

THE VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE COUNCIL MEETING MONTH: December

Meeting Date: December 12, 2022 Start Time: 6:30 PM End Time: 7:05 PM

Council Members	Present	Employees	Present
Paul Norby, Mayor	YES	Cindy Lewis	YES
Lillian Roderick	YES	Jon Browning	NO
Jennifer Henery	YES		
Kate Poston	YES	Village Historian	
Ken Dean	YES	Matt Schweitzer	YES
John Burge	YES		
Steve Lewis	YES		

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

VISITORS: Village employees Matt Larue and Bill Myers said they were just there to see what is going on.

MINUTES: Ken moved, and Jennifer seconded, to approve the November minutes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall/Mason Building- Steve reported that he is completing the final plans with pricing. He and John would like to meet with Matt in January and then with the Mason's board after that. First, we have to work out building ownership before we can move on.

Paving Update- Jennifer said that we are just waiting for OPWC loan information in February.

Columbia Gas- Steve said that he had the last conversation with the Columbia Gas supervisor regarding their paving contractor. He was not happy at all with the paving, and they are not accepting it at this point. Steve said that he has video of some extreme irregularities in the depths of the asphalt. He is going to come back, probably in March due to the weather, and do core samples all over town. He said that it will be right before they walk away from it.

Pump Station Generator- Steve said that we have to start from scratch., and this is a prime reason that Jon has to be at all of our meetings. We did it sort of correctly, but not correctly enough. Our contractor led us to believe when John and I met with him that he could divide it into two sections so that we didn't go astray on the \$50,000 and above issue. If Jon had been here, he would have told us that wouldn't work. So, we need to make a motion tonight to put it out for bid. Jennifer moved, and Ken seconded, to go for bid for

the generator installation. Motion passed. Steve said that per Jon, it would need to be in the Eagle Gazette for two weeks. If we get any bids, we leave them sealed. We then have a meeting to open the bids.

Ned Mathias- Ordinance 20-2022 and repeal Ordinance 19-2022. Ned took the contract to his attorney, and there were some issues that were easily corrected. At the end, the sticking point was that Ned's attorney wants him to have \$2mil Liability. So, we got the quote for \$1mil underlying and \$1mil umbrella. The issue that will take a little longer is that his attorneys don't believe he is an independent contractor. They believe that we are telling him when to come in, when to leave, and what to do when he is here. We have been very careful not to do that. Paul said that there is also some issue regarding OPERS, and that we would have to table it. Cindy said that she didn't see how there could be as the entire reason for doing this a year ago was so that Ned was no longer an OPERS employee. Jennifer moved, and Ken seconded, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Ken moved, and Steve seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Sidewalk and pedestrian safety- Paul said that we will add this to the master planning for 2023.

Water Fund Review- Paul asked Finance Committee to have recommendation completed for the June 2023 monthly Council Meeting.

Ordinance 21-2022- Temporary Appropriations- Appropriations for the First Quarter of 2023. Lillian moved, and Ken seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

Ordinance 22-2022- Adopt Ohio Basic Code per Jon. Paul said that this acknowledges the fact that we are going to abide by and follow Ohio Basic Code. It keeps us from writing a lot of codes. Steve said it is basically the Cliff Notes of Ohio Revised Code applied to smaller entities. Kate asked why we need this. Paul said that the City of Columbus has their own codes. Paul said that we are going to use this—we are not going to write all of our own codes. Kate asked why we have to do this as we already accepted Basic Code. Cindy said it was never done as an Ordinance. It was done as a motion by Council. Steve moved, and Jennifer seconded, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Steve moved, and Jennifer seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Lillian, Jennifer, John, and Steve- Yea. Ken and Kate- Nay. Motion passed.

Billing Software Update- Cindy said that Ned can approve the PO, but she wants to be sure that Council is on board. Reminded them that this will allow residents to pay bills from the website. She will meet with Lydia in January to make the upgrade and update the water and sewer rates.

Historic Marker Ceremony- Matt said that the marker is here, and it's stored in his shed. The Pomeroy Foundation asked that we let them know ahead of time if we are going to have a dedication ceremony. They also recommend that we issue a press release. He thinks we do it in the Spring, publicize it so that we get some people showing up. John asked

where we are going to put it. Matt said he is thinking the easement in front of the Town Hall. The second part of this an Ohio Historical Marker for the Underground Railroad, which he thinks would be great where the garbage can is. He has already submitted the application. He's working with The Friends of Freedom Society who said that this would be perfect for them, and there is a special marker for the Underground Railroad sites. He has approached the Fairfield County Heritage Association who said that there is a grant at the Fairfield County Foundation for this purpose. He talked to Amy Eyman at the Foundation, and she said that if it is approved, she can put in an application and the Historical Association agrees to act as the nonprofit, and they can pay for it out of their funds. Nothing will happen until the beginning until next year, and probably won't be approved until 2024.

Move Meeting Date- Jon requested third Monday so that he can attend all of the meetings. Ken said that any day the third week of the month is a problem for him. It was decided the second Tuesday of the month. Paul asked if everyone could be there by 6:00 so that we could be finished a little earlier. All were agreeable.

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

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

Signed by:

Paul Norby, Mayor

Cindy Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer