

VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

MONTH: November

Meeting Date: Nov. 9, 2023 Start Time: 6:00 PM End Time: 8:07 PM

CALL TO ORDER: THE Village of Rushville Council was called into Regular Session by Mayor John Burge at the Town Hall.

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

Welcome Visitors: Jessica Ash, 3370 Market St said that their sewer tank wasn't working, and sewage went into the yard. He said that maintenance came and fixed it. At some point, it backed up into the house. They had a plumber out resulting in a plumbing bill that they are hoping the Village can help with. John asked Bill if he had knowledge of the situation. Bill said that he would need to review the call reports. John said that the reports would be reviewed, and he will get back to them. Until the reports are reviewed, he can't say whether we can or can't help.

Steve introduced Corey Buttrick from Rumpke, our trash company. He said that Corey was in the area and stopped in to talk about the contract. Corey presented an addendum to the contract and ending in 2026. Steve asked, just to clarify, that the Village would take over the billing; the pricing is only being offered to people within the village limits, and there are approximately 105 households. Corey said that he would need something from the Village by December 1. Cindy said that would require a special meeting. Corey said that after the meeting on the 14th would be fine. John pointed out that since the Village is doing the billing, there would be a new line item on the bills. Cindy said that we would need to do a mailing. She has already talked to the billing software person, and he said it is already a line item in the billing system. We

just need a listing from Rumpke so that we can add it to those bills. Steve said that he check what residents in Pleasantville are paying- \$16.50 a month.

Approve Last Month Minutes: Steve moved, and Ken seconded, to approve the October meeting minutes. Motion passed

Election Results- John congratulated those that were reelected. It's a good vote of confidence.

Village Administrators Report: Bill reported that the cost of new pumps is now less than the cost of rewinding the old pumps, so we will be ordering new pumps. Bill said that at some point, we went from flapper valves to ball valves, and they are causing problems. Steve said that flapper valves will be arriving Monday. Flapper valves were originally what was specified in the original installation. Leaf pickup will be on Monday, November 20. Everyone will need to have their leaves on the street by then. Bill and Matt will push them into large piles in several locations. Bill has a quote from Lawn Service to vacuum up the leaves and remove them from the Village. John said that the cost is worth it because it reduces the time that our guys have to deal with them and removes any liability from dumping. Cindy said that she will get a flyer out. Bill & Matt have contacted Kleem Sign Co. regarding the snow signage and additional stop signs. Cindy said that we will need to get this done so that we can submit to PEP for the \$1,000 grant.

New Village Administrator- John introduced Dave Traub. John said that he & Steve went through a rigorous interview and then Dave met with Bill and Matt. The four of us agreed that Dave will be an awesome Village Administrator. John gave a summary of Dave's past experience. John said that as he understands, we pass an Ordinance to appoint Dave. Jon confirmed. **Village Administrator Ordinance-** Ordinance 32-2023 An Ordinance Authorizing the Appointment of Dave Traub as Village of Administrator, Repealing Ordinance 3-2023, and Declaring an Emergency. Matt moved, and Jennifer second, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Jennifer moved, and Matt seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Streets, Speeders, Rumble Strips, ATV's, Golf Carts

Jennifer said that the Sheriff's Department will be doing increased runs through the Village. She told them about the speeding kids and suggested that they give them a warning. They said that it will depend on how fast they are going. If excessive, it will be an arrest, and they will impound the vehicle. Jennifer will be meeting with Jeremiah Upp, County Engineer, regarding the rumble strips. They have no objection to rumble strips, but he wants to see where we would be putting them. She said that we need to get the word out to parents regarding the kids riding bikes and skating in the middle of the road. She has spoken with ODNR regarding the increased bobcat population. ODNR is asking anyone who spots them to take a picture, if it's safe, and call 1-800- wildlife.

Historical Committee- Matt said that he and Kate have discussed the church. Given our situation, and that we are hoping to renovate this building, it makes sense to sell the chapel, as long as we put a reserve of maybe \$15,000. John suggested \$30,000 as the windows alone are probably worth that. Also, put in a deed restriction that the building not be demolished. John asked if we could put a time frame for beginning restoration. Kate said that a deed restriction requiring outside renovations be approved by Village Council could be added. Matt said that if we auction the building, any proceeds should be used for other historical projects. Kate and Matt will meet with an auctioneer. Jon said that we will need an Ordinance authorizing the auction of the building.

Pump Station- Steve said that Ben finally got the parts to install the two new pumps. He is planning to get the pumps in so that we can contact Gary for the updates to the electronics. Steve said that the new pumps are so efficient that they will possibly reduce electricity use by half. These pumps are also completely rebuildable. There will be a contract with Ben do preventive maintenance. John said that he talked with Joan Waugh, and she said that the second round of grants for generators hasn't happened yet. She said that the EPA is holding back because all of the last grants depleted supplies.

Water Rates Ordinance- An Ordinance to Establish Water and Water Debt Rates and to Abolish Ordinance 15-2021. Second reading.

Sewer Rates Ordinance- An Ordinance to Establish Sewer Rates and to abolish Ordinance 10-2022. Second reading.

1% Income Tax- Discussion of the impact. John said that we can do this without a vote. If people don't understand the implications, they will definitely vote against it. The money raised could be used for water and sewer and hopefully reduce rate increases. John has asked for a study to show how much could be raised with the tax, but he hasn't heard back. Kate said that Bremen gets hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants. We get nothing. Jennifer said that we have been trying to get there, and we need to find someone to do this.

Pay Rates Ordinance- An Ordinance Creating Pay Rates for Hourly Employees in The Village of Rushville for 2024 and Declaring an Emergency. Second reading.

Town Hall- Jon sent the Masons an outline of what the lease would look like. We have not heard back.

New Business:

2024 Committees- Jon said that we have an Administrative meeting the first Tuesday of January. Cindy said that we have done it before the Regular meeting in January, which in our case is a Thursday. John asked if we could come to a consensus regarding committees at the December meeting and publish it the first Tuesday in January. Jon said that we have to have a meeting. John said that we could move our meeting from the 11th to the 9th.

2024 Budget Ordinance- 33-2023 An Ordinance Adopting and Approving the 2024 Budget and Appropriations for the Village of Rushville. Jennifer moved, and Steve seconded, to pass the ordinance. Motion passed.

Street Light at SR 664 and Main St.- Steve said that Walsh Brothers came out to do an estimate for the replacement. They condemned the wiring.

The estimate is about \$3,000, including wiring, conjunction box, and a \$600 fee from the County. Cindy talked with Local Government Services, and they said this could be funded with the Permissive Tax fund. 31-2023 An Ordinance to Amend Appropriations for the Permissive Tax Fund (2101) Dated December 2022. Matt moved, and Jennifer seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

Council Seat Vacancy- Jennifer said that Steve June is interested. He is moving from night shift to day shift, but he couldn't be here tonight.

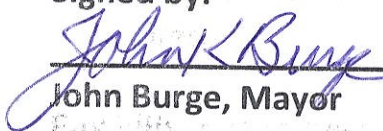
Lancaster Fairfield Transit- Cindy presented a letter asking for funding. She pointed out that our residents' usage has declined over the last few years. Council opted not to fund.

Trustees/Council Joint Meeting with Jeff Fix regarding the County Land Usage Plan- Jennifer had the following dates that Jeff Fix is available- 11/28, 12/13, and 12/28. Please let her know what date would work best.

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

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

Signed by:



John Burge, Mayor



Cindy Lewis, Clerk Treasurer