

# THE VILLAGE OF RUSHVILLE COUNCIL MEETING MONTH: November

Meeting Date: November 14, 2022    Start Time: 6:30 PM    End Time: 7:30 PM

Council Members	Present	Employees	Present
Paul Norby, Mayor	YES	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 call into Regular Session by Mayor Paul Norby at the Town Hall.

## **VISITORS-**

**Bill Myers- Village of Rushville Maintenance Department**

**Mike Tipple and Jeremy Anderson- Oak Leaf Lane- Asking Rushville to take action in taking over the street and take care of the street. Paul said that we have a Solicitor to keep us clean and out of trouble. His opinion is that Jeff was asked to do something, which he didn't do, and now he appears to be moving on. Mike said that Jeff has finally closed on the last house and that was the only hope for the other homeowners that he would finish the street. Steve said that their frustration is heard. The problem is that we have the same frustration that we can't just jump in and help you right now. It's not that we don't want to do the leaf pick up and snow plowing. If we take our truck down there to pick up leaves or plow snow, we have no liability coverage. We do have coverage for the sewer and water systems because we own them. Jeff may not be totally off the hook. He may have some challenges with the Fairfield County Engineers because he didn't do some things that he was supposed to do. There are a whole lot of things going on right now, but we aren't going to be able to tell you anything tonight. Mike asked if there could be a class action lawsuit. Jon said that a group could go together to sue Jeff, but it wouldn't be a class action lawsuit. Steve repeated that this is a lot going on behind the scenes and that Jenny has had a lot of conversations with the engineer's office. Jon said that at the end of the day, at this point, it's just a big, wide driveway. The State of Ohio and the Engineers set standards, and this road wasn't built to those standards as he understands it. It will fall apart sooner than it should. Mike asked about having an actual engineer come out and survey the road. Lillian said that that is what Council requested that Jeff do, and he hasn't. Steve said that all of you could go together and hire and engineer to come out and see what's there. Mike asked if they did that, and the engineer certified that the road was good, would that be enough. Steve said that was all we were asking from Jeff. John said also that the turn around would also have to be completed. John also said that there was supposed to be 7" of hard pack and 7" of concrete. When Columbia Gas did the bore for**

the new line, there was only 5 ½” of concrete. Mike made a public records request for the correspondence with Jeff. Cindy said she would get copies of everything in the file to him. Jon asked how many families are involved. Mike said there are seven. Jon said that if the seven put in a hundred dollars apiece to hire a lawyer, it would go a long way toward some guidance.

**MINUTES-** Jennifer moved, and Ken seconded, to approve the October meeting minutes. Motion passed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Columbia Gas Line Work-** John said that they intend to complete the paving this year. Paul asked him to coordinate with our guys crushing the cistern and the Columbia Gas contractors filling it in.

**Ordinance 6-2022 - An Ordinance Establishing Village of Rushville Sewer Operations Regulations. Third Reading.** Jennifer moved, and John seconded, passing the Ordinance. Motion passed.

**Ordinance 10-2022- An Ordinance to Establish Sewer Rates and to Repeal Ordinance 16-2021. Third Reading.** Steve moved, and Lillian seconded to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 15-2022- An Ordinance Adopting and Approving the 2023 Budget and Appropriations.** Jennifer moved, and Steve seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

**Ordinance 16-2022- An Ordinance to Amend State Highway Fund Appropriations.** Steve moved, and John seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

**Ordinance 17-2022- An Ordinance Employing Jon M. Browning as Village Solicitor.** Steve moved, and Jennifer seconded, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. John moved, and Jennifer seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

**Ordinance 18-2022-An Ordinance Creating Pay Rates for Hourly Employees for 2023 and Declaring an Emergency.** Jennifer moved, and John seconded, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Steve moved, and John seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

**Ordinance 19-2022- An Ordinance Approving the Award of an Independent Contract to Ned Mathias.** Lillian moved, and Steve seconded, to suspend the rules. Motion passed. Jennifer moved, and Steve seconded, to pass the Ordinance. Motion passed.

**Ohio Municipal League and Fairfield Regional Planning**

**Update on Dakota Perry Sewer System**

**Sidewalks and Pedestrian safety- Paul said that we will be adding this to the master planning that should be rolled out at the beginning of next year.**

**Water Fund Review- Paul asked that Finance Committee have recommendations completed for the June 2023 council meeting.**

**Generator at the Pump Station- Steve said that this will be divided into two pieces and will need two Ordinances. Does not have the information from BJ Electric yet.**

**PAY BILLS- Lillian moved, and Jennifer seconded, to pay and all bills. Motion passed.**

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

**Signed by:**

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**Paul Norby, Mayor**

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**Cindy Lewis, Clerk/Treasurer**