

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held _____ 20 _____

October 3, 2022

The Village of Rushsylvania Council met in an Open, Public Advertised Meeting on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. Council Members present included Council President, Jason Miller, Tim Rader, Trish Wilson, and Sarah Eagy. Mayor, Phillip Wright, Solicitor, Zeb Wagner, Fiscal Officer, Kathy Stierhoff, and Village Employee, Chris Coak, were present. Council Member, Jeremy Lowe was absent. Village Residents, Victoria Zupan, Dan Fish, Adrianna Brogan, Alexander Brogan, Chris Crumley, Chuck Skidmore, Becky Smith, Jan Geeslin, Chris Geeslin, Vicky Erdy, Ben Kave, and Nancy Kave were also present.

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

Mayor, Phillip Wright, offered the floor to Chuck Skidmore. He stated he had heard there was an open seat on council and wanted to vouch for Victoria Zupan for the seat. Becky Smith was offered the floor. She stated that her portion of the alley off S. Stewart Street did not get plowed each time last winter. Chris Coak said he would be sure to plow that portion this winter. Solicitor, Zeb Wagner, requested that Ms. Smith let council know as soon as these problems occur so they can be dealt with in a timely manner. Mr. Coak stated that she can call the village phone and he will receive the message. Council Member, Sarah Eagy, asked if the comments section of the web page were monitored yet. As Council Member, Jeremy Lowe, was absent it was noted that he needed to be consulted about the comments.

Mayor, Phillip Wright, informed those in attendance that there are three village residents interested in the council seat: Chris Crumley, Victoria Zupan, and Jonathan Lowe. As Chris Crumley was in attendance, he offered him the floor to give any information he felt was pertinent to the decision. He explained that he was currently living in Rushsylvania and was looking to commit to the village by purchasing or building a home. He would like to become more involved in the community as part of that commitment. He feels he can help with properties that need attention.

Council Member, Sarah Eagy, stated that, in her opinion, a direct family member of a sitting council member should only be appointed if there were no other persons interested in the vacant Council seat. She felt it unethical to have a direct family member of a current sitting member of Council appointed to fill a vacant Council seat. Solicitor, Zeb Wagner, explained that the Mayor was making the appointment, and as there is no direct family connection between the candidate and the Mayor, the appointment is neither illegal or unethical. Moreover, even if Council were to vote on the appointment, it would likewise not be illegal or unethical for Council to vote to appoint a family member of a sitting council member so long as the sitting council member / family member abstained from the vote. There was a question of why Council was not voting on the appointment at this meeting. Mr. Wagner stated that it has been more than 30 days since Dave Harris resigned from Council so the appointment must come from the mayor.

Jason Miller informed those in attendance that he had checked the web page which is relatively new and there is contact information available there for issues such as the one Becky Smith reported. There is also a place to message the village. Again, Mr. Lowe will need to be consulted as to what happens to comments and messages left on the page.

Ben Kave was given the floor. He asked about the existence of a noise ordinance for the village. He lives at 152 Railroad Street and complained of very loud music which shakes their windows playing until midnight or even 2:00 a.m. by a neighbor. He stated he has video on his security cameras of racing in the street in front of their residence. Mayor, Phillip Wright, stated that the Sheriff's Department has already been involved in this and other such issues in the village. He urged Mr. Kave and any other residents to call the Sheriff's office right away when these issues occur so they have a real time record of incidents. He stated they are welcome to call himself or a Council member, however it would be most effective to call the Sheriff's Department directly. Council President, Jason Miller, asked those in attendance to hold off on further discussion until the New Business portion of the meeting as a noise ordinance is on the agenda.

Ben Kave also stated that he would like to know about any barking dog ordinances as this is also a problem in his neighborhood. Mayor, Phillip Wright, stated that they should also contact the Sheriff's Department for those complaints.

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

Tim Rader made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12 meeting. Jason Miller seconded the motion. All members approved. Motion carried. Tim Rader made a motion to approve the financial report. Trish Wilson 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	617.12
Kathy Stierhoff	Fiscal Officer Salary	664.81
Kathy Stierhoff	Mileage	55.58
Chris Coak	Village Employee Salary	672.27
Tim Jones	Village Part Time Employee Salary	202.59
Jeremy Lowe	Web Site Fee	19.98
AES Ohio	Electric	249.55
All American Energy	Gas	104.95
CCA	Municipal Tax Withholding	41.44

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Fox Supply	Trash Bags and Gloves	68.69
Gand L Company	Internet Service	25.00
Miami Valley Lighting	Street Lights Usage	854.38
Northwest Ohio Auto Parts	Supplies	12.99
Ohio Department of Taxation	Ohio Tax Withholding	62.82
OPERS	Employee/Employer Withholding	994.92
PNC	Checking Charges	48.00
PNC	Credit Card	
USPS	Postage	96.95
Ohio Mobile Shredding	Records Shredding	326.89
Rushsylvania One Stop	Fuel	195.79
Shelly Materials Inc	Stone	62.48
SV&E Refuse	Dumpster	70.00
Treasurer State of Ohio	Audit Fees	6432.90
US Treasury	Federal Tax Withholding	308.14

Trish Wilson made a motion to pay the bills. Sarah Eagy 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 1,115,000, Gallons billed 907,200 at 81%. The alley between N Miami Street and N Stewart Street was dug up and moved to open up access. The north clarifier was drained and cleaned and the south clarifier was filled for winter operations. Gave access to and witnessed the shredding of old documents from the shelter house that were shredded in compliance with the Village Records Retention Schedule. A new aluminum rear gate was installed on the leaf cage. The new NPDES permit from OEPA for wastewater discharge was received and implemented. The permit is good until 2027. Crane stands were mounted on three of the village lift stations. New 20V DeWalt power hand tools were purchased. Finalized paperwork was submitted to the Logan County Engineers for the 2023 OPWC paving project. A town power cable was replaced on RAS pump #2 at the waste water treatment plant. The meter lid and housing were replaced at 127 Susie Street. The meter was replaced at 259 N Sandusky Street. The concession stand was winterized. Parts will be ordered for the playground. Potholes in the alley off S. Stewart Street will be patched. The UV lighting system will be removed for the winter. All village lift stations will be drained and cleaned. Hydrants will be flushed on October 31 weather permitting. Multiple continuing education classes will be completed in October. Students from Benjamin Logan will be performing work projects in the park on October 26.

OLD BUSINESS

Chris Coak gave an update on the OPWS Grant paving project. The paperwork is filed with the Logan County Engineers. The following roads will be paved next year: South Stewart Street, Walnut Street, and Railroad Street.

Fiscal Officer, Kathy Stierhoff, gave an update on allpaid.com. She has completed training on the use of their web site. Letters will be sent out with the October bill letting residents know how to use the payment system. Jeremy Lowe will put a link on the web site for residents to go directly to the payment page for the village.

Mayor, Phillip Wright, stated that new members are needed to put together a Board of Zoning Appeals. He asked those community members in attendance to consider serving on this board.

Solicitor, Zeb Wagner, stated that we are next on the list of the LUC Regional Planning Commission to assist Council in updating the village Zoning Codes. The present zoning codes were written in 1999.

Fiscal Officer, Kathy Stierhoff, updated Council on the audit process. The auditor's have concluded their onsite testing. The audit report is being created and a post audit conference is awaited.

Jason Miller moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1215-22 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALL PREVIOUS WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF RUSHSYLVANIA, OHIO. Tim Rader seconded the motion. Sarah Eagy, yes; Trish Wilson, yes. Motion carried.

Mayor, Phillip Wright, addressed the vacant Council seat. He asked if there were any further input from those in attendance or those on Council. He stated that he will appoint a new member within the next few days and the new council member will be sworn in at the November 7 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Jason Miller stated that a search was made for a noise ordinance. There is a section of the Zoning Ordinance that addresses noise, but the language is very vague. He stated that it didn't identify what kinds of noise would be considered objectionable nor what board the matter would be taken to. He feels there needs to be more detail in an ordinance as well as consequences spelled out. He proposed that the ordinance committee meet and look into what other entities have in place for noise ordinances and decide what would need to be included in a village ordinance. In the mean time, he urged residents to call the Sheriff's Department whenever an incident occurs.

Mr. Miller also asked if we had lost the tornado siren in town. It was stated that the tornado siren had been going off

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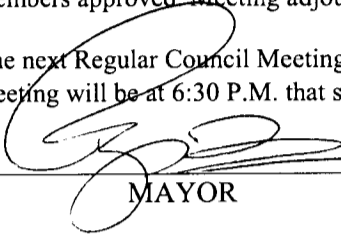
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as a test for a while now. This brought about questions about the fire department. The township currently has ambulance service, but no fire service until a fire chief is found.

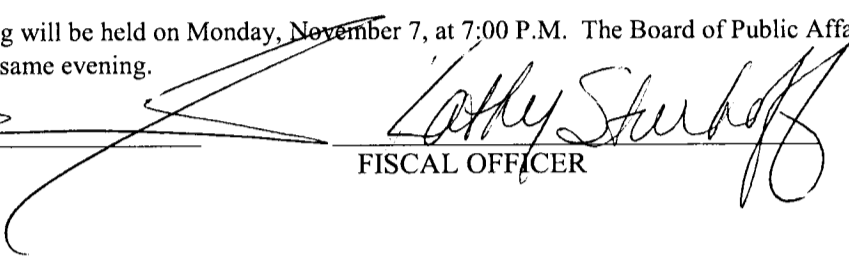
Sarah Eagy informed the board that work has begun on the mural downtown on the side of the station. She requested that vegetation be removed from behind the building. She also stated that plans are being made to decorate the town for Christmas beyond the lights and banners that typically decorate downtown. There is also a plan to possibly hold a Christmas walk through in Memorial Park.

No other business was presented, so Tim Rader made a motion to adjourn. Sarah Eagy seconded the motion. All members approved. Meeting adjourned.

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



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