VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS

June 8, 2026

6:00 P.M. Regular Monthly Meeting

Present: Mayor Michael Hammond, Trustee Samanth Booth, Trustees Nicholas Calton, and Trustee Shirley Calton, Village Clerk Lisa Hammond and Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford and Ralph Hammond

Absence: Deputy Mayor Connie McAllister, Code Enforcement Officer Ron Dulmage, and Attorney Henry Leader

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

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 Samantha Booth and Trustee Shirley Calton

Motion to approve bills.

Motion: Shirley Calton Seconded: Samantha Booth Vote: unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of May 11, 2026 were approved

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Nicholas Calton Vote: unanimous

4. Reports: Departments and Committees

a. Sewer Report: Mark Basford was present.

26 Hours reported by Mark Basford and 36 Hours reported for Jared Murray for the Month of March.

Basford reported that the plant is running well. DEC did their inspection and reported all good. Clerk Lisa Hammond shared photos from a resident pertaining to

the fact that there is no sewer hook up any longer at her home. M. Dobbs relayed to Hammond there was no power in the home from June of 2023 to March of 2026. Code Officer Dulmage condemned the home on March 20, 2026. Dobbs is trying to fix the home to make it livable. Mark Basford stated that it is clear there is no one using sewer hook up at this time. Basford stated it is not usable. A brief discussion was held and it was decided to suspend Dobbs billing until the bathroom works are hooked back into the house. Dobbs asked for reimbursement and the Village Board declined. Clerk Hammond noted that the Sewer Use Law needs updating. Basford also noted that when Code Officer inspects during building permit process the sewer billing can be reinstated.

Motion: Samantha Booth Seconded: Nicholas Calton Vote: Unanimous

b. Code Enforcement Report: Code Officer Ron Dulmage was not present.

1 Demolition Permit was issued.

c. Clerk's Report: Clerk Lisa Hammond reported that she reported to the retirement system for the Sewer Department employees. Clerk Hammond noted that Quickbooks no longer sponsors the 2023 desktop version, therefore the Village program of Quickbooks in an online version. Hammond is learning the new program. A lot of hours on the phone to convert the program over. Hammond noted she has started collecting taxes and they also have rolled out a new version of a program. All collectors have to convert by next year. Hammond stated she has already done so and is navigating the new program pretty well so for. To date $2,143.62 has been collected in Village taxes.
Mayor Michael Hammond thanked Clerk Hammond for the behind the senses things she does. Noting the flower barrels look nice this year.

Motion: Shirley Calton Seconded: Samantha Booth Vote: unanimous

d. Mayors Report: Mayor Michael Hammond stated that he attended the Mayors Dinner. The County Chamber of Commerce was the presenter. Discussion was held on tourism at the meeting. The next Mayors dinner will be held in Heuvelton.

e. Committees - Falls Festival/Trees/Village Office - Library

Mayor Hammond stated that Fence proposals and site work proposals will be going out for the playground

Motion: Samantha Booth Seconded: Nicholas Calton Vote: unanimous

5. New Business:

a. Sewer Reserve Community Bank: Discussion and approval

Mayor Hammond asked the board's approval to establish a reserve for the sewer. A $6,000.00 CD at Community Bank with a 3.1 % for 6 months. This will put the Village in compliance with the USDA. Discussion was held. Approval was made by all.

Motion: Samantha Booth Seconded: Nicholas Calton Vote: unanimous

b. Donation Acceptance: Discussion and Approval

Mayor Michael Hammond stated to the board members that Ron Stiles has contacted him and would like to give the Village the Railroad bed from the Canal to the Cemetery along County Route 15 in the VIllage. The Village has been maintained by the Village for the past several years. Stiles's estate and the Village use the same Attorney.

Motion to accept donation was made

Motion: Samantha Booth Second: Nicholas Calton Vote: unanimous

6. Updates:

a. Library/Community Center Project: Discussion

Mayor Hammond stated that he is appreciative that Trustee Samantha Booth could make the past meeting and looks forward to her or other board members attending. Hammond noted that we are at the end of phase one and the electrical entrance is complete. Inspection of electrical will be conducted this coming week. The book lockers have been ordered. The Canton Library will be covering this cost. Placement of the locker is still in discussion and will move forward.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE VILLAGE BOARD

Mayor Michael Hammond noted to all in attendance that on July 4, 2026 at 10:00 am Bells will ring in honor of the celebration of the 250 years of America.

Next Village Board meeting will be held July 13, 2026

6:30 p.m. Closed Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Motion: Samanth Booth Seconded: Nicholas Calton Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond, Village Clerk