

VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
MONTH: December

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022 Start Time:6:00 PM End Time: 7:30 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	Dave Traub	Yes
Matt Schweitzer	Yes		
Ken Dean	Yes		
Steve Lewis	Yes		
Steve June	Yes		

Appointment of Steve June to fill Vacant Council Seat. John appointed Steve June and the Oath of Office was Administered.

Welcome Visitors: No visitors attending

Approve Minutes: Steve L moved, and Jennifer seconded, to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Motion passed.

Village Administrators Report: Dave said that Bill was kind enough to help him with this for his first time. The pump count for the year is 43. Regarding the leaf pick up, Caleb told Bill that it went very well and thanked the Village. John said that it was less money than we had thought. Steve L said that we estimated \$800, and it was \$600. Dave said that they are working on getting the signs up. They still have 12 stop signs to put up. He said that they are getting a handle on the overgrowth at the lagoons, and they are looking good. They have the salt spreader and the snow plow ready to go. He has ideas for the pump station. He wants to scrape and paint the floors. He wants to put drains around to divert the water from the building, and then it needs to be caulked outside. He has an idea for repairing the drive, which will be next Spring. It involves geocell on the bottom which is filled with gravel. He asked about the Visa card that is in Ned's name. Cindy said it's on the agenda to replace.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trash Contract Addendum- Steve L said that it has been finalized. Dave just needs to sign it and we get it to Bremen to be added to the billing. John asked about the customer that has been on trash with Rumpke but hasn't been paying sewer. Steve L said he would have the

totals to John by Monday. Jon asked if there was an Ordinance for the trash contract. It is an addendum to the 2021 Trash Ordinance. Jon asked about the dollar amount of the contract, and Cindy said it is way below the \$75,000 limit.

Water Rates Ordinance- An Ordinance to Establish Water and Water Debt Rates and to Abolish Ordinance 15-2021. Third Reading. Jennifer moved, and Steve L seconded to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed with one nay by Kate.

Sewer Rates Ordinance- An Ordinance to Establish Sewer Rates and to Repeal Ordinance 10-2022. Third Reading. Jennifer moved, and Steve L seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed with one nay by Kate.

Pay Rates Ordinance- An Ordinance Creating Pay Rates for Hourly Employees in the Village of Rushville, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Steve L moved, and Kate seconded, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Matt moved, and Jennifer seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

Fairfield County Community Action- John is sending some information to Matt to post on the website and Facebook. They have a grant for water and sewer systems impacted by Covid 19. Residents can apply and get help with these bills. Cindy said that there is still money available as she has two customers that are getting assistance now.

Historical Committee- Auction of Winegardner Chapel- Kate said that she & Matt met with a Broker from Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Big Hill. Jon said that it has to be advertised for five weeks in a newspaper of local circulation. Matt said that would be the Towne Crier. Matt asked if it would be worthwhile to advertise in the Eagle Gazette. Cindy said it would be very expensive. It was \$600 for the Village Administrator ad for two weeks. The broker recommended a reserve of \$12,500. It would be a live auction. John asked Dave to fix the front door so that a combination lock can be used for those who want to view the building. Jon will take the information from Kate and Matt and write an Ordinance for the January meeting.

Town Hall- Jon said that he has not heard from the Mason's attorney. Cindy said that she has a serious financial concern for the Village. Without ownership, there is no liability insurance. Jon clarified that if someone was injured, the Village would be liable with no insurance to comer. John said that this would be the final meeting in the building until this is resolved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Temporary Appropriations- An Ordinance Adopting and Approving 2024 Temporary Appropriations for the Village of Rushville. Cindy said that this is necessary to pay the bills for the first quarter 2024. Jennifer moved, and Steve L. seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

Credit Card- Cindy said that she needs Council approval to cancel the credit card in Ned Mathias's name and issue one in Dave Traub's name. Council approved.

Committees for 2024- Matt asked if anyone can sit in on the committee meetings if they aren't on the committee. John said yes because committees can only make recommendations to Council.

Finance- John asked Steve to stay on it. Ken and Jennifer volunteered.

Water Sewer- John, Dave, Bill, & Matt. Kate said that she would do that

Planning Commission- To look at zoning and how we are going to fit in with what the Township wants to do. Jennifer and Matt

Paperwork- Review all of the paperwork in the office and determine what can be disposed of. Mayor, Clerk, Solicitor,

Emergency Preparedness

Historical Committee—Kate & Matt

Grants- John said he found out that the county can help us with this. Matt & Kate

John said that it would be good to have an engineering form available as we might need them, and they might know of other grants that are available. Matt asked if Joan Waugh was going to submit the generator grant in December. John said she let him know that the EPA is not going to do that at this time. They have awarded so many grants that the generators are not available.

School Septic System- John talked to the superintendent, and they are not going to be able to make the changes that they wanted to. We still have the excess in their debt fund if needed for grinder pumps.

CD Renewal- Cindy said that the Water Debt CD at VCNB was renewing at an interest rate of 1.49%. We have the option to rewrite at 5% for twelve months. This requires no approval or minutes. She and Jennifer will go to the bank tomorrow and start the new CD. The paperwork is ready.

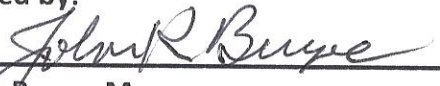
Township Meeting- John, Jennifer, Matt & Kate attended. The meeting was in regards to plans for what townships and villages want to do in anticipation of the growth in this area. The plan is to move potential developers to areas that already have water and sewer systems. John said that there is a lot of concern regarding solar farms. John has contacted Tony Vogel regarding questions regarding sewer. They are going to meet after the first of the year. Matt asked about the Bremen water contract. Steve L said that in 2024 we will get the 3% increase, but the contract runs out at the end of 2024. We will have to negotiate a new contract in 2024.

Executive Session- Ken moved, and Steve seconded, to go into Executive Session. Motion passed at 7:14 PM. The subject is a resident with special needs. Ken moved, and Kate seconded, to exit Executive Session. Motion passed at 7:18 PM.

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

Adjourn: Ken moved, and Kate seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Signed by:



John Burge, Mayor



Cindy Lewis, Clerk Treasurer