

VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

MONTH: FEBRUARY

Meeting Date: February 15, 2025 **Start Time: 6:05**
End Time: 7:15

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	Steve June	
Jennifer Henery	yes	yes	
Kate Poston	yes	Cindy Lewis	yes
Matt Schweitzer	yes	Jon Browning	yes
		Dave Traub	no
		Melanie Baker	yes
Steve Lewis	yes		
Ken Dean	yes		

WELCOME VISITORS: Jack Prentice wanted to know why he was being charged for two units on his property. It was explained that he has two equivalent dwelling units as per EPA when the sewer was set up.

Michael Oldacker was upset because of the meter read and the amount of water it said he was using. John said there are several houses that have meter reading issues, and we will be looking at them at the next reads. If he is at home and can turn off the water to his house the maintenance guys will look at his meter to see if he has a leak.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: John had a report from Dave that he is working with Walsh and AEP at the schools. Dave said that the voltage regulator would cost \$16,000. If AEP puts a flow recorder on it, and it shows spikes, AEP should cover it. John said that if we have to pay for it we can use the excess from their Sewer Debt fund. Cindy Said that first, she would have to call Local Government Services and see if it is even legal to move debt funds to operating funds. Then we would have to pass the appropriate Ordinance. John had a face to face meeting with the

mayor of Bremen and he agreed to lower the fee they charge us for simple phone call question about our water billing from a 2 hour minimum service charge per phone call to only a 15 minute service charger per call, and then only if they cannot answer the question while on the with us. Matt asked about credit card payments after we switched from Bremen using the old link. Were they able to shut down that link? The credit card company-Bridgepayments, refunded the money. Cindy said that Dave has a quote from Dalton Vandermark for plowing and salting the alleys, Bremen Ave; salting Main Street if they have plowed and cleaning up the west end. He will also plow Oak Leaf Lane if Mike tipple hasn't done it. It is for \$465.00. She said that's way less than it would cost us in labor and salt, and we don't have issues with buying and storing salt.

FINANCE: Steve reported there is nothing new. He and Melanie have been laboring over correcting errors. March billing will be better.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Matt reported we are still waiting on the underground railroad marker. There is one more sign to go up at the north end of Market Street. The Fairfield County Heritage is having a tour of homes in Rushville, June 21st and 22nd. They will be contacting people to open their homes. Right now they have Matt's house, Qualls house, & Methodist Church. They would like to have 4 or 5 houses. Hometown heroes...we have a dedicated link for online payments for banners. The Masons suggested a Rushville festival for Benjamin Handy's birthday, July 22nd. Cindy said that would be right in the middle of the Lancaster Festival.

COMMUNICATIONS: Matt sent the latest minutes to the Town Crier and will post them on the bulletin board.

PUBLIC RECORDS: Cindy said the file cabinets have been cleaned out and Melanie is scanning ordinances and minutes. They will be in the cloud and can be recovered if we have a disaster.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Steve June reported nothing new. John said the mayor of Pleasantville is doing a meeting for emergency preparedness on April 16th at 6:00. He will confirm if multiple people from the village can come.

GRANTS: Kate said we need to renew the contract with Strand which we will do next month. She said that Jamie doesn't do anything until we ask.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Jennifer needs to know when everybody is available to meet. Auditors office working on lot split processing. What they are going to do is put this all online. Once the request is input, it will go to all of the entities that have to approve.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution Approving the Disposition of Village Personal Property and Equipment For 2025: Third Reading. Steve L moved, and Jennifer second, to approve the resolution. Motion passed.

Town Hall-Matt said Masons have said that they would like to resolve it. They would accept quit claim deed. They would do all maintenance with fundraising and grants. Matt asked about cost for sewer & water as the bathroom is a major issue. Steve said approximately \$10,000 for the tap fees and supplies. Steve said building has no value to the Village. Jon said sell the building. Masons could buy the building. Private buyer with a plan for development could buy it. Ken said it is the only responsible thing to do is get money for it for the village .John asked about a motion. Jon said we need to do a resolution, which could be done next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Resolution of the Village of Rushville, of Ohio, Supporting the Ohio Commission for the United States Sesquicentennial (America250-OH) Jon said it would require three readings unless we suspend the rules, and it becomes effective in 30 days. Matt said that this will open some grant opportunities. Matt moved, and Jennifer seconded, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Steve J moved, and Ken seconded to pass the resolution. Motion passed.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor Or Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with Strand Associates, Engineers, to Serve as Consulting Engineers for the Village of Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio. Tabled until March.

Park 8155 Main St. John has a Resolution 2025-3 from Richland Township Trustees- In the matter of authorizing the transfer and conveyance of real property to the Village of Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio Pursuant to RC505.10(A)(5).

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

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

SIGNED BY:

John Burge, Mayor

Cindy Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer