

VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
MONTH: December

Meeting Date: 12-4-2024 Start Time: 6:00 PM End Time: 7:35 PM

CALL TO ORDER: THE Village of Rushville Council was called into Regular Session by Mayor John Burge at the Municipal Building

Council Members	Present	Employees	Present
John Burge, Mayor	Yes	Cindy Lewis	Yes
Jennifer Henery	Yes	Jon Browning	No
Kate Poston	Yes	Dave Traub	Yes
Matt Schweitzer	Yes		
Ken Dean	Yes		
Steve Lewis	Yes		
Steve June	Yes		

WELCOME VISITORS: Fairfield County Commissioner, Jeffrey Fix gave a presentation of the New Model Zoning Codes and the potential economic impact for the Village

MINUTES- December Special Meeting Minutes
December Regular Meeting Minutes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Dave said that he had met with Jeff Shull to mark water & sewer lines on Oak Leaf Lane. They have had 34 service calls, but no pumps. They are still having problems at the schools. The high school lost power, which has caused issues. They have been pumping all week. Walsh is coming in to replace relay switches. Don Franks is getting ready to connect the sewer at the new build. He said that most of the Christmas decorations are pretty banged up. He found some banners that we could use, but if they can't get them up next week, it's probably too late. The office remodel is moving along.

FINANCE- STEVE L- While going through billing he has found a couple that have not been being billed for water. They will be surprised in February. The system is up and running except for credit card payments, which we will set up the end of January. There will be a link for Matt to put on the website. Matt asked if we have someone for the position. Steve said her name is Melanie Baker, and she will start on January 6 and work from 8-2 Monday thru Friday.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE- Matt said the Underground Railroad marker most likely won't be here until Spring. He asked Kate about her broker setting up a fund for our Hometown Hero

banners. Kate said it would be a separate fund for us. Matt said once we have that, he can publicize it for donations. He will confirm how we do the photos.

COMMUNICATIONS- Matt said that the trees have been planted. He is hoping for more next year. He said that the Village Seal flag came down as it is too heavy for that bracket. Suggested we get a flag pole for all three flags. Steve L. suggested contacting VFW for the flag pole.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS- Steve J- Nothing new to report. Will meet again in January. John asked Dave if he had contacted the Fire Department regarding the tanker. Dave said he hasn't yet.

GRANTS- Kate said that we can't do any work at the lagoons before the funds are released. Dave is still gathering information. Kate suggested that he contact Jamie Mills at Strand Associates. He can give copies of all he submitted.

PLANNING COMMISSION- Jennifer said that Hollie & Josh are working on a code for village without township. She suggested we not pass as is until we know more. John said that we will have to have several public hearings. Matt asked about the house that burned on Market St. He heard that they are going to rebuild. John said that the house was demolished but hasn't heard anything else.

OLD BUSINESS

BBB- John, Steve, and Jennifer are meeting with RyanTeal from the Masons on the 20th.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Negotiations with the Village of Bremen Regarding a New Contract for the Provision of Water to the Village of Rushville. Third reading.

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Committees- John doesn't want to change the committees as long as everyone agrees. Talk to him in private if you want a change.

A Resolution Approving the Disposition of Village Personal Property and Equipment in 2025. Second Reading.

An Ordinance Approving the 2025 Temporary Appropriations for the Village. Jennifer moved, and Steve L. seconded. Motion passed

A Resolution Approving the Disposition of Village Personal Property and Equipment in 2024 and Declaring an Emergency. Jennifer moved, and Ken seconded, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Jennifer moved, and Matt seconded, to pass the Resolution. Motion passed.

An Ordinance Hiring Melanie Baker as Billing Administrator and Declaring an Emergency.

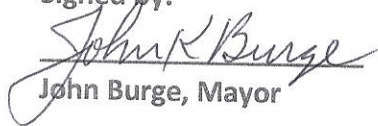
Jennifer moved, and Ken seconded, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Jennifer moved, and Ken seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

Utility Deposits- Steve L asked if our deposit should be higher. The \$100 would not cover one month's bill for most customers. Kate said that Bremen and Lancaster are both \$100. It was decided to leave it as is.

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

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

Signed by:


John Burge, Mayor


Cindy Lewis, Clerk Treasurer