

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS  
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 2ND, 2017

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

Also in Attendance: Sewer Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Esther Gushea, Clerk Treasurer/Deputy Lisa Hammond, Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford, Kyle Hartman, Renee Stiles, MaryAnn Ashley, Tim Danehy and Don Sajdik

Absent: Village Attorney Henry Leader, Mark Basford, Trustee Jolene LaSiege 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.
  - a. A moment of silence was held for the victims and families of the recent tragedy in Las Vegas.
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the September 6th, 2017 Regular Board meeting were approved:

Motion: Connie McAllister                      Seconded: Charles Fifield                      Vote: unanimous

3. Appropriations:

- a. General: \$12,059.44
- b. Sewer: \$5,746.07

Motion: Connie McAllister                      Seconded: Charles Fifield                      Vote: unanimous

4. Department Head Reports:

- a. Sewer Report: Mark Basford verbal report was given and approved:

Basford reported that everything what going well and would be in touch if needed.

- b. Code Enforcement Report: Tim Tuttle submitted a written report and it was approved.
- c. Clerk's Report: Verbal report was given from the Clerk Hammond that tax collection to date is \$33,786.26 and all uncollected tax will be sent to the St. Lawrence County Treasurer's Office.

Motion: Stacy Gushea      Seconded: Charles Fifield      Vote: unanimous

- d. Mayor's Report: Mayor Hammond gave a verbal report. Mayor Hammond thanked Charles and Shari Fifield for helping at the Harvest Dinner

e. Committee(s) Report:

Trees -Mayor Hammond reported that the new trees were planted by Bob Poor, Ralph Hammond, Jim Gushea and Sean Bellinger. One tree was planted in memory of Margaret (Peggy) Hance along with 8 Red Maples.

Playground - Connie McAllister stated that rafters would be helpful in the new storage building to store items.

Small Business - none

Fall Festival - Discussion was held on holding an informal Falls Festival Committee meeting.

Motion to approve all of the above reports

Motion: Connie McAllister      Seconded: Charles Fifield      Vote: unanimous

5. Updates

- a. Planning Board/ZBA: Mayor Hammond stated that Logan Gushea is interested in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals and Tom Jones is interested in serving on the Planning Board. Andrew Farnham is willing to be reappointed to the ZBA.

Approval of such motion made by

Motion: Connie McAllister      Seconded: Stacy Gushea      Vote: unanimous

- b. Website/Technology: Tabled to November

- c. Historical Steps: Mayor Hammond stated that the project completed by members of the Community
- d. Comprehensive Plan: Mayor Hammond encouraged board members to attend the upcoming meeting on November 16th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and gave a brief overview of what will happen at the meeting. Hammond wants Rensselaer Falls to be a stakeholder in the Comp. Plan and asked the board members to think about this matter.

6. New Business:

- a. 214 Rensselaer Street
- b. 210 Rensselaer Street

Discussion was held on properties that are for sale. The board members held a brief discussion on what the purpose and intent for wanting to invest in a new building. Such ideas were discussed; handicap acceptability, parking, a place to hold community events. Mayor Hammond stated that he would like to hold off until Trustee LaSieve is present to move ahead on discussions.

- c. 101 King Street:

Discussion was held at request from the owner of 101 King St. He feels he is having trouble selling the property due to the condition of the neighboring properties. The owner also requested that he not have to pay the sewer bill as it is not being used due to the house being empty. It was decided that the owner will still be liable for paying the sewer and the neighbors clutter will be addressed.

- d. Street work/Parking/Ditching/Digital Speed Signs:

Discussion was held on street work and ditching on State Street. Front Street parking was discussed. The vision of the railroad bed being a walking trail was discussed.

- e. Pancake Breakfast:

Mayor Hammond stated he would like to hold a pancake breakfast and some dates were discussed. Stacy Gushea stated she will get in touch with Jolene LaSieve about dates and come back to the board.

- f. Propane:

Clerk Gushea will contact Propane provided and ask to be placed on automatic delivery.

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

Mayor Hammond stated that the new doors are in for the building and will ask Brad Burnham to install them. Don Sadlik volunteered to help with pancake breakfast along with Randy and Connie McAllister. Kyle Hartman stated that the basketball court looks good and asked about prices on properties for sale and is in favor of new building at a reasonable price with the ground floor. Hartman would like to see ditching done down State Street to help with drainage and that he would like to take any wood if the Town cuts the brush. Hartman stated he is working on cleaning up his corning and selling some of his vehicles. Tim Danehy was present and stated he that he was pleased to see how things are ran in Rensselaer Falls. Maryann Ashley spoke about the good things she is hearing about Rensselaer Falls and the leadership.

6:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned

Motion: Charles Fifield

Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond  
Village Clerk