

THE VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE COUNCIL MEETING MONTH: March

Meeting Date: March 9, 2023 Time Start: 6:02 PM End Time: 7:42 PM

Council Members	Present	Employees	Present
Paul Norby, Mayor	Yes	Cindy Lewis	Yes
Lillian Roderick	Yes	Jon Browning	Yes
Jennifer Henery	Yes	Bill Myers	Yes
Kate Poston	Yes		
Ken Dean	Yes	Village Historian	
John Burge	Yes	Matt Schweitzer	Yes
Steve Lewis	Yes		

WELCOME VISITORS- Michael Waits, Village of West Rushville with questions regarding the recent sewer rate increase. Steve Lewis, Chairman of Finance Committee, explained the history of the Sewer Fund and the necessity of the large increase to keep the fund solvent. He reviewed the issue of no preventive maintenance, failure to raise rates in the past, the incredible increase in cost of supplies and labor. Mr. Waits also said that he has heard about buying a generator for the lagoons and wondered about the necessity of that. Steve said that the generator is for the pump station. Mike Oldaker, Lot 18 with questions regarding the double billing of his water bill. Mike Daubenmire is no longer an owner, so that bill will be removed from the system. Mr. Oldaker also said that every time it rains, the sewer tank overflows. Paul asked why that would be. He said that because the water runs off the hill. Paul said that Bill will take a look at the sewer issue and see if there is a solution.

MINUTES- Jennifer moved, and Steve seconded, to approve the February 9 Regular meeting minutes. Motion passed. John moved, and Steve seconded, to approve the February 16 Special Meeting minutes. Motion passed. Jennifer moved, and Steve seconded, to approve the February 29 Special Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS-

Ordinance outlining new tap fees- Kate and Ken are working with a spreadsheet to determine the new costs.

Mason Building- Steve said he and Matt had a conversation, and the Masons are on board. Steve is working with Jon to get the documentation put together. Matt said that the Masons would like an Ordinance outlining the use of the first floor to protect any investment they make in the renovations.

Generator- Steve said that he is interacting with BJ, but no solid conversation.

Billing Update- Cindy said she isn't pushing because she doesn't want to aggravate the programmers.

Church/Community Center- Paul asked for approval to purchase a drone (\$85) so that an aerial survey of the roof so that an accurate quote for roof replacement can be obtained. Bill approved, and Paul will get the information to Cindy.

New Truck Purchase- Steve said that he sent the Ordinance to the dealer, and the truck has been ordered. Not ETA on delivery yet.

Pump Station Repairs- Steve said that Ben has ordered the parts to repair the meter. It looks like it just melted inside. Steve said that he asked that we get the new pump down there because we need to replace Pump 1 ASAP. He will rebuild it, and then replace Pump 2. He will rebuild Pump 2 as our back up. Paul asked if we can get a price for a new pump.

Burge Residence- Steve said that he talked with John Kirkbride and Nathan. Their plan is to do water testing directly out of the water that is filling up tomorrow when it is raining. Their position at this point is that there is no fecal matter in that water. Steve said that Kirkbride was doing a phenomenal job of get us back online at the middle school. He now has a fulltime licensed electrician.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul said that Council needs to approve Lillian as an additional signer on the Village primary checking account in case of his absence. Kate moved, and Steve seconded, to add Lillian as a signer on account number 800126917. Cindy said that she will give her a copy of the minutes to take to Alyssa at Bremen Bank and call her when Lillian is going to the bank.

School Sewer Systems- Paul and Steve reviewed the recent expenses in addition to the ones in the Fall. There needs to be a pathway forward to install a grinder due to the "garbage" that is getting into the tanks, primarily at the middle school. Also need to determine where storm water is getting into that system and have school make changes to eliminate it. Cindy said that somewhere in the past, the schools were charged more for water debt retirement than was needed for the loan payments. There is about \$30,000 in excess funds in the debt fund. By Ordinance, this could be moved to an Operating fund for the schools.

Resolution 1-2023- Adopting Fairfield County Hazards Mitigation Plan and Replacing Resolution 4-2022. Jennifer moved, and John seconded, to pass the Resolution. Motion passed.

Ordinance 9-2023- An Ordinance Adopting and Approving the 2023 Permanent Appropriations. Ken moved, and Lilly seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

Ordinance 10-2023- An Ordinance to Amend Appropriations for the Coronavirus Relief Fund (2151) for Year 2023. Lilly moved, and Ken seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

Jon said that today he spent the day with the US EPA because they did an unannounced inspection of a sewer treatment plant in a little community, and they didn't like what they found. They have to fix it or be fined \$57,000 a day. The community has been trying for two years to get their treatment plant up and running. Because of delays due to COVID and parts and contractors it hasn't happened. In respect to the gentleman who was here with affluent in his yard, it is very important that we keep our infrastructure working.

Historical Committee- Matt reported that the installation/dedication of the new marker will be Saturday, April 29, at 11:00 AM. It will go in front of the Mason/Town Hall. It will be publicized, and Matt will notify the Pomeroy Foundation. Regarding the Ohio Historical Marker, he is working on additional documentation. It is probably six months away. The committee also discussed taking the corporate limit signs and the village signs down and having them repainted.

Revision of Sewer Tanks- Paul presented a plan to move the J Boxes to the top of the lid out of the water. Discussion followed. Will need to be worked on in the shop to see if feasible.

PAY BILLS- Steve moved, and Ken seconded, to pay any and all bills. Motion passed.

ADJOURN- John moved, and Jennifer seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Signed by:

Paul Norby, Mayor

Cindy Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer