

THE VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE COUNCIL MEETING MONTH: February

Meeting Date: February 9, 2023 Start Time: 6:00 PM End Time: 7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER: The Village of Rushville Council was called into Regular Session by President Pro Tem Lillian Roderick at the Town Hall.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT- Bill asked about advance notice regarding the rate increases for water and sewer. Steve said the Ordinance was read three times and went into effect in January. It was posted on the website and was part of a separate mailing that went out to everyone before the February bills were mailed. Steve told Bill and Matt to refer any questions or complaints to him. Bill asked if the sewer went in in 1989 and hadn't had rate increases since. Cindy said that there had been some very minor rate increases, but not enough. Steve said that the financial information showed that the unencumbered balance in the fund started major downward trend in 2016 with no rate increases to address the problem. Matt asked when the liners at the lagoons were replaced. Jennifer said in 2011 or 2012. Cindy said when that comes up, it will have to be a grant. Matt said that the biggest concern that he and bill have on a daily basis is that the J boxes in the sewer pits are going bad. They have been in there too long. Steve said that the Water/Sewer Committee is going to meet with you, and they want to work with setting up a plan so that these issues can be addressed with preventive maintenance.

MINUTES: Jennifer moved, and Steve seconded, to approve the Administrative Meeting Minutes. Motion passed. Steve moved, and Jennifer seconded, to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes. Motion passed. Ken moved, and Kate seconded, to approve the Special Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Tap Ordinance- Lillian asked Jon if he had gotten in touch with Mayor Sandine regarding the data needed. Jon said he talked to him last night, and he is willing to walk anybody through it. A lot of it just deals with collecting the data and creating a spreadsheet.

Town Hall/Mason Building- John said that there is nothing new except working on the title and ownership. Jon asked Matt where the Masons stand on this. Matt said that the

Masons are aware of this, and they are in a holding pattern until the ownership matter is settled. Jon said that we will need some sort of resolution from the Masons that they want to move forward, and then we file a lawsuit to get the deed. Steve said the next question is if the Masons are willing to split the cost of the legal fees.

Streets and Alleys- Lillian asked Jennifer if there is any news regarding the OPWC loan. She said that John was able to check on the status, and they are not voting until tomorrow. They will post it to the website by tomorrow afternoon. The state will finalize the vote. If we get the recommendation, we can start the bidding process. In addition the new street lights are installed.

Pump Station- Steve said that after we did everything wrong trying to put in a generator, and Jon corrected us and gave us the right path, he did some further research. To comply with the correct bidding protocol, we would spend a tremendous amount of money running ads that probably no one would bid on as they would consider the job too small. In addition, the cost of the generators has gone up substantially, and the wait time is 12 months. He went back to the person who gave us the original quote, and he said that there are used diesel generators available with very few hours on them- primarily just proofing time. We could purchase the generator per the village administrators, have it installed, and contract for an annual maintenance and emergency repairs. Jon said that we would need an Ordinance approving the maintenance contract.

Billing Software- Cindy said that she misunderstood the length of time to convert to the new software. She understood that when the new rates were updated, it could just be converted to the new software. It has to be totally rewritten into the software. It will not be ready until at least April. She did find out that auto pay from a checking account will be available.

Water/Sewer Committee- Lillian asked if they were working on something. Kate said that she and Ken are going to meet with Bill and Matt to review maintenance records. Apparently before the prior administration there was a preventative maintenance program for the sewers, and they are going to work through putting that back together.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Utility Truck- John said that Ford and GMC have a lease program for local and state governments. They will lease a truck to us and give it to us at the end of the lease. It's a 4- wheel drive, regular cab, long bed is \$33,400. Steve said that we will have to add tool boxes from Farm & Fleet. The financing would be through Vinton County Bank for up to 75 months, less than \$600 a month. The useful life of the truck is 15 years if maintained. John said that it is a priority to get this moving due to the condition of our present truck. Cindy said when she went out to the lagoons with Ned, she was afraid they were going to have to call someone to come get them. John said it would take 8-12 weeks to get the truck. Jon said that we would need to pass an Ordinance. Steve said that we will need to pass the Ordinance before they will order the truck, so we will need a special meeting. Lillian suggested March 16 at 6:00 as Historical Committee is meeting that night.

Ordinance 4-2023 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Clerk to Place a Notice in Accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Requesting Applications for Vacant Maintenance Worker Position. Jennifer moved, and Steve seconded, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Jennifer moved, and Ken seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

Ordinance 5-2023 An Ordinance Establishing Village or Rushville Water, Sewer, and Water Debt Past Due Collection Regulations, Attached and Incorporated Herein by Reference, and Declaring an Emergency. John moved, and Steve seconded, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Ken moved, and John seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

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

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

Signed by:

Lillian Roderick, President ProTem

Cindy Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer