

THE VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

MONTH: July

Meeting Date: July 11, 2022

Start Time: 6:30 PM

End Time: 8:28 PM

Council Members	Present	Employees:	Present
Paul Norby	YES	Cindy Lewis	YES
Lillian Roderick	YES	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:

Thomas Crapps, 8325 Main St. wanted to speak regarding the Property Maintenance Ordinance. He said that he had misplaced his copy that he had made notes on, but there are several things about this that concern him. Steve explained that some of the wording is common language in Ordinances. Also, Steve said that anything in the Ordinance could be done through Ohio Revised Code, which would greatly add to the expense of dealing with issues. Mr. Crapps said that it seemed as it was written for a specific issue rather than general issues. At the end of the discussion, Mr. Crapps said that he would review another copy and get his concerns to the committee. He also discussed the trees that were to be removed and expressed his approval. He said that when the stumps are out, he will repair the sidewalk. He also presented a proposal of splitting Rushville into wards in order to have smaller groups of people to get together.

Jeff Shull and Michael Tipple were there to discuss the Village's acceptance of Oak Leaf Lane. Jeff presented a plan to vacate the originally platted street and giving a portion of that to Michael so that there is a 50- foot slab at the end for a turn around. Jeff also presented a survey, which he has presented to the County Engineer who has signed on it. Paul said that it might be a good idea for the group to get a better idea of what is there and of course, we will need to send it to Jon. Paul asked Michael his feelings, and he said that as long as this road is accepted, it will be maintained as a Village road. Paul said he doesn't think it will be a long- term thing to accept, but we need to do some due diligence. Ken said that he has a couple of questions as he lives on the street. Ken is continuing the storm drain to the back of his property. He is levelling the property and putting in a culvert so that he isn't mowing on a 45 -degree angle. Eventually, the manhole at that drain will need to be raised.

MINUTES: Jennifer moved, and Steve seconded to approve the June minutes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Church Building- Nothing new

Burge Property- Nothing new

New Tap Ordinance- Nothing new, but we need to move on it by the end of the year.

Grants- Nothing new

Pump Station- Steve said that these repairs will be in the budget for 2023. Cindy said that there will be expenditures this year. We have had a problem with the communication between the pump station and the water tower. The pumps run continuously at times. Ned found, through Ohio Rural Water Association, an engineer that is very knowledgeable. He has repaired what is there, but he is going to install something new because everything in the pump station is antiquated and can't be repaired. There are no parts. He is also going to give us estimates for all of the telemetry. But this piece is now, and she doesn't have any estimates on it yet. Kate asked about the maintenance department and if they define what they have worked on or just turn in hours. Cindy said that they complete a call report for each sewer run with the address, the nature of the repairs, the parts used, and the time spent. Paul said that the biggest thing that will get us in trouble is the water supply. If we don't have water, we are going to be jumping through some incredibly big hoops. All of us will be delivering pickup loads of bottled water.

Lagoons- Cindy said the Finance Committee is working on those expenses as well.

Village Park- Paul said it is coming off of the agenda as we would need two grants to do it, and we don't seem to have a lot of community support. Kate said that she takes her kids to the park in Bremen, and she actually met the woman who takes care of the park. She is a volunteer, and she told her about a grant available for the maintenance. Kate said that it would probably take a person that really wanted to champion a park.

Mason Building- Steve said that he and John are working on it. Steve has a contractor that is working on an overall bid for the work. After that he and John will meet with the Masons.

Home Maintenance Ordinance- Steve said that based on the conversations that we should not do the third reading tonight. If anyone wants to bring anything to us in writing before the next meeting, please do it. We do our due diligence, study it, and revise it if necessary. We do the third reading and pass it in August or we throw it in the trash. John said that he has taken notes on what everyone has said in the past meetings, and he has seen some areas that could be changed to make it better. Steve asked that anyone who has comments, bring them to his office, in writing, and it will be reviewed again.

Paving- Jennifer said that they received two quotes. She and John met last Friday, and they decided that the best quote was \$105,300, and the price is valid until October 31. Steve asked if this included dealing with the overhanging trees and weeds in the cracks, or will we need to do that over and above the paving. Jennifer said that they would do that, but they didn't know if that was in the quote. John will ask them how much more. Steve said if we do that, we can get it within the OPWA loan. Cindy said that we have to pass an Ordinance to apply for the loan. Steve suggested that we call a Special Meeting for the 26th to pass this.

Columbia Gas Line Work- John said that he was helping them locate the sewer and water lines. They have located about 80% of the water lines. John said they asked him to work on the sewer lines. He said all he can do is measure because the lines are all plastic and not marked. John said that they are going to bring in a firm that will do it by ultrasound. John said that during this time they need to be able to contact someone if they hit a line. We don't have anyone working in the afternoon when they are still working. John said he would be happy for them to call him, but he needs numbers to contact one of the guys.

Community Yard Sale- Cindy said that she didn't have time to advertise the date originally set due to the audit. She would like to pick a date that gives time to notify residents and do some advertising. Kate said that a number of people had yard sales on the earlier date that was posted to Facebook. Council agreed to do it next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Health of the Mayor of Rushville- Paul said that he wanted to give an update on his health. He is struggling with hypothyroidism. He sleeps about 10 to 12 hours a day and basically all of one weekend day. He is also missing work. He said he's not of much use at this time, and he would like to take a medical leave of absence. Council said that if he can continue to conduct the meetings, council members will take up the slack.

OUPS Village Application- John said that we are not part of this. This doesn't help with the Columbia Gas situation, but if a resident calls OUPS before digging, we have three choices. We send Ned out to mark what we have; we hire someone to come mark what we have; or we do nothing and hope they don't hit anything. John has the application. It doesn't cost anything to join, but there is a cost if we use it. Council agreed to do the application.

Trees Along Main Street- Paul said that he would like to table this until the next meeting as it's a fairly long discussion. We also need input from Jon. Steve said that he had a long conversation with Jon, and there is no problem. What we have to do is deal with the legacy trees as they aren't any bodies fault. They are not the responsibility of those homeowners. We are going to have to write a Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks Ordinance for going forward.

Open floor for new ideas/pressing matters- Cindy said the we need an Ordinance and contract for the Wastewater Manager, which Frank is willing to do. He only has to come once a week, but it's variable as to how many hours he would spend. She suggested that we

do an hourly contract, and he bills us once a month for the hours. Council agreed that we should pay hourly.

Cindy also said that we are receiving the second half of the ARPA grant next week, and we will need to pass an Ordinance for the amended revenue. She will have it ready for the Special Meeting.

PAY BILLS: Jennifer moved, and Steve seconded, to pay any and all bills.

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

Signed by:

Paul Norby, Mayor

Cindy Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer