

VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

MONTH: SEPTEMBER

Meeting Date: September 12, 2024 Start Time: 6:00 PM End Time: 6:50 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	Yes
Kate Poston	Yes	Dave Traub	Yes
Matt Schweitzer	Yes		
Ken Dean	Yes		
Steve Lewis	Yes		
Steve June	Yes		

Welcome Visitors: No Visitors

Approve Last Month Minutes: Steve L moved, and Jennifer seconded, to approve the September Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion passed. Matt moved, and Ken seconded, to approve the September Special Meeting Minutes. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC AFFAIRS- Dave reported that the storm drain at Butterbaugh's is pretty torn up. The pump trailer is ready to use. He has the proof for the emergency contact magnets and will be ordering them. He has installed a lock on the back garage door.

FINANCE COMMITTEE- An Ordinance to Establish Water and Water Debt rates for 2025 and Abolish Ordinance 32-2023. Second reading.

An Ordinance to Establish Sewer Rates and to Abolish Ordinance 30-2023. Second reading.

An Ordinance Creating Pay Rates for Hourly Employees in the Village of Rushville for 2025 and Abolish Ordinance 34-2023. Second Reading

An Ordinance Establishing Trash Collection Rates for the Village of Rushville for Calendar years 2025 and 2026. Second Reading.

Village of Rushville, Ohio Income Tax Ordinance. Second reading

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute and Agreement for Participation in a Regional Council of Governments Relating to the Administration and Collection of Municipal Income Tax in the Village of Rushville, Ohio. Second reading.

An Ordinance Employing Jon M. Browning, Attorney at Law, as Village Solicitor, Second reading.

Billing Software- Steve reported that he has pretty much completed the database. He will input meter readings for September when Jeremiah finishes them. Also, there will be a Finance Committee meeting before the next meeting.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE- Mat said the we are still waiting for the Underground Railway marker. He asked Cindy if we had received the check for the pad, and she said yes.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Qualls is working on the village entrance sign. He has ordered three more of the signs with the logo. They were sponsored. He asked Dave about the bulletin board, and Dave said that he will have it up by the next meeting.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS- Steve J had nothing new to report.

GRANTS COMMITTEE- Kate said that she and Dave are looking into Service Line Inventory that is paid for by the EPA. Dave was talking about getting started on the Lagoons with the grant money. Kate said that we don't have the money yet. Also, the application was priced with all outside labor, but if our guys want to do some of it, it's not a problem. If we have money left over, we can keep it.

PLANNING COMMITTEE- Jennifer said that they are still waiting for the second draft of the zoning plan.

OLD BUSINESS- Jon said that he is preparing a use agreement. If we do a lease, it becomes a commercial business, and we would have to pay taxes. Matt asked the use agreement is a contract, and Jon said it is a legal contract just like a lease agreement.

NEW BUSINESS- Ken presented plans for an addition to his garage. Council approved.

An Ordinance Vacating An Alley, Described Below, and Approving the Sale of the Vacated Alley to Richland Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency. Steve moved, and Jennifer seconded, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Jennifer Moved, and Steve L seconded to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

Matt- Matt said that the Lions Club has donated trees for Main Street. They are red maples and are being held at Lancaster Greenhouse. He asked about time for planting. It was agreed that it wasn't a good time with the lack of rain and heat. He said that he would call Lancaster Greenhouse for advice for planting, and get them to plant the trees. Steve said that when we

took the old trees out, we made the homeowner responsible for anything new planted. Matt said that we ask the homeowner before we plant them. Matt also said that The Hometown Heroes Banners are about \$170 each. He has put out feelers with the Marathon, but hasn't heard anything back. He asked if the Village would be willing to purchase some. Steve asked where the money would come from, and Cindy said Street Fund. John said that we could use State Highway fund for some on 664. Kate asked about the Lions Club holding any funds that were donated for them. Matt said he would ask. Matt asked about ownership of the old school property as a park. Jennifer said that the liability is so great that the township insurance company told them to block entrances or they wouldn't insure it. Cindy said that since we have the same insurance company, most likely, we would have the same issue. Jennifer said that the township would like to give it to us for use for a sewer or water plant, but they have many steps to go through before that can happen.

A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Fairfield County Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. Jennifer moved, and Steve L seconded to pass the Resolution. Motion passed.

Trick or Treat will be Thursday, October 31st from 6:00-7:30 PM.

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

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

Signed by:

John Burge, Mayor

Cindy Lewis, Clerk Treasurer