**VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE COUNCIL MEETING**

 **Month: August**

**Meeting Date: August 8, 2022 Start Time: 6:30 PM End Time: 8:33 PM**

**Council Members: Present Employees Present**

**Paul Norby YES Cindy Lewis YES**

**Lillian Roderick YES Jon Browning NO**

**Jennifer Henery YES**

**Kate Poston YES Village Historian**

**Ken Dean YES Matt Schwietzer 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:**

**Dakota Perry and Amanda Grimm of West Rushville had concerns about their sewer systems. Dakota has had ongoing issues with her tank overflowing. Paul said that her problem has been going on for years, and that he has multiple maintenance records of calls.**

**He said that hers is one of the top that we visit on an annual basis. What we have gotten back on the call logs, and have photographic evidence of, a lot of items going in to the tank that don’t belong there. We have replaced the pump, which should last up to wo years. We have put 2 if not 3 pumps into the system. We are trying to come up with a way to keep the system working, but a great deal of the problem seems to be items getting into the impeller of the pump. At the end of the discussion, Steve suggested that the maintenance department would pump the tank totally down, take photographs showing that the pump has no clogged inlets, replace the pump with a brand new pump. If anything starts filling up in that tank, it will be on her. Paul also has suggested that maintenance put her on a regular observation. He said that this is not only on her, and we are working on an Ordinance to address the issue for everyone.**

**Tom Poling brought an issue that in the evening, when many people are using water, the sewer alarms go off. Paul said it might be an issue that the stop valve at the curb has gone bad, and we need to exercise the valve. Steve said that we need to follow this up. It could be the valve or it could be a weak pump. If it’s been a long time since his pump was replaced, that could be the problem. Steve also said that we don’t have real records of each address in terms of maintenance that has been done. We are working on a routine maintenance program, and Kate is going to start putting in a database of history.**

**Thomas Crapps had additional input for the Property Maintenance Ordinance. There were several sections which were discussed. The sections were reviewed. He also had issues that the Village dictates which trash service can be used. It was explained that, first, the Village can negotiate a better rate; second, otherwise there would be trash cans and trash trucks on the street every day, and third, our streets can’t deal with those trucks on them every day. He also brought up the trees in the easement. Paul said that per ORC, those trees are the homeowner’s responsibility. However, Council has taken the position that there is nobody alive that planted the oldest trees, and we are taking responsibility. Steve said that he contacted AEP Forestry Division, and he is meeting with forestry person. He is going to see if they will take down some of the trees. We will still have to pay to have them hauled away and grind the stumps, but this would save the Village a great deal of money.**

**MINUTES:**

 **July Regular meeting minutes- Jennifer moved, and Steve seconded, to approve the July Regular meeting minutes. Motion passed.**

 **July Special meeting minutes- Steve moved, and John seconded, to approve the Special meeting minutes. Motion passed.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**New Tap Ordinance- Paul said we need to start work on this as it needs to be in place prior to year end.**

**Mason Bldg/Town Hall- Steve said that he talked with the contractor about 5:00 today. He was out a couple of weeks ago, and they went through the building with the initial plan that John and Steve put together. It is, at this point, just a starting point. He should have the estimate next week. He and John will then meet with the Masons. If they will come up with some money, we should be able to do it. Paul asked about using local tradesmen with some as donations, and Steve said that was part of the plan.**

**Property Maintenance Ordinance- Third reading. Paul asked for a motion to suspend the rules. Steve moved, and Jennifer seconded, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Paul asked for a motion to pass the Ordinance. John moved, and Steve seconded. Motion failed 4 nays to 2 yeas.**

**Opiate Settlement Information- Paul said that it will require him to attend a meeting to be in contention for any funding. What he has seen is mayors trying to distribute boxes of noxalone. Paul said that he is going to the fire department and talk to them.**

**Paving Update- Jennifer said that John is working on the application for OPWC. He is hoping to have it done tomorrow.**

**Gas Line Work- John said that they have been very nice to work with. He said that they are going to send copies of the mapping they have done.**

**OUPS- John said that the application is in the works. He said that there is a $75 fee.**

**Oak Leaf Lane- Jennifer said that Council decided to require an inspection. Jon has sent a letter to Jeff. Steve said that Jeff called him today, and he dodged the call.**

**Pump Station Maintenance- Steve said that we finally got the final quote for replacing the telemetry. Steve said that he has a conversation scheduled with TMobile tomorrow hoping to get free sim cards for the communications. We need to pass Ordinance 8-2022 to amend appropriations for the water operating funds. Ken moved, and Jennifer seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.**

**Lagoon Maintenance and Waste Water Operator of Record- Cindy said that in conversations with Frank, Tom Bouts, and Fairfield County Utilities, it was discovered that Fairfield County Utilities can do all of it, and we don’t need a separate person. Steve said that it would actually be a Collections Manager who would manage everything from the tanks to the lagoons is collection. Steve will call Fairfield Utilities tomorrow and set it up.**

**ARPA Funds- Cindy said that she hasn’t gotten the amended appropriations from Josh, so she can’t write PO’s until she can enter the receipt of the money.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Preliminary Budget- Cindy presented Ordinance 5-2022 to approve the preliminary budget. Final budget will have to be passed in December. Steve moved, and Jennifer seconded to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.**

**Bremen Bill- Cindy said that she did not want to pay the bill because of the increased charges due to the Pump Station/Water tower issues without Council approval. Paul said these charges are due to the extra times that they had to come turn pumps on and off manually. Jennifer moved, and John seconded, to pay the bill. Motion passed.**

**Pay Bills- Jennifer moved, and Ken seconded, to pay any and all bills. Motion passed.**

**ADJOURN**

**John moved, and Steve seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.**

**Signed by:**

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**Paul Norby, Mayor Cindy Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer**