

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2025

DATE: 5/12/25

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Art Rilands, Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton, Trustee Doug Rigby, Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner, Trustee Chandra Gilman, Clerk Jeannie Kesel, Code Officer Tim Pagel, Public Works Maintenance Assistant Chris Ciancaglini, Fire Chief Jim Adams Neal Curtis Public Works Supervisor absent

Approximately 8 people attended the meeting (sign in sheet available at the Village Office)

The Mayor called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 pm

RE: Salute to the Flag:

The Mayor asked everyone to rise and join in the Pledge to the Flag.

RE: Approval of Minutes:

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had any corrections to the board minutes from the April 14, 2025 Organizational meeting or the Board meeting. There were a couple of corrections.

Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to approve the April 14, 2025 Organizational meeting and Board meeting minutes with corrections. Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vader made a 2nd to the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Library Update:

- Dodie Baker, Director, from the Mabel D. Blodgett Memorial Library presented the 2024 Annual Community Report. She and the Board of Directors wanted to thank the Board and the community for their support. Her report is attached. Dodie said that the board is looking to fill two board seats. Jamie Landcastle said he would be interested in one of those board seats.

RE: Nuisance Abatement Law:

- Tim Pagel, Code Officer, said that the Village Board could not assess a fine on repeat offenders without legal intervention. Jeff Graff, Village Attorney, is reviewing and will update the Board. Jeff will be drafting a new law. He said that unsafe structures should be under a different law.

RE: Establish a Minority Business Officer (MBO) for the Water Plant Upgrade Project:

- The Mayor wanted to let the Board know that Jeannie, Clerk, was named the Minority Business Officer (MBO) for the Water Plant Upgrade Project.

RE: Mayor's Report:

- Dave LeClair will be coming to the Board requesting money for the Park Pavilion Project.
- The Mayor asked the Board if there was any interest in moving out of this building. Maybe Lyons National Bank would be interested in purchasing this building. Art said he would

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pursue possible building location options if the Board is interested. The Board gave Art the ok to look into this.

- The Mayor looked into the PFOS's class action law suit that municipalities around Canandaigua Lake are looking into. The village did not have any positive hits in our water samples taken. Therefore, the village cannot be listed in the suit.
- Jeff Englin is the only property owner paying for the extra water that is going through the master meter on Route 364. Another property owner has been billed, but is not expected to pay. Art talked with our lawyer, Jeff Graff, about the way the Village is billing for the water usage from the master meter. He did not see this as a problem
- Art has been working on updating the sewer ordinance. This has not been done since the 1980's. This might be ready for the Board to review next month.

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- Karen's report is attached.
- Karen reviewed the call with Bernard Donegan and MRB regarding the EFC short term financing. This is needed to cover on-going costs for the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project.

A motion to obtain a short term loan from EFC was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and a second was made by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion passed. Trustee Chandra Gilman voted no.

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Streets:

- We got streets all swept and curbs cleaned up. The new dump truck is on order. We got all the flags up and the banners will be going up in the next couple of days.

Water:

- Chris had his assessment with DOH a couple of weeks ago. He did well, but there were a couple of topics that they wanted him to polish up on. He should have his certification in the next couple of weeks. Got the area cleaned up and seeded at 4 Douglas Drive. We split the cost of a leak detection device with Middlesex and will start using that on some suspect spots to see if we can find some of the lost water. There is a suspected leak near 57 North Main Street that we are monitoring.

Sewer:

- We pumped a couple of tanks. Got the UV lights installed for the summer at the plant. The heavy rains last week put a strain on the plant, but we made it through and it seems as if it may have flushed out the problem that we were battling in the clarifier.

Miscellaneous:

- We have all had our annual safety training. We have got everything put away from winter and have started mowing quite a bit. Picnic tables are out at the trail head and in the park. We got the power run into the barn for the new pavilion. We had one full burial. We had

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some signs made by Dave Bradshaw to hopefully remind people to clean up after their pets and not to drive on the grass at the cemetery.

RE: Fire Report:

- Chief Adams' report is attached.
- The Fire Department is having a chicken BBQ on May 17th from 11:00 am until Sold Out.
- The Memorial Day Parade is May 26th in Gorham.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Training via Webinars
- Working with Canandaigua National to clean-up 9 Chapel Street
- Working with Linda Philips on proposed zoning law
- Reviewing new DEC regulations on building in the flood plain
- Rubin Drive – The engineer, Justin, for the Keuka Housing project said letters have been sent out to start the annexation process. Neither the Town of Potter or the Village has received this letter. Annexation has to be completed for the project to move forward, if at all. Justin is hoping to apply for grants by Fall. Tim said the process is disjointed. Justin would like a shovel in the ground by Fall. Tim told Justin that this process would take well past Fall.

RE: Clerk:

- None

RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$25,273.98. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize the payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$1,197.17. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner to authorize the payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$7,365.76. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$68,171.91. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize the payment of the Capital Project bills in the amount of \$348.75. The motion was unanimously carried.

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RE: Public Comments:

None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer