

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS
Regular Meeting Minutes
NOVEMBER 6TH, 2017
(6:00 P.M.)

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

Also in Attendance: Sewer Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Esther Gushea, Clerk Treasurer/Deputy Lisa Hammond, Bonnie St.Denny and Don Sajdik

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

Mayor Michael Hammond opened the Village Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the October 2nd , 2017 Regular Board meeting were approved:

Motion: Charles Fifield

Seconded: Stacy Gushea

Vote: unanimous

3. Appropriations:

a. General: \$6,224.39

b. Sewer: \$2,148.23

Motion:Jolene LaSiege

Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

1. Department Head Reports:

a. Sewer Report: Mayor Hammond gave a brief report and added that the Sewer Plants annual inspection went very well, and was given good reviews.

b. Code Enforcement Report: Clerk Hammond stated Tuttle only had one permit this month

c. Clerk's Report: Verbal report was given from the Clerk Hammond about the close of

taxes and sales tax received

d. Mayor's Report: Mayor Hammond gave a verbal report and added that Santa will be placed in the park on November 26th this year

e. Committee Reports: Discussion was held on None

Motion to approve all of the above reports

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

5. Updates:

a. Website/Technology: Mayor Hammond discussed technology again with the board members and stated he will be looking for a new computer. Trustee LaSieve and Fifield are in favor of this. Discussion was held on the monies already being budget for this item.

Motion was made for the Mayor to purchase a computer to maintain the Village website.

Motion: Charles Fifield Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

b. Comprehensive Plan:

Mayor Hammond reminded the board members that Rensselaer Falls is a stakeholder in the Comprehensive Plan and stated he would like to see board support. Next meeting is slated for November 16th. Mayor Hammond requested that available board and community members participate in upcoming Public Input meeting. It will be an interactive meeting with hands on information and planning stations. There will also be a 20 minute presentation of what the comprehensive plan is.

c. Santa - Winter Clean Up - Banners:

Santa will be put up on the 26th of November at 5 p.m. and Josh Gilson will be asked to change the banners to winter theme

Community gathering for the annual Santa lighting. There will be light refreshments served at the library following the lighting.

d. Pancake Breakfast Pancake Breakfast: Discussion was held on trying to organize another breakfast to raise money for the playground

6. New Business:

a. Financing Options: Trustee Jolene LaSieve gave a report on information she found on financing options if the Village wants to purchase or build a new structure. LaSieve made a recommendation to invite someone from the USDA to come to a meeting and take to the board about option. Full board was in agreement to further investigate all options.

Motion was made to go forward with USDA for financing and to work with them.

Motion: Jolene LaSieve Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

Trustee LaSieve to reach out to USDA person and invite to a board meeting

b. Canton Winter Festival - February 8th -17th: Sally Hill reached out to the Village to see if there was any interest in participating in Canton's annual festival. Word will be spread to local businesses to see if they would like to sell buttons or place advertisements.

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

Mayor Hammond stated that Everett and Joan Swartfigure donated the mums for the Village Barrels. Bonnie St. Denny stated that there is a Planning Board Training meeting next week in Canton.

6:39 p.m. Meeting adjourned

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Stacy Gushea Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond
Village Clerk