



VILLAGE OF RISINGSUN

JULY 23, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

GENA RATHBURN / FISCAL OFFICER / CLERK

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420 MAIN ST.

RISINGSUN, OH. 43457

CALL TO ORDER *(Town Hall Meeting @ Village Park)*

Mayor Rick Whetsel at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Linda Krotzer, John Dierksheide, Dan Connor, Jim Essman; Rachel Dissaur; Larry Below

Motion to accept the minutes from previous meeting; 1st. Linda K., and 2nd by Rachel D.

Motion Passed

Motion to accept pay vouchers #13406 to #13453 in the amount of \$12745.19; 1st Rachel D., and 2nd by Dan C.

Motion Passed

Guests: Bud Morse - Ambulance District, Bill Snyder - Resident

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor: Rick Whetsel

-Gave Mayor's Court Report 25 Cases = \$4300.00 to General Fund

- Went over Resolution #654 and Ordinance #877 for the 2% income tax to be put on the November ballot.

- Introduced the Resolutions for the upcoming replacement levies for the November ballot.

655 - .5 mil replacement for park

656 - 1.3 mil replacement for current expenses

657 - 1.8 mil replacement for fire

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: Fiscal Officer: Gena Rathburn

- June budget report

- Temporary appropriation budget for 2020 explained.

GUEST SPEAKERS:*Town Hall Style Meeting***POLICE: Police Chief: Shawn Beckley**

- July 6th checkpoint seen approximately 200 vehicles.
- Chief is getting a grant together that would provide an in car printer for tickets.
- Linda K. brought up the semi traffic with the 23 road closure. The chief responded to her that the department is looking into this matter.

FIRE: Fire Chief: Mike Cox (*Chuck Krotzer*)

- Chief Cox brought to the council's attention that Scott Twp. has asked if the town would sit down and discuss the possibility of putting our old fire truck into their township house. This is because there are several homes in the middle of the township which are not within 5 miles of a dept. These homeowners are looking at increased ins. Rates if this cannot be resolved.
- Scott Twp. would give the village an additional \$6000./year for a 3 year contract.
- Cost to the town would need to be looked at per the Chief. Such as hose/pump testing, ins. Rates for the truck. Liability issues.
- Finalized the sale of surplus radios to the Ambulance District. The funds will go to the purchase of more advanced nozzles.
- Pump testing for the fire trucks will be the 1st week in August \$400.00 / truck @ a cost of \$1200.00.
- While the railroad crossing is closed the old fire truck will be stationed across the tracks.

STREET: Street Department: Mike Shultz

- Storm damage pickup 4th Thursday of the month. **LIMITED TO ONLY STORM DAMAGE NO PERSONAL CLIPPINGS / TRIMMINGS!!!**
- Will be spraying for mosquitos on Wednesday so truck can be ready for limb pickup on Thursday.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Denise Beck

- August 10th at 8 or 9a.m. the annual Tractor Ride will leave Fire lot and go to Girton for breakfast then on to Tiffin

ZONING: Zoning Officer: Jack Hindall (Mayor)

- 12 citations were written violators will be coming to court.
- People have been out taking care of properties good sign.
- ALL COMPLAINTS NEED TO BE DIRECTED TO TOWN HALL 419-457-4435.

TAX COMMITTEE: Committee Member: Denise Beck

- After several meetings it is decided to go with a 2% income tax.
- This will be on earned income not (SS, Disability etc)
- Will need to post in 3 papers along with meeting dates July 9th and July 23rd. Also will be posted in Facebook (on several sites)
- Flier will be coming soon will be informational to public
- Going to try EDDM every door direct mailing. 326 mailing address plus RRout.
- The tax will be split 50% to the General Fund and 50% to Street Fund.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ed Onsel will be donating 3 lots down on Union Street where the old business was. The 4th lot will be donated after the foreclosure is completed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ordinance #877 a 2% income tax to be put on the general election ballot November 5, 2019 to generate \$130,000 per year for street, alley sidewalk repair and general fund which will be divided 50/50. 3rd reading.

1st: John D. 2nd: Dan C.: Motion Carried

Larry B. - Yes, Dan C. Yes, John D. Yes, Rachel D. Yes, Jim E. Yes, Linda K. Yes

- Resolution #654 to place a 2% income tax on the general election ballot 3rd reading

1st Rachel D., 2nd. John D, : Motion Carried

- Resolution #655 and Resolution #658 a replacement tax for the Village Park of .5 mills for 5 years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 to be put on general election ballot Nov. 5 2019 and to declare an emergency.

1st Linda K., 2nd. John D, : Motion Carried

- Resolution #656 and #659 a replacement tax for current expenses for the Village of 1.3 mills for 4 years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 to be put on general election ballot Nov. 5, 2019 and to declare an emergency.

1st Linda K., 2nd. Rachel D, : Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS CONT.

- Resolution #657 and Resolution #660 a replacement tax for purchase and maintenance of fire and medical protection equipment 1.8mills for 5 years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 to be put on general election ballot Nov. 5 2019 and to declare an emergency.

1st Larry B., 2nd. John D.,: Motion Carried

- Motion to approve the tentative budget for the year 2020, and submit to the county auditor.

1st Linda K., 2nd. Rachel D.,: Motion Carried

TOWN HALL MEETING ON UPCOMING INCOME TAX.

2% earned income tax for the upcoming November ballot. Money would go for streets, sidewalks, alleys and General Fund. Current cost to resurface from railroad to corporation limit would be in the range of \$200,000 to \$225,000.

Village stated that our insurance rates have risen 75%. Along with other operating expenses.

Mike Cox, a member of the tax committee, explained Levy vs Income Tax

Levy = Property Tax, would take a 20 mill levy to accomplish the 2% income tax.

Property values have not gone up in years

Income Tax - Only on earned income not on retirement, disability or social security income.

Resident question was raised about ballot language and clarification that the "earned income" means earned income. To make sure that it does state that no SS, Disability, Retirement income will be affected.

Benefits to the town would not be seen for upwards of two years and then we would see the full benefit around year 6.

Rachel D. expressed that we were the very last village in the state to request any sort of income / property tax.

Employers should be able to withhold the tax from resident paychecks.

We will be using RITA (Regional Income Tax Agency) to collect and manage delinquent accounts. The choice to use RITA is to not hire an additional clerk at \$10,000/year when RITA will handle all aspects for a small 2.85 to 3.85 percentage.

Resident question: When the funds do start coming in will the zoning laws be more stringent to improve the look of the Village.

Tax committee reply: It takes approx. \$3000.00 to take a homeowner to court for zoning / property issues.

Tax committee will be holding another Town Hall style meeting in the fall. There will also be informative information in your mailbox, as well as door to door information.

Normal council meetings are 4th Tuesday of each month. Any questions or concerns can be addressed then or come to town hall during normal business hours and someone from the tax committee will get back with you.

- Next Council meeting is August 27th, 2019 @ 6:30 with a finance meeting prior to meeting at 5:00 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st Linda K. 2nd. John D., : Motion Carried

CLERK - GENA RATHBURN

MAYOR - RICK WHETSEL

DATE - July 23, 2019