

THE VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

MONTH: September

Meeting Date: September 14, 2023 Time Start: 6:00 PM End Time: 7:30 PM

Council Members	Present	Employees	Present
John Burge, Mayor	Yes	Cindy Lewis	Yes
Jennifer Henery	Yes	Jon Browning	Yes
Lillian Roderick	No	Bill Meyers	Yes
Kate Poston	Yes		
Ken Dean	Yes	Village Historian	
Steve Lewis	Yes	Matthew Schweitzer	Yes

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

WELCOME VISITORS: There were no visitors

MINUTES: John asked Cindy if she had made Ken's correction on the second page. She said that she had, but didn't send them out again. Steve moved, and Jennifer seconded, to approve the August Regular Meeting minutes. Motion passed. Jennifer moved, and Steve seconded, to approve the August Special Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Council Seat- Jennifer reported that the opening had been posted on the website and Facebook since September 3 with no responses. John asked Matt if he was willing to fill the opening, and he agreed. Ken moved, and Jennifer seconded, to appoint Matt to the open position. Motion passed. Oath of Office was administered.

OLD BUSINESS:

Schools- John said there is nothing new to report.

Wogan Property Update- John referenced the letter to Rick Collins, owner of the property, and John Wogan, from the Fairfield County Health Department. The letter gives a deadline of September 30 to remove all solid waste material. They told John that it was probably unrealistic that the deadline will be met, but they must see substantial effort to comply. He said that Kyle has been moving his stuff and asked the Marathon if he could dump it there. People have been doing it for years, but no solid waste should be dumped.

Pump Station Update- Steve said that Ben said the old pumps can't be repaired at a reasonable price. The cost of new ones of the same brand is in the range of \$17,000. Ben has recommended pumps costing \$5,000 each to replace the one pump and have the backup pump. He has ordered them. John said that Joan Waugh, the grant writer, told him that

she was one day late for the deadline on the Generator Grant. There is another granting period before the end of the year, and she will get it submitted.

Trash Contract- Steve said that he has contacted Rumpke three times with no response. He is going to try one more time, and then he will contact other large trash companies with the ability to deal with the Village trash. John asked if we will have to go out to bid. Steve said he would like to have information about what pricing we can be expecting, particularly since the Village will be doing the billing. This would indicate whether it would exceed \$50,000 and have to go to bid.

Town Hall and Masons- Jon came down last Tuesday to meet with the Masons. He said it was a productive meeting, but they have not yet made a decision on ownership. He said that they would like to see some sort of feasibility study. Steve said that without ownership, the Village can't expend any funds.

John asked about the roof claim. Matt said that the Masons had received \$20,000 from the insurance to replace the roof. The quote that they have is \$12,000, and they plan to bill the Village for \$6,000. Steve said that the Village doesn't own the building, we will pay nothing, and since the money from the insurance covered the total cost, there is nothing to bill. Jon said that we haven't heard anything from them at this time, so we should wait until we do.

Village Administrator- Bill said that as previously reported, they had put in 29 pumps as of August 24. As of September 13, they have put in 33. He asked about the flushing of hydrants and whose responsibility it is. He asked if it depended upon the Richland Township Fire Levy. Cindy said that when Chief Vandermark attended our meeting, he said that the Fire Department would flush the hydrants the third week of October. The Fire Department has always done it, as far as she knows. John agreed that they said they are going to exercise every other hydrant. John will confirm.

Alley Maintenance Agreement- Ordinance 23-2023 An Ordinance Providing For The Care and Maintenance Of Obstructions Along Streets, Alleys, and Sidewalks Within The Village of Rushville, Establishing a Fine Schedule, and Repealing Conflicting Ordinances. Third reading. Steve moved, and Kate seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rewrite of Concealed Carry Ordinance- Ordinance 24-2023 An Ordinance Prohibiting the Conveyance Onto Village Property of Weapons, Establishing the Right to Carry Firearms Onto Village Property, Repealing All Prior Inconsistent Ordinances, and Declaring an Emergency. Steve moved, and Ken seconded, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Jennifer moved, and Steve seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

Planning Commission Meeting Report- Kate attended the Fairfield County Long Term Planning meeting. She said the attendance was overwhelming and overwhelmingly

negative. She said that if the County adopts the plan, each township can decide to participate or not. She said that Richland Township is not going to adopt the plan.

Snow Ordinance Review- Jennifer and Cindy found the old Snow Removal Ordinance from 1985. It basically requires residents to move their vehicles across the street every other day until snow removal is complete. It included Main St and Market Street. Market Street no longer applies as it is parking on one side only. Cindy said she thinks it would be very difficult to enforce the moving of vehicles. Jennifer said that perhaps we should base it on Snow Level Emergency instead of inches. She and Cindy will work on it before the next meeting.

Finance Update- Steve said that starting next month, Council will receive a real report telling you where we are. Steve said there will be a Finance Committee meeting Monday, September 25 at 4:00. All are welcome to attend.

Resolution 2-2023 A Resolution Accepting Rates and Amounts As Determined By the Fairfield County Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor. Cindy said that this is the annual resolution which basically allows the Fairfield County Auditor to pay the amounts due to the Village.

Trick or Treat- John suggested we do it on the actual date- Tuesday, October 31 from 6:00 to 7:00. Council agreed. Cindy will post it, and Matt will put it on the website and Facebook.

Winegardner Chapel- Matt said that he and Kate met to discuss the future of the chapel. He asked about the feasibility of restoring it at the same time we are wanting to do work on the Town Hall. He asked about selling it and setting some deed restrictions. John said that it was his understanding that it would have to be auctioned. Kate said that she would get more information regarding the auction procedure.

Bank Lot- Jennifer said that it has been transferred to Rob Myers, Ben Myers, and Brian Oliver. They have had it for several months. John asked Jennifer to find out what they intend to do with the property.

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

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

Signed by:

John Burge, Mayor

Cindy Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer