

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024
6:00 P.M. Regular Monthly Meeting

Present: Mayor Michael Hammond, Trustee Connie McAllister, Trustee Samatha Booth, Nicholas Calton, Bob Poor, Ralph Hammond, Don Sedleck, Tammy Cotton and Mike Wainwright

Absence: Attorney Henry Leader, Code Enforcement Officer Grant Backus, Trustee Jolene LaSiege, Village Clerk Lisa Hammond, Deputy Mayor Charles Fifield, Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford

6:02 p.m. Mayor Michael Hammond opened the regular monthly meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance
2. Appropriations: Sewer and General

Bills were audited by Trustees Charles Fifield and Connie McAllister

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Samantha Booth Vote: unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of May 13, 2024 were approved

Motion: Samanth Booth Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

4. Reports: Departments and Committees

- a. Sewer Report: Mark Basford submitted a written report. Mayor Michael Hammond read the report aloud. The report stated no issues at the plant and that the Corning flow was normal. Sand has been sent for testing.

Motion: Samantha Booth Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

36.5 Hours reported by Basford for and 30 Hours reported for Jared Murray for the Month of May

b. Code Enforcement Report: Tabled

c. Clerk's Report: Tabled

d. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Michael Hammond noted that no one attended the Mayors Dinner this quarter. Hammond stated he would continue to report throughout the agenda.

e. Committee Reports:

Trees - Mayor Michael Hammond stated that a list has been composed to have trees taken down and trees for National Grid to look at for the Village. Hammond would like to see some trees put in this year.

Playground/Falls Festival Committee - See further in agenda

Motion to approve reports, including committees

Motion: Samantha Booth Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: Unanimous

5. New Business:

a. ½ Basketball Court/Pickleball Court:

Mayor Michael Hammond presented the site work estimate from the Town of Canton to the board members on a half a basketball court with pickleball court site work. Discussion was held on the matter.

b. Town of Canton MOU:

Motion to approve MOU as presented

Motion: Trustee Connie McAllister Seconded: Samantha Booth Vote: unanimous

6. Updates:

a. Meeting dates: Mayor Michael Hammond discussed his work schedule with the board members and stated that he is free to meet on the regular 2nd Mondays

of each month. Hammond noted the Village board will meet as follows for the next three months. July 8th, August 12th and September 16, 2024. Trustee Samantha Booth stated that she won't be available on September 16th, 2024.

b. Playground Equipment:

Mayor Michael Hammond stated that playground equipment has been ordered out of Florida and hopes it will arrive around the first week of September.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Samantha Booth Vote: unanimous

Committee member Connie McAllister noted that she and her husband Randy disposed of the broken playground equipment. Mayor Michael Hammond thanked McAllister for her time on the matter.

c. Guardrail Estimate:

Nick Calton reported that Jeff Crobar (Contractor) is still working an estimate for the Village. Matter tabled for updates

d. Library/Community Center/Open house:

Mayor Michael Hammond stated that the library drawings have been updated and that another open house is being planned.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE VILLAGE BOARD - Mayor Michael Hammond and Board members discussed the trash being dumped in the Village dump. Noting that the Village dump is to be used only for small trees/brush. No debris is to be dropped off at the location of said. Clerk Lisa Hammond has a meeting set up to meet with a camera company to install cameras around the Village owned properties. The Fire Department already uses the company that will be giving the Village an estimate.

Don Sedleck was present and asked about his sewer clean out. He has concerns that he may be tied in with the neighbors. Mayor Michael Hammond looked at the sewer prints and it was proven that Sedleck and his neighbor each have their own cleanouts. Sedlecks are planning on doing some renovations to their property. Mayor Michael Hammond noted that any building permit processing is going through Clerk Lisa Hammond and Russell Lawrence from the Town of Oswegatchie. Mayor Hammond noted that he still is waiting to hear from Grant Backus about his decision to take the Code Officer job.

6:32 p.m. Closed Regular Monthly Board Meeting:

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Samantha Booth Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond, Village Clerk