

# VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

## MONTH: January

Meeting Date: January 11, 2024      Start Time: 6:00 pm      End Time: 8:15 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** THE Village of Rushville Council was called into Regular Session by, Councilman Matt Schweitzer at the Municipal Building.

**Oath of Office-** Mayor John Burge, by Matt Schweitzer

**Oath of Office-** Council members Jennifer Henery and Steve Lewis by Mayor Burge

**Election of President Pro Tem-** Steve I nominated Jennifer Henery, and Kate seconded. Jennifer Henery was elected

### Roll Call

Council Members	Present	Employees	Present
John Burge, Mayor	Yes	Cindy Lewis	Yes
Jennifer Henery	Yes	Jon Browning	Yes
Kate Poston	Yes	Dave Traub	Yes
Matt Schweitzer	Yes		
Ken Dean	Yes		
Steve Lewis	Yes		
Steve June	Yes		

**Welcome Visitors:** John Smith, 3056 Bremen Ave; Mr. Smith was concerned about the increase of his utility bill. Mayor Burge explained about the trash billing being added and the fact that it wasn't set up as a line item on the bill.

**Al Dolezal-** Representative from RITA. Mr. Dolezal presented the advantage of 1% income tax (earned income only) and the advantages that RITA can provide with the collection of taxes and other services. John referred this to the Finance Committee to bring a recommendation back to Council.

**Approve Minutes:** Steve L moved, and Matt seconded, to approve the December minutes. Motion passed.

**Village Administrators Report:** Dave reported that they used 47 pumps by end of December. He said that he, Matt, and Bill are working on all of the emergency shut offs. New fire extinguishers have been installed. Dave said the stop sign and post were stolen from the alley

between the church and Charlotte Beyers house Friday night. He recommended putting it in concrete when we replace it. He said that we need the updated Workers Comp certificate. Cindy said she has it and will get it to him. He said that there was a power outage at the pump station Tuesday. AEP came out to assess the problem. Walsh came out to fix it, and Wednesday AEP came back to turn on the power. Dave pointed out that the lighting in the Council room was getting worse. He said it was basically hanging by the wires, so he has begun to rewire and repair it. Also, there is a roof leak, which will require a bundle of shingles to repair. He has installed new lights in the shop. He has ordered tamper tags, which they will install on all of the sewer electrical boxes. They will check the tanks at the same time. Cindy said that Dave has put up shelving in the storage area and gotten all the boxes up there so that you can see what's in them. This will be a great help for the Municipal Records committee.

Matt asked about the grant for a generator given the recent power outages. John said that Kate is meeting with Tony Vogel, and he is meeting with an engineer. Jamie has taken over for Joan Waugh, and he says there is a grant with a deadline of January 17. Dave has information regarding portable generators in the meantime.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Winegardner Chapel Update -Jon- Earlier in the week he spoke with Rebecca Anderson, the manager of the auction house. She had a number of questions, and they have not been able to connect. They will get together tomorrow at 10:00. Some of the things to sort out are when do we want to have the sale. Jon said it's probably best to have the auctioneer tell us what is best. Steve L asked if he could bring it all back to the next meeting, and Jon said yes.

Trash Collection – John said that we understand what the problem was and hopefully have a solution for next month. Steve said that there are several people who should not be billed for trash, as they take it elsewhere. They have been removed.

2024 Committees- John - List of Committees and Members Attached

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Contract for on-call Engineering Services- Jon said that the Ordinance is not ready to be passed. John called for a Special Meeting, Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM to pass the Ordinance.

Cibra Solutions- John said that they are modifying a waste facility on Quarry Rd. They will be accepting lithium ion batteries. Anyone concerned, they have 60 days to respond to EPA.

General Fund- Cindy said that the \$20,000 CD was counted in the unencumbered funds, which usually we didn't spend that much money out of General Fund. In 2023, we did, and we are in need of the CD money. She presented an Ordinance Authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to close the CD and deposit the funds into the General Fund. Kate moved, and Jennifer seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

Sewer Billing issues- John presented three residences that have not been being billed for sewer. One property since 2015, with a back due of \$2700. At the end, it was decided to forgive back billing and start the billing. John said that we have to develop a policy for the future.

Executive Session- Steve L moved, and Jennifer seconded, to enter Executive Session at 8:15PM. Matt was excused. The subject of the session was the Town Hall. Jennifer, moved, and Steve J seconded, to exit Executive Session. Motion passed at 8:55.

Pay Bills: Ken moved, and Jennifer seconded, to pay any and all bills. Motion passed.

Adjourn: Steve L moved, and Jennifer seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Signed by:

  
John Burge, Mayor

  
Cindy Lewis, Clerk Treasurer

## Rushville Ohio Committees for 2024

- Each council member must be on at least two committees.
- It is highly encouraged that village citizens be on committees but must be a non-compensated role.
- All meetings must be announced to the public <sup>at least 24 hrs prior</sup> a week prior.
- Minutes must be kept and posted within a week after.

### Finance

Oversee the village budget and expenditures  
Fiscal Officer – Steve Lewis  
Ken Dean

### Public Works

Streets, Water, Sewer, Sidewalks, Alleys, etc.  
Village Administrator – Dave Traup  
Jennifer Henery

### Planning Commission

Controls the structure and location of buildings and creates zones of varying uses. Develops village plans for future growth and improvement.

Chair – Jennifer Henery  
Steve June

### Municipal Records Commission

Determine rules for retention and disposal of records.

Mayor – John Burge  
Village Clerk – Cindy Lewis  
Village Solicitor – Jon Browning  
Ken Dean

### Emergency Preparedness

Develops plans for extreme village calamities. Works with local fire and police, and county agencies to assist citizens.

Chair – Steve June  
Matt Schweitzer

### Communications

Public notices and postings, announcements, public relations.

Chair – Matt Schweitzer  
Steve Lewis

### Historical Committee

Chair – Matt Schweitzer  
Kate Poston

### Grants

Chair – Kate Poston  
Jennifer Henery