

# THE VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

## MONTH: August

Meeting Date: August 10, 2023      Start Time: 6:00 PM      End Time: 8:05 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Village of Rushville Council was called into Regular Session by Acting Mayor, John Burge, at the Town Hall.

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

**VISITORS-** John welcomed visitors Paul Norby, Steve June, and Fire Chief Vandermark. Paul is having flooding from the road into his basement. This has occurred since the Columbia Gas replaced the gas lines, and they removed some curbing that redirected the water away from his property. John asked Bill if they could go check out that drain. It appears that it might need to be dug out and something hard put in there. John said that he knows that Steve and Chief Vandermark are there about the same issue. John said that there were two phone calls within the last week that the Fire Department put out fires at the Wogan property. John said that he has been looking into ORC to see what applied. Jennifer went to the Township meeting last night and presented our information. There seems to be agreement that they can not be burning back there. Chief Vandermark has asked Rushville Council to write an Ordinance and give a copy to him and the Sheriff's office. Jon said that he can write that Ordinance. Steve asked Jon if he could get that done before the Special Meeting Monday morning. Chief Vandermark asked about hydrant flushing. He suggested the third week of October. Cindy said that she will post notices.

**MINUTES:** Jennifer moved, and Steve seconded, to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**School Board- Grinder and smoke test-** John asked if he needed to go to the school board to get the grinder. He said that Steve had some information. Steve said that he got a phone call from his friend that had been on the school board for years. He is going to call him back tomorrow, and he will let John know. John said that the smoke test didn't show what we expected. ORWA will come back when it's raining to see where the water is coming from. They will bring cameras.

**Speed Bumps-** John said that we have been discussing this for months. He asked for a vote of Council yea or nay on the speed bumps. Council voted yea. John outlined three ways to do them. One is speed bumps that can be removed. The second way is asphalt ones in. The third option is to cut a whole in the road like a pot hole. They could be filled with gravel in the winter for the snow plows. Steve said he has seen wider ones. Jon suggested talking with Lancaster or the county regarding their experience. Council indicated that they all preferred the removable ones.

**Generator Grant-** John said that Joan wasn't able to come to discuss it.

**Village Truck- Ordinance for Purchase and Ordinance for Financing-** Steve said that he had not received all of the paperwork to attach to the Ordinances. As the truck is scheduled to be delivered Monday morning, he asked if Council could have a special meeting Monday morning at 8:30 am to approve the Ordinances. John called for the meeting. Bill said that he and Matt are going to Distinctive Truck to work on the accessories. Jon said that we will have to pass an Ordinance to sell the old truck and the other items.

**Pump Station pump, backfill, driveway-**Steve said that when Ben comes back with the other pump, he's going to do the backfill for us around the building. Steve said that he hasn't called Dreams for the driveway yet.

**Alley Maintenance Ordinance-** Second reading.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Future Committees-** John passed out a list of Proposed Committees for 2024 (attached). John said that we can't do all of the work that needs to be done from these meeting. We need committees to come up with plans and ideas to present to Council. Some of these committees are required by the Ohio Village Handbook. He would like to have at least two council members on each committee. The meetings need to be posted and minutes need to be taken. There was discussion regarding the Planning Commission and the expected growth out of Columbus to our area. Steve said that the Communications Committee would be a great vehicle to learning new ways to communicate with the residents. It needs someone besides Matt.

**Webpage,etc.** John said that we now all have the new emails as required by PEP. He said it is google, so it can be attached to your phone.

**Resolution 1-2023-** Steve said that this is required by PEP, our insurance company, to get a quote for employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty coverage. Jennifer moved, and Ken seconded, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Ken moved, and Jennifer seconded, to pass the Resolution. Motion passed.

**Trash Contract-** Needs more discussion and decisions before an Ordinance can be written.

**New Sewer Issues-** Bill reported that they have installed two more pumps since their report in July. They have an additional two that will be installed. John asked if they were doing any preventive maintenance on the tanks that they are repairing. Bill said that they have one in West Rushville that needs electrical work, and Walsh is coming tomorrow. John asked about 3370 Market and the fact that when they went to shut it off for non-pay, the fuse wasn't even in the box. It hadn't been working for an unknown amount of time. Bill said that they are going to check that there is electricity from the house first and go from there.

**Ordinance 18-2023-** An Order to Amend Appropriations for the General Fund. Cindy said that this is necessary to pay Jon the legal fees for the work on the Town Hall ownership, negotiating with the Masons. The proposed amended appropriation is \$5,000. Steve moved, and Jennifer seconded, to approve the Ordinance. Motion passed.

**Ordinance 19-2023 –** An Ordinance Directing the Village Clerk to Post Notices and Declaring an Emergency. Jennifer moved, and Steve seconded, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Ken moved, and Steve seconded, to approve the Ordinance. Motion passed.

Steve moved, and Jennifer seconded, to go into Executive Session at 7:21 PM. Motion passed. The purpose of the session was discussion on the Town Hall ownership. Steve moved, and Jennifer seconded, to close Executive Session. Motion passed at 7:46 PM.

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

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

Signed by

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John Burge, Acting Mayor

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Cindy Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer