

VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
MONTH: March

Meeting Date: March 14,2024 Start Time: 6:00 PM End Time: 7: 25 PM

CALL TO ORDER: THE Village of Rushville Council was called into Regular Session by, President Pro Tem, Jennifer Henery at the Municipal Building.

Roll Call

Council Members	Present	Employees	Present
John Burge, Mayor	No	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:

Larry Watson of Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate, Big Hill Brokerage
Larry said that this will be a simple auction, selling as is. He said that you never know what might happen but there is probably a small percentage of people who will be interested. He said that there will be some advertising cost with the Town Crier. He will put in on MLS and social media. If someone wants an inspection, that will be at their expense. He said he could do a couple of open houses. He said that any other showings would be through his office, and they use a showing service. Jon asked if the reserve of \$12,500 would be publicly known. Larry said that he would encourage that. Jon asked about the costs to the Village for the sale. Larry outlined all of the expenses. There was discussion about the weeks until auction in the Ordinance due to advertising requirement of five weeks. There will have to be a correction to the Ordinance for the change. Steve L suggested that we have a special meeting on Monday, March 18 at 5:00. Everyone but Kate can attend. Larry asked if we would accept offers outside of the auction. He recommended that we not as if the offer doesn't go through you have to start over. It was decided auction only.

APPROVE MINUTES

January Special Meeting Minutes- Steve L moved, and Kate seconded, to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

February Regular Meeting Minutes- Kate moved, and Steve L seconded, to approve the minutes. Motion Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Affairs- Dave reported that they have installed 5 more pumps. ODOT came to help with the blinking light at Main and 664. He is working with Bremen on the water metrics. He has

installed lights in the shop, council chamber, and office. He has the plexiglass ready to install over the maps. He has contacted Aaron Root for an estimate for doing water taps.

Finance- Steve L. said that we are on budget. He will have quarterly reports in April.

Historical- Matt presented a Village seal designed by a graphic designer. The cost is \$300, and it will be available in several formats. He asked about the Ordinance Authorizing the sale of the church. Jon said that Larry Watson, the auctioneer, would be here in a few minutes.

Emergency Response- Steve June said that they are now meeting once a month. He suggested T shirts or vests with logo for emergency workers. They are waiting on word from the fire department regarding on a tanker for water hauling and walkie talkies

Grants- Kate said there is no news yet on the big grants. There is a grant application due April 12 which is from Fairfield County for \$500,000 for smaller villages.

Municipal Records- Steve June said that the Sunshine Laws course is now open again on line. He will forward to everyone.

Communications- Matt said that he has asked Mike Qualls for a quote for a bigger, sturdier Village sign. He said that he would install it or we can install it. Matt is hoping that we can move it closer to the road so it's more visible. Steve L suggested that we ask for a discount. Matt is looking at several boards that we could put between the benches on Main St. We would be able to post all sorts of things there. He found one that he sent to Dave.

Planning Commission- Jennifer said she attended the Regional Planning Committee meeting last Tuesday. They voted to pass the Land Use Plan. She said that the first map which had a lot of development on farm land has had a lot of that scaled back. That was in Greenfield and Liberty townships.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken said that he has gotten involved with a group- Revive Ohio- that holds rallies in towns and villages in Ohio. It is Christian based. He wondered if Rushville would be interested. They typically meet with the Mayor and a few other people to inform them what would be happening. He said they would have to contact Pastor Uhl to see if he would be willing since they typically meet in a church. Steve asked why the village would need to be involved. It seems that they should start with Pastor Uhl. Ken said they like to meet with the Mayor and explain what they are doing. It was recommended that he give John's contact information to the group.

Jon said that he has reached out to the Sheriff's office regarding the unlicensed vehicles on the streets. They have been involved in some area enforcements, but they will get back to him.

Ordinance 4-2024 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator Not to be a Resident of the Village of Rushville, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency. Kate moved, and Matt seconded to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Ken moved, and Steve L seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

Ordinance 5-2024 An Ordinance Adopting and Approving the 2024 Permanent Appropriations for the Village of Rushville. Kate moved, and Steve L seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

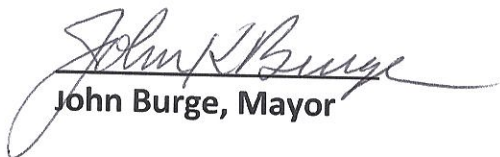
EXECUTIVE SESSION

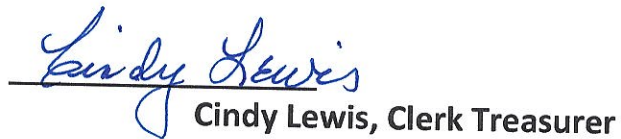
Ken moved, and Steve L seconded, to go into executive session. Roll call vote: Jennifer, yes; Kate, yes; Ken, yes; Matt- excused; Steve J, yes; Steve L, yes. Motion passed at 7:00 PM
The subject of session is the building at Main & 664. Ken moved, and Steve L seconded, to exit executive session. Roll call vote: Jennifer, yes; Kate, yes; Ken, yes; Steve J, yes; Steve L, yes. Motion passed at 7:17 PM.

PAY BILLS: Steve L moved, and Steve J seconded, to pay any and all bills. Motion passed.

ADJOURN: Steve L moved, and Ken seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Signed by:


John Burge, Mayor


Cindy Lewis, Clerk Treasurer