them to come to office on a Wednesday afternoon.

c. Bank accounts: Discussion was held and it was decided to add Deputy Mayor Charles Fifield to the Community Bank accounts with Clerk Lisa Hammond. Mayor Hammond to contact St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union about names on the Village CD's.

c. Caucus: Mayor Michael Hammond reminded everyone that the Democrat Caucus will be held in the Village of Canton for them, the Town of Canton and the Village of Rensselaer Falls on June 20, 2019 at 6 p.m.

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

Mark Bomyea was present and talked about the Believe New York that was recently held at the Rensselaer Falls Fire Station. Bomyea stated that it was not well attended and was disappointed as thirty people signed up and only five people showed up for the training.

Mayor Hammond discussed the Comprehensive Plan meeting which will be held on June 13th, 2019 in Canton. A Public Hearing will be held at that time. Hammond asked everyone at the meeting to attend this Hearing.

A brief discussion was held on the Town of Canton taking over the Village of Rensselaer Falls Workmen's Comp.

Mayor Hammond is going to reach out to Code Enforcement Officer Tuttle about open burning. Hammond wants to look into Massenas code. Mark Bomyea a member of the Fire Department stated that he would like to see a change. Bomyea stated he was against the current one back in the day when it was passed.

Bob Poor reported that he went with Tim Tuttle on the Fire inspections that were done at both the Village Office, and the Historical Building and that the Fire extinguishers need to be replaced and or inspected. Poor added that Jeff Hammond is working on getting his certificate so he would be able to do it. Clerk Hammond will reach out to Netto Company about coming

and check the extinguishers out. Poor added that the historical needs exit signs.

7:39 p.m. went into executive session for the purpose of Public Officers Law 105 (F) employment history of a particular person.

Motion was made by Trustee Connie McAllister and seconded by Trustee Jolene LaSieg, all voted in favor . Motion carries.

7:54 p.m. meeting adjourned

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond
Village Clerk