

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____ 20 _____

August 14, 2023

The Village of Rushsylvania Council met in an Open, Publicly Advertised Meeting on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. Council Members present included Council President, Jason Miller, Sarah Eagy, Tim Rader, Trish Wilson, Jeremy Lowe, and Chris Crumley. Mayor, Phillip Wright, Solicitor, Zeb Wagner, Village Employee, Chris Coak, and Fiscal Officer, Kathy Stierhoff were also present. Visitors present: Scott Stanfield, Victoria Zupan, Vicky Erdy, and Sarah Cunningham.

Mayor, Phillip Wright, called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call were given.

BUSINESS

Mayor, Phillip Wright, asked for the approval of the minutes and financial report.

Chris Crumley made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10 meeting. Sarah Eagy seconded the motion. All members approved. Motion carried. Tim Rader made a motion to approve the financial report. Jason Miller seconded the motion. All members approved. Motion Carried.

The bills to be paid were then presented:

Phillip Wright	Mayor Salary	348.47
Zeb Wagner	Solicitor Salary	866.99
Kathy Stierhoff	Fiscal Officer Salary	664.81
Kathy Stierhoff	Mileage	206.33
Chris Coak	Village Employee Salary	2050.56
Tim Jones	Village Part Time Employee Salary	550.82
Jeremy Lowe	Website Charges Mar-July	49.95
AES Ohio	Electricity	318.80
All American Energy	Gas	230.42
Bellefontaine Examiner	Legal Notice Ordinances	58.21
JT Tree Service	Storm Tree Clean Up	300.00
Land Tech	Mosquito Spray No Date, 6-29, 7-6, 7-13, 7-20, 7-27	1600.00
Logan County Board of Elections	File Ballot Resolution Electric Aggregate	10.00
Lowe's Home Centers Inc	Supplies to Remove Graffiti	54.42
Mayors Association of Ohio	Membership	50.00
Miami Valley Lighting	Street Lights Usage	897.26
Ohio Dept of Taxation	State Tax Withholding	72.32
OPERS	Employee Employer Withholding	840.47
PNC	Credit Card	
Rushsylvania One Stop	Fuel	279.67
SV&E Refuse Service	Dumpster	76.25
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	Weed Killer and Sprayer	119.98
US Treasury	Federal Tax Withholding	521.90
Village of Rushsylvania	Municipal Income Tax Withholding	57.48
Village Tax Collections	Municipal Tax Collection Fees	586.73
Waynesfield Goshen Schools	Return Tax Receipt Misposted by CCA	3128.16

CHRIS COAK REPORT

Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Chris Coak submitted a list of projects completed and work to be done. Gallons pumped 1,037,000, Gallons billed 759,800 at 73%. The chlorine holding tank at the water plant was replaced. Preventive maintenance was performed at the waste water treatment plant. New disinfection byproduct sampling sites and procedures were completed for OEPA. Control Instrumentation by passed the Mini CAS pump controllers at the RAS lift station at the waste water treatment plant. Two float switches were replaced in the lift station by the salon on North Sandusky Street. The catch basin on Susie Street was replaced. Bobcat Multiworks sucked out and cleaned the lift stations and catch basins. The RAS pump number two was replaced in the RAS lift station. Training classes were completed toward water license renewal. Debris has been cleaned up from the curbs and basins downtown. The dump truck was taken to Rush Truck for service. They diagnosed a whining noise while driving. The truck had a bad transfer case. They would charge \$21,000.00 to replace the transfer case. A second opinion was sought from Leonard's Garage in Belle Center. They could replace the transfer case with a rebuilt one for around \$12,000.00. The current dump truck was purchased in 2013 and has 7000 miles on it. A new dump truck would cost approximately \$100,000.00. The banners uptown were changed. Trees along alleys in the village were trimmed. The Dodge truck was taken to Ziebart for undercoating and cleaning. A chain was replaced on the jungle gym at the park. The water tower inspection should be completed some time in September. Lead and copper sampling will be completed. Alleys in the village will be graveled and patched. Scrap metal will be taken to the recycling center. The Lion's Community Room building needs to be painted. Several people have been contacted with no interest. Council members suggested calling John Stahl and Mayor, Phillip Wright, will contact a person he knows.

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Mr. Coak would like to purchase a camera for checking pipes for leaks and blockages. A camera has been borrowed in the past. Core & Main quoted a camera for \$4328.10. The Board of Public Affairs recommended the purchase.

The Christmas lights are also in very poor shape. Mr. Coak would like to have them replaced. He brought information on some lights that could be purchased for approximately \$6500.00. Members of the board would like to look at options and make a purchasing decision at the September meeting.

Sarah Eagy stated that complaints are being made on social media concerning potholes at North Sandusky and Miami Road and at North Sandusky and Buckeye Street. Mr. Coak will patch the holes. Buckeye Street should be repaved whenever the Ohio Public Works Commission work is completed.

KATHY STIERHOFF, FISCAL OFFICER

Mrs. Stierhoff reported that she will be taking the Certified Public Records Training as part of her Fiscal Officer Training. She can be the representative for the officers for training requirements. Several members voiced a desire to take the training themselves. Mrs. Stierhoff was asked to forward the information from the Ohio Auditor's office for this training and representation will be discussed in September.

PHILLIP WRIGHT, MAYOR

Mayor, Phillip Wright, stated that he has reached out to Logan County Sheriff, Randall Dodds, concerning contracting for additional hours of coverage for the village as well as the status of the investigation on the graffiti on the shelter house. He has not heard back yet. He would like Council to decide how many hours and what days they would like to have covered.

The junk vehicle at 153 Miami Road has been moved. There is another that was moved, but is still on the property. Mr. Wright requested that a junk vehicle letter be sent to 232 S Sandusky Street.

Mr Wright presented information about SimpliSafe camera systems that he has installed at his home. This was simply presented as a sample of the kind of system available. His system costs around \$600.00 and it can be monitored with notifications to the Sheriff's Department for around \$25.00 per month. The cameras are wired or battery operated and are simple to install. The base station must be near a wifi router. There are other safety items available.

He also presented information about the use and effectiveness of speed limit radar signs. A solar eclipse is expected in April of 2024. Many people are expected to come to the area for this event as we are in the path of the full eclipse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street Committee –

Parks Committee – Tim Rader shared that he received a playground proposal. A bench with a shade over it would cost \$30,000.00. Council will see if there is someone who could build one for much less. Mr. Rader suggested a swing set at \$8400.00 and a teeter totter at \$2500.00 as a start and do a bit of the playground each year for the next five or so years. Trish Wilson shared that the Rushsylvania Beautification Association requested that the weeds be cleaned up behind the cannon. Ms. Wilson asked if the railroad lot could be used for the garden exchange and/or a community garden. This lot is only leased and the railroad often drives vehicles through it making it a poor area for this type of activity. The RBA also was considering the lot at the corner of Sandusky and Euclid Streets which is owned by Rushcreek Township.

Code Enforcement Committee – Chris Crumley shared that he has concerns about the property at 119 Rush Street. Jason Miller spoke with Arie Pequignot from the Logan County Health Department concerning condemning the home. He was sent a form to fill out to work with the homeowner. The homeowner would need to voluntarily apply to have the home condemned and torn down. The County has funds to pay for the expense of having the home torn down. Mr. Pequignot is planning to come look at the home. Mr. Miller will forward the information he has to Mayor, Phillip Wright, so the two can set up a meeting with Mr. Pequignot to discuss the property. Fiscal Officer, Kathy Stierhoff, was asked to send a letter to Allan Austin for trash building up on his property.

Records Committee – Jeremy Lowe stated there is a link on the website for the consumer confidence report.

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Ordinance Committee – Sarah Eagy stated that the Garden Exchange Ordinance would be voted on during the Legislative portion of the meeting.

Finance Committee – Jason Miller reported that he and Sarah Eagy have been working with Solicitor, Zeb Wagner, on the bid process for access to the water tower to install an internet tower. Mr. Wagner stated that the village will need to pass an ordinance authorizing the publishing for bids for the project. Mr. Miller will send the information he has for publishing to Mr. Wagner for review before publishing.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

Sarah Cunningham, 145 N Stewart Street, apologized that Council had to send them a letter concerning their ducks and geese. She stated that she and her husband had been told by a former employee that they could keep the ducks and geese on their property. The ducks and geese have been moved, but they will probably be requesting a meeting with the Zoning Board of Appeals concerning a conditional use permit.

Tori Zupan, 207 N Sandusky Street, asked what was needed to request a Zoning meeting for a conditional use permit. She is willing to fill out an application and pay the fee but isn't sure where to send them. She was instructed to mail them to the Village mailbox at PO Box 204, Rushsylvania.

Vicky Erdy, 137 Rush Street, asked if residents could use the water bill drop box downtown as a suggestion box if they are unable to attend meetings. Mayor, Phillip Wright, showed her the message portion of the Village website where residents can submit suggestions or questions.

OLD BUSINESS

The internet tower contract on the water tower was covered in the finance committee report.

The Employee Handbook is not finished. It may not be ready until the first of the year.

The Electricity Aggregation Resolution was filed with the Board of Elections. Chris Crumley reported that Aspen Energy will hold an educational meeting in early October. Council requested that the meeting be scheduled on Tuesday, October 3, at 6:00 in the Lions Community Room. Mr. Crumley will contact Aspen Energy about setting up this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The camera for inspecting pipes was discussed. Tim Rader moved to purchase the camera from Core & Main at the quoted price of \$4328.10. Sarah Eagy seconded the motion. Trish Wilson, yes; Chris Crumley, yes; Jason Miller, yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning the repairs to the dump truck. Many were concerned about the chance of the transfer case going out in the middle of winter. Sarah Eagy moved to have Leonards Garage do the repairs. Jason Miller seconded the motion. Trish Wilson, yes; Tim Rader, yes; Chris Crumley, yes. Motion carried.

Sarah Eagy reminded Council of the car show being held by the Rushsylvania Beautification Assosiation on August 26. She stated that the lot at the corner of Sandusky and Euclid owned by Rushcreek Township would be used to display cars. The alley between the lot and 111 S Sandusky Street needs to be open for cars to get to the lot. She asked if Chris Coak could close off that alley on that date to keep the residents from parking in the alley. Mr. Coak will set up the signs and the RBA may put them wherever they deem best.

Sarah Eagy also requested that a noxious weeds letter be sent to Rushsylvania One Stop for the lot next to the business. They would like it to be mowed before the car show.

LEGISLATIVE

Resolutions

Chris Crumley moved to suspend the rules for Resolution 1238-23 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF RUSHSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF RUSHSYLVANIA TO ORDER THE LOGAN COUNTY AUDITOR TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL TAX LIEN ON CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR COLLECTION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AS STATED HEREIN. Sarah Eagy seconded the motion. Trish Wilson, yes; Tim Rader, yes; Jason Miller, yes. Motion carried.

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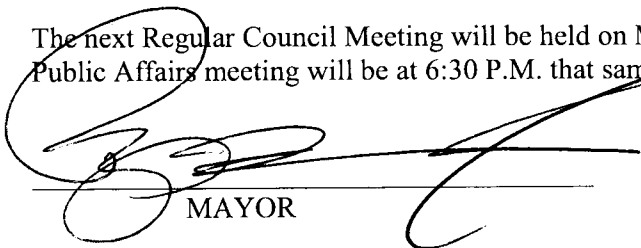
Jason Miller moved to suspend the rules for Resolution 1239-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RUSHSYLVANIA BEAUTIFICATION ASSOCIATION TO CLEAN UP AND UTILIZE VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF A GARDEN EXCHANGE. Chris Crumley seconded the motion. Trish Wilson, yes; Tim Rader, yes; Sarah Eagy, yes. Motion carried.

Sarah Eagy stated that the RBA was concerned about a large amount of trash and debris in the area for the garden exchange. Chris Coak stated that it was thrown back there by ball association members years ago. He stated that the RBA is welcome to use the village dumpster to dispose of the debris.

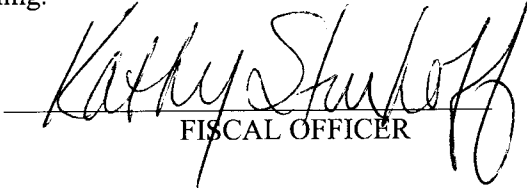
Chris Crumley moved to pass Resolution 1239-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RUSHSYLVANIA BEAUTIFICATION ASSOCIATION TO CLEAN UP AND UTILIZE VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF A GARDEN EXCHANGE. Tim Rader seconded the motion. Trish Wilson, yes; Jason Miller, yes; Sarah Eagy, yes. Motion carried.

No other business was presented, so Trish Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Tim Rader seconded the motion. All approved. Meeting Adjourned.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, at 7:00 P.M. The Board of Public Affairs meeting will be at 6:30 P.M. that same evening.



MAYOR



FISCAL OFFICER