

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2024
6:00 P.M. Regular Monthly Meeting

Present: Mayor Michael Hammond, Deputy Mayor Charles Fifield, Trustee Connie McAllister, Trustee Samantha Booth Village Clerk Lisa Hammond, Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford, Nick Calton, Ralph Hammond and Bob Poor

Absence: Attorney Henry Leader, Trustee Jolene LaSiege

6:00 p.m. Mayor Michael Hammond opened the regular monthly meeting, adding executive session to the end of the agenda for the purpose of personnel

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 to approve bills.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Samantha Booth Vote: unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of September 9, 2024 were approved.

Motion: Samantha Booth Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

5. Reports: Departments and Committees

- a. Sewer Report: Mark Basford was present and gave a verbal report.

25 Hours reported by Basford for and 36 Hours reported for Jared Murray for the Month of September - Basford hopes to have sand removal in process by next week.

A grinder pump has stopped working at the plant and needs to be replaced. Pumping stations have been painted.

Motion to approve Basfords report by Trustee Charles Fified and Connie McAllister
Vote: unanimous

Clerk Lisa Hammond reminded Basford of Jody Wenzel, inspector for the County who wants to do his yearly visit. Hammond and Basford decided to meet with him on the 28th or 29th of October.

b. Code Enforcement Report: Rusty Lawrence continues to assist with issuing Building Permits.

c. Clerk's Report: Clerk Lisa Hammond reported that it has been assisting with communication with residents and Rusty Lawrence the temporary Code Officer. Hammond stated that the Village taxes are closed out at 83.5 percent collected and will be finalizing paperwork in the next few days. AIM check was received in the amount of \$4,676.00, similar to last year's payment. Hammond noted for the record that Corning paid the current sewer bill, but is still behind on past payments. Clerk Hammond and Becky Donnelly have reached out to the contractor that Corning uses for payments.

After a brief discussion it was approved for Clerk Hammond to hang a camera sign at the playground.

Clerk Hammond reported that National Grid will be taking down a tree at the Barr residence, 12 Heuvelton Street because of hazards to the power lines, Grid will be leaving the wood behind. The tree at LaQuiers, 653 Front Street location can be taken down by Grid but LaQuier did not want it done at this time.

The Village board stated for the record that the LaQuier has been a discussion for the past few years, noting the hazard to power lines.

Clerk Hammond also noted that she spoke with National Grid about pole relocations along South State Street, toward Cemetery and will follow up on the matter.

Motion: Samantha Booth Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: unanimous

d. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Michael Hammond stated that he received a request for a letter of support from North Star Health Alliance in support of the application for an ambulance service in the area. Hammond suggested to the board to hold back until he finds out what other municipalities are doing with the request. Hammond noted he will continue to report

on matters throughout the agenda.

Motion: Samantha Booth

Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

e. Committee Reports:

Trees - Discussed in Clerk Lisa Hammonds report

Playground: Clerk Lisa Hammond reported that she contacted both gentlemen that showed interest in erecting the playground equipment recently purchased. Troy Trombley responded that he will be coming to Village to give an estimate.

Committee reports approved by motion of:

Motion: Connie McAllister

Seconded: Charles Fifield Vote: Unanimous

6. New Business:

- a. Cement Estimate: Tabled estimate for Playground cement - Mayor Michael Hammond would like to see another estimate.
- b. Dump Estimate on cleaning of debit at the dump. Cleaning it up and pilling it will allow the Fire Department to have a controlled burn of the branches and limbs. Clerk Lisa Hammond got a quote of \$2,500.00 from M&M Contracting. Clerk Hammond called the Town of Canton on two occasions and has not received a return phone call. Approval to hire M&M Contracting to clean up the dump.

Motion: Charles Fifield

Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

7. Updates:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE VILLAGE BOARD

Richard Martin Jr. was present and voiced concerns about a possible new build going in across the road from him and questioned fence lines. Discussion was held and the Board suggested that Martin hold on until the new Code Enforcement Officer is employed and then Martin can hold this discussion with said Officer. Both Mayor Hammond and Richard Martin noted that Russell Lawrence has been contacted about the fence questions and wood being cut on or near the Villages paper street at the East Street location. Martin openly noted that he has

verbalized to neighbor to be David Hartman about his concerns.

6:34 p.m. motion to go into executive session for the purpose of personnel Code Enforcement Officer

6:45 p.m. motion to come out of executive session

6:46 p.m. Closed Regular Monthly Board Meeting no action taken:

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Samantha Booth Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond, Village Clerk