

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

May 1, 2023

The Village of Rushsylvania Council met in an Open, Publicly Advertised Meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. Council Members present included Mayor, Phillip Wright, Board President, Jason Miller, Sarah Eagy, Tim Rader, Trish Wilson, and Chris Crumley. Jeremy Lowe was absent. Solicitor, Zeb Wagner, Village Employee, Chris Coak, and Fiscal Officer, Kathy Stierhoff were also present. Visitors present: Troy Gibson and Erica Caudill.

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

Mayor, Phillip Wright, offered the floor to Troy Gibson of Byhalia.net. He stated that he had sent contracts and insurance information for internet tower placement on the village water tower and was present to see if there were additional questions or additional information Council needs. Jason Miller spoke for the Finance Committee and stated that there were no objections to the contract. He wanted Solicitor, Zeb Wagner, to read it to give a final approval. He asked Mr. Wagner if there needed to be a bid process before awarding a contract for such a project. Mr. Wagner stated that bids only need to be procured for purchases. A contract such as this needs Council approval via ordinance. Mr. Wagner will review the contract to ensure all terms are understood and there are no issues that need to be considered. He will communicate his findings to the Finance Committee and will prepare an ordinance for approval for Council to approve once their decision is made. Mayor, Phillip Wright, asked what happens if and when approval is given for the project. Mr. Gibson stated that he would share any plans for the tower set up and how it is placed on the water tower if Council so requests before the tower is physically placed.

Acting Mayor, Jason Miller, asked for the approval of the minutes and financial report.

Mayor Wright had a question concerning the minutes. He stated that in his conversations with James Blanton, Mr. Blanton stated that the village corporation had been moved since he purchased the property and at the time his property was outside the corporation limits and therefore he should be grandfathered into permission to raise chickens. Council stated that the corporation limit in that area has been the same for at least 60 years. Sarah Eagy made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10 meeting. Chris Crumley seconded the motion. All members approved. Motion carried. Chris Cumley 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	72.05
Chris Coak	Village Employee Salary	661.16
Tim Jones	Village Part Time Employee Salary	197.05
All American Energy	Gas	733.70
CSX Transportation	Railroad Lot Lease	51.00
Fox Supply	Trash Bags and Towels	119.52
Lima Armature Works	Parts for Blower Repair	378.70
Miami Valley Lighting	Street Lights Usage	897.26
NAPA Auto Parts	Coupling	45.96
PNC	Credit Card	
Rushsylvania One Stop	Fuel	177.08
Shelly Materials Inc	Stone	75.20
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	Supplies for Weed Clearing	173.95

Chris Coak stated that the bill from Lima Armature Works was for repair to the blower at the water plant rather than the truck. Fiscal Officer, Kathy Stierhoff, will correct the payment information Tim Rader made a motion to pay the bills. Trish Wilson seconded the motion. All members approved. Motion carried

Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Chris Coak submitted a list of projects completed and work to be done. Gallons pumped 1,043,000, Gallons billed 694,300 at 67%. The sludge waste profile was completed for sludge disposal at the landfill. Sludge must be tested for certain metals before it can be put in the landfill. It will be trucked there using the village dump truck. The UV lighting system is installed in the clear well. The annual backflow inspections for OEPA for the public buildings that have restrooms was completed by Strayer Plumbing. Operations were switched to the north clarifier in service for the summer. There was a clog in the south clarifier that was jetted out. The chlorine pump head at the water plant was rebuilt with new hoses and a foot valve in the tank. The main water line had to be excavated at 153 E Mill Street and the tap saddle had to be replaced with assistance from Logan Construction. The large lift pump at the lagoon pulled the cord into the volute and chewed it up. The pump was sent to Buckeye Pump for cord replacement and kiln dry intervals. The new cord has been tied to the side to avoid this happening in the future. The

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water hydrant at the red building was excavated and replaced with assistance from Logan Construction. Mayor, Phillip Wright, asked if a new hydrant should be purchased and stored for future hydrant issues. Council agreed and Mr. Coak will purchase a replacement hydrant. The blower for the sand filter in the water plant was leaking oil. The blower was rebuilt with new gaskets and oil replaced. Banners uptown were changed for Memorial Day and flowers were put out downtown. The vines and trees will be taken down behind the white building downtown. Meters will be replaced at 116 S Sandusky Street and 163 S Sandusky Street. Tim Rader asked how many meters were in stock with the village. Mr. Coak stated he is already planning to purchase additional meters to have ready for future replacements. The village dumpster will be placed for town wide clean up May 15-17. Scrap metal will be taken for recycling. Hydrants will be flushed on May 24 weather permitting. The venting system in the screen room and the diesel fuel tank at the waste water treatment plant will be completed once the electrician is able to get all parts.

Sarah Eagy asked Mr. Coak if street cleaning has been scheduled with the upcoming holidays and village activities. Mr. Coak informed Council that he does street cleaning approximately a week before any village activities. Chris Crumley asked if there were any updates on the playground equipment. Mr. Coak hasn't received any new information concerning the equipment. Sarah Eagy stated that the mayor of West Mansfield called the Logan County Health District and learned that a company the health district works with will match funds for playground improvements that are handicapped accessible. Solicitor, Zeb Wagner, stated that any equipment that is replaced could be sold but would have to be put up for sale via ordinance and posted. Mr. Coak will ask the existing equipment manufacturer what the cost would be to repair the existing equipment so there could be a cost comparison to replacing equipment.

## OLD BUSINESS

Trish Wilson moved to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1231-23 A RESOLUTION TO CORRECT TAX ASSESSMENTS LEVIED AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES BY THE VILLAGE OF RUSHSYLVANIA, OHIO BY PRIOR VILLAGE ACTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSHSYLVANIA, OHIO. Tim Rader seconded the motion. Chris Crumley, yes; Sarah Eagy, yes; Jason Miller, yes. Motion carried.

Sarah Eagy moved to approve Ordinance 1231-23 A RESOLUTION TO CORRECT TAX ASSESSMENTS LEVIED AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES BY THE VILLAGE OF RUSHSYLVANIA, OHIO BY PRIOR VILLAGE ACTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSHSYLVANIA, OHIO. Jason Miller seconded the motion. Chris Crumley, yes; Tim Rader, yes; Trish Wilson, yes. Motion carried.

Tim Rader moved to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1232-23 AN ORDINANCE TO CORRECT TAX ASSESSMENTS LEVIED AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES BY THE VILLAGE OF RUSHSYLVANIA, OHIO BY PRIOR VILLAGE ACTION AND ISSUE CREDITS AND REFUNDS TO CORRECT TAX ASSESSMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSHSYLVANIA, OHIO. Chris Crumley seconded the motion. Trish Wilson, yes; Sarah Eagy, yes; Jason Miller, no. Motion failed.

Due to a lack of sufficient votes to suspend the rules, Sarah Eagy moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1232-23 AN ORDINANCE TO CORRECT TAX ASSESSMENTS LEVIED AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES BY THE VILLAGE OF RUSHSYLVANIA, OHIO BY PRIOR VILLAGE ACTION AND ISSUE CREDITS AND REFUNDS TO CORRECT TAX ASSESSMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSHSYLVANIA, OHIO. Trish Wilson seconded the motion. Tim Rader, yes; Chris Crumley, yes; Jason Miller, yes. Motion carried.

Jason Miller updated Council on the property at 235 E Mill Street. The committee continues to wait for the lawyer to procure the affidavit for the dowry rights on the title. The affidavit has been signed eliminating the issue of dowry rights. It has also been confirmed that the present owner has never been married. The deed has been prepared by Attorney, Kylee Vermillion. There is no need to hold a formal closing, so Michael Gibbs needs to sign the deed over to the village. Solicitor, Zeb Wagner, will write the ordinance for the village to accept the donation of this property. Chris Coak stated that the only thing that needs to be done with the property is to tear down the present building.

Jason Miller also updated Council that the noise ordinance has been prepared and will be sent to Solicitor, Zeb Wagner, for approval of language. The ordinance will be brought before Council at the June meeting to begin the process of approval. Mr. Miller stated that there were questions about noise of vehicles coming through the village such as cars for the car show or emergency vehicles. He stated that the ordinance addresses stationary noise rather than moving vehicles. Tim Rader asked if No Trespassing signs could be posted on village property to avoid issues that have arisen.

The Finance Committee is still working on the Employee Handbook to get all the many details covered to match the village needs. Mayor, Phillip Wright, noted an email received from Stolly Insurance suggesting language be included in employee information concerning the new distracted driving law. Jason Miller stated that language concerning that issue has been included in the handbook.

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Chris Crumley informed the board that after researching electricity aggregates, the two that seem the most plausible are Aspen who addressed the board at the March meeting and AG&E who serves several entities in the area. Mayor, Phillip Wright, requested that Mr. Crumley try to get figures for electricity rates from each of the aggregates so Council could make an informed decision.

Mayor, Phillip Wright, informed the board that the planning commission for updating the Zoning Ordinance is in place. He is waiting now for LUC to let him know when they can attend meeting with the commission. Sarah Eagy asked if specific changes to the Zoning Ordinance could be made by Council before the planning commission finishes its update.

Chris Crumley informed the board that the Public Records Request Ordinance has been approved by Solicitor, Zeb Wagner, with some language suggestions. The Records Committee just needs to meet to finalize the language of the ordinance before presenting it to Council.

Mayor, Phillip Wright, informed Council that the Rushcreek Fire Department is still working to procure security for their proposed beer garden for the July 4 celebration.

## NEW BUSINESS

Village wide garage sales will take place on Saturday, May 13. The Rushsylvania Beautification Association annual Car Show will take place on Saturday, August 26.


Tim Rader asked if the Ohio Public Works Commission grant street work is still to be completed. Chris Coak stated that he assumes the work is still to be completed, but has not heard any specific information from the Logan County Engineer.

Tim Rader requested that a letter be sent to 153 Rush Street concerning weeds and a junk vehicle. It was also requested the send a letter to 108 Union Street concerning weeds. Sarah Eagy stated that village resident, Katrina Eversole, called the owner of 101 N Sandusky letting him know there was glass and other debris near the building. He has since cleaned this debris.

Mayor, Phillip Wright, informed the board that some slight changes will be made to the meeting agendas to make the meetings more efficient.

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

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, at 7:00 P.M. The Board of Public Affairs meeting will be at 6:30 P.M. that same evening.

  
Acting MAYOR

  
FISCAL OFFICER