

**VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
MONTH: June**

Meeting Date: June 13, 2022

Start Time: 6:33 PM

End Time: 8:07 PM

Council Members	Present	Employees	Present
Paul Norby	YES	Cindy Lewis	YES
Lillian Roderick	NO	Jon Browning	NO
Jennifer Henery	YES		
Kate Poston	YES		
Ken Dean	YES		
John Burge	YES		
Steve Lewis	YES		

CALL TO ORDER: The Village of Rushville Council was called into Regular Session by Mayor Paul Norby at the Town Hall.

WELCOME VISITORS- The Mayor opened up the floor for discussion and concerns regarding the Property Maintenance Ordinance. Tom McCafferty said that he and Sarah are interested in the Agenda Item of the Property Maintenance Ordinance. Charlotte Beyers said that she is also concerned because she lives next door to one of the worst properties in the Village and wants to know how this would affect that. She also expressed concern about the dead trees at 8632 Main and trees that need to be trimmed from the sidewalks. Steve explained that the Ordinance will require a complaint from someone in the Village to initiate action. The complaint will go to the Compliance Committee, as defined in the Ordinance. The committee will evaluate the complaint and then write a letter to the property owner outlining what needs to be done. The owner has 30 days to reply. The owner either says that they agree with the issue and gives a timeframe to resolve the issues. If the owner disagrees and says that they will not comply. At that point, it will go to the appeals board, all the members of Council. If the owner still doesn't comply, the appeals will set a reasonable date for the repairs. If the owner doesn't comply, there will be another letter giving a date for compliance or they will be fined \$100 a day. Steve said that all of this could be done with Ohio Revised Code, but it is really nasty. Paul said that any timeframes that Steve gave were examples. We are looking for a plan. Some issues will take much longer to rectify than others. This is about the 90% who don't have a problem but keep complaining and asking for something to be done. Steve said that he was asked what happens if an owner doesn't have the funds. He said it is written in the Ordinance that the Appeals Board will help them find funds through governmental agencies or churches or other volunteer groups.

MINUTES: Steve moved, and Jennifer seconded, to approve the May minutes with one minor correction. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sunshine Laws Compliance- Cindy said that everyone has completed the course, and she has certificates.

Website- Mayor Norby said that concern was expressed as to the need to sign up for a google account to be able to download documents. Paul said that if we stay with the current structure, the website is up. If we decide to bypass the requirement, we will need to download each document that has been scanned. Jon has advised that we are legal as we are. John suggested that we roll it out and see how many requests we get. Steve said that he is in favor of rolling it out as is, but moving forward to something that is the same as any other town, city or village that he has gone to. Steve moved, and John seconded, to continue the website as is and move any new documents out of google docs. Motion passed.

Church Building- There is nothing new.

Burge Property- The parts have arrived. Paul said that the weather has been an issue, but the project should commence this week.

Ordinance outlining new taps- Not ready yet.

Mason Building- Nothing new at this point. Steve said that he and John will have something next month.

Village Park- Paul said that after this meeting, this will be tabled until next year. We don't have the money to do it, and we have more pressing needs for the money we do have.

Property Maintenance Ordinance- The Ordinance was read for the second time. Steve asked if we can notify people of the website and put a copy on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Village Historian- Paul presented a Resolution appointing Matt Schwietzer as voluntary Village Historian. Jennifer moved, and John seconded, to pass the Resolution. Motion passed.

Paving- Steve said that he talked with Andy Seals regarding a recycled asphalt product, and Andy said it wouldn't work over old asphalt. He suggested several companies to call regarding chip and seal. He suggested that we do all of the repairs, widen the edges, and then do a single or double chip and seal.

Community Yard Sale- Cindy said that with the audit, she didn't get the June date into the water bills. She suggested August.

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

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

Signed by:

Paul Norby, Mayor

Cindy Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer