

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 2nd, 2022
6:00 P.M. Regular Monthly Meeting

Present: Mayor Michael Hammond, Deputy Mayor Charles Fified, Trustees Connie McAllister, Village Clerk Lisa Hammond, Code Enforcement Officer Tim Tuttle, Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford, Ralph Hammond, Ernie Swartsfigure and Tom Grazer.

Present by phone: Trustee Stacy Gushea

Absent: Attorney Henry Leader Trustee Jolene LaSiege,

6:00 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 Fified and Connie McAllister

Motion: Charles Fified Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of April 4th, 2022 regular meeting were approved

Motion: Charles Fified Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

4. Reports: Departments and Committees

- a. Sewer Report: A written report was received. Mark Basford was present and stated that things are looking good. Basford held discussion with the board members about the Flow Meter that needs replacing - the current one is obsolete. Discussion was held on the Corning Plant current usage and the additions added to the building and the increase of employees. Board members are in agreement that the Clerks look into changes in billing. Discussion was held on looking at the current contract and holding a meeting with Corning Corporate leaders.

27.5 Hours reported by Basford for April and 32 Hours reported for Jared Murray

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Charles Fified Vote: unanimous

b. Code Enforcement Report:

Tim Tuttle was present and gave a verbal report. Tuttle stated that he is currently working with Attorney Henry Leader to get tickets and information written to get matters into the Canton Court system on various violations. Discussion was held on the recent Apartment Building Fire on Main Street owned by Anhminh Reynolds. Tuttle stated he thinks Reynolds will be back from vacation soon and move forward with matters, such as the asbestos testing.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

c. Clerk's Report:

Clerk Lisa Hammond noted that she and Becky Donnelly are continuing to work together on Fridays. The new laptop will be in place for the June meeting, as it is the beginning of the Village's fiscal year with the budget. Tax collection will begin the 1st of June. 2020 AUD is just about complete and the ARPA reporting has been completed.

Motion: Stacy Gushea Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

d. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Hammond stated that he has been in contact with Canton Highway Superintendent Steven Smith about Spring Cleanup and stump removals. Hammond looks forward to working with Smith for the betterment of the Village. The Mayor's dinner will be held the first Thursday in June 2 and to be co-hosted by the Mayor of Rensselaer Falls and Mayor of Waddington.

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

e. Committee Reports:

Trees - see Mayors report - A brief discussion was held on the Ash trees that have been marked surrounding the Village and how many of them will have to be actually cut down.

5. New Business:

A. Falls Festival Fundraiser & Yard Sales:

Mayor Michael Hammond noted that about 152 pizzas were sold at the Falls Fundraiser. Fundraiser was successful and many people helped with the cause. Dallas Denny was the DJ and 3 Cornhole tournaments were played. May 21st is the Village wide yard sale sponsored by the Historical Association. May 19 is the last day to get your name on the Map for yard sales.

B. Relieves - Sewer

Clerk Lisa Hammond presented the board members with the list of names and amounts of Sewer relieves to be placed on the June Village Tax bills in the amount of \$10,23100. Approval was granted.

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Connie McAllister
Vote: unanimous

6. Updates

Discussion was held regarding, Congress Street Project, the ditch line in front of the Fire Station will be removed and replaced with plastic pipe. Regarding the West Front Street Project the ditch will be filled in and plastic pipe connecting to the existing drainage line will be installed. On Heuvelton/Front Street landscaping around the new drainage box will be fixed. This fix will help get water off the edge of the road. Road markers will be placed along this corner. Paving, Congress Street Corner discussion was to watch asphalt prices and stay on the County Highway Departments schedule.

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

Mayor Michael Hammond stated that a new shed is needed in Pioneer Park to put Village items and supplies in. Discussion was held and it was approved to purchase a shed with a cap of \$1,500.00, approximate size of 10 x 12

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

7:03 p.m closed regular monthly board meeting

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

7:13 p.m went into executive session for the purpose of Public Officers Law 105
Personnel

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

7:36 p.m. came out of executive session

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded; Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

7:36 p.m. reopened monthly meeting

Motion: Jolene LaSiege Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

Discussion was held on Department Heads providing the Board members before the monthly meeting with a written report. Discussion was held on the importance of the Code Enforcement Officer providing the members with documentation and progress on issues arising from matters of violations in the Village. The Village Board requested Clerk Lisa Hammond reach out to all Department Heads and request the reports in advance of monthly meetings.

7:45 p.m. closed meeting

Motion: Stacy Gushea Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond
Village Clerk