

VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2024
6:00 P.M. Regular Monthly Meeting

Present: Mayor Michael Hammond,, Trustee Connie McAllister, Trustee Samantha Booth Village Clerk Lisa Hammond, Nick and Shirley Calton, Bob Poor and Ralph Hammond

Absence: Attorney Henry Leader, Deputy Mayor Charles Fifield, Trustee Jolene LaSiege, and Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance
2. Appropriations: Sewer and General

Bills were audited by Trustees Samanth Booth and Connie McAllister

Trustee Booth questioned Michael Wainwright's check from the Sewer account for \$100.00. Clerk Lisa Hammond stated that he pulled weeds at the sewer plant. Wainwright mows and is paid out of the General Fund for that.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Samantha Booth Vote: unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of August 12, 2024 were approved

Motion: Samantha Booth Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

5. Reports: Departments and Committees

- a. Sewer Report: Mark Basford was not in attendance and did not send a written report.

28 ½ Hours reported by Basford for and 34 Hours reported for Jared Murray for the Month of August.

- b. Code Enforcement Report: Rusty Lawrence continues to assist with issuing Building Permits. Clerk Lisa Hammond noted that Lawrence assisted in the Fireworks permit for the Falls Festival.

- 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 worked with the camera guys. Ongoing Library board meetings on the upcoming project. SLIC paperwork has been forwarded on to the Attorney Leader. SLIC is suing the Town of Canton over rake heights on the fiber bills.

Motion: Samantha Booth Seconded: Connie McAllister Vote: unanimous

d. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Michael Hammond noted that the Mayor's dinner was canceled. The Festival Committee has a meeting after the Village board meeting.

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Samanth Booth Vote: unanimous

e. Committee Reports:

Trees - Mayor Michael Hammond noted that TTS has taken down the tree on the corner of King Street and CR 15. Again happy with the work.

Committee reports approved by motion of:

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Samantha Booth Vote: Unanimous

6. New Business: None

7. Updates:

a. ½ Basketball Court/Pickleball Court/Playground Equipment:

Mayor Michael Hammond noted that Proline Striping did the lines at the court. Still waiting on an estimate from Jay Meashaw on cement work.

Trustee Connie McAllister will continue to work together in finishing up the project. McAllister would like to see the existing dirt leveled out, put a fence up

and maybe put a hold on the cement work for now. Clerk Hammond to reach out to the contractors and have them come look at the equipment that has been received and possibly also put up the basketball net. Town of Canton helped unload the new piece of equipment. Mayor Michael Hammond noted that fencing will be the next big thing.

b. Library/Community Center/ Open House/ CFA Grant Submission

Discussion was held on what the Village allocated \$12,500.00 for the project. Mayor Michael Hammond asked if we received a deposit from the Canton Library Branch yet. Clerk Lisa Hammond stated not at this time. Clerk Hammond will call Emily from Canton Library and have her check into it.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE VILLAGE BOARD

A brief discussion was held on disposing of an old computer and cameras. Trustee Booth requested that they be disposed of at the E-Waste, located in Canton. Clerk Lisa Hammond will take them to that location. After a brief discussion on posting a “your on camera sign” Trustee Samantha Booth suggested that we consult with Attorney Henry Leader before doing so.

Board meeting will be held on October 7th, 2024 due to the 14th being a holiday.

6:24 p.m. motion to go into executive session for the purpose of personnel

6:40 p.m. motion to come out of executive session

6:41 p.m. Closed Regular Monthly Board Meeting no action taken:

Motion: Connie McAllister

Seconded: Samantha Booth

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond, Village Clerk