

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

October 20, 2025

DATE: 10/20/25

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Art Rilands, Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton, Trustee Doug Rigby, Trustee Chandra Gilman, DPW Supervisor Kyle Kuhner, Code Officer Tim Pagel, Fire Chief Jim Adams, Clerk Jeannie Kesel, Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner - Absent

Approximately 12 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 September 8, 2025 Board meeting. Trustee Chandra Gilman made a motion to approve the September 8, 2025 Board meeting. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2nd to the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had any corrections to the board minutes from the September 22, 2025 special meeting. Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to approve the September 22, 2025 with one correction. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a 2nd to the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- Terry Button, Yates County Legislature, said the county is considering changing sales tax sharing again for the 2026 budget. The county voted to use Rochester Transit System versus Yates Transit System. The county has signed a contract with no expiration date. Terry said that there have been construction issues with the contractors that built the new highway building.

RE: Appoint Kyle Kuhner President of the Cemetery:

Trustee Chandra Gilman made a motion to appoint Kyle Kuhner president of the cemetery. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2nd to the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Mayor's Report:

- The Mayor said he accepted the bid for the 550 truck for \$28,000. The check should be received in a couple of weeks. The buyer will pick up the truck this week.
- With the consent order that is against the sewer collection system for I&I problem, MRB does not think DEC will allow Keuka Housing proposed project to hook to our system until

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the problem is resolved. The grant we got will hopefully identify the problem. We have not seen much interest from engineers on doing the RFQ.

- We need to set hours for Halloween. In the past, it has been 6-8 pm.

Trustee Chandra Gilman made a motion for Halloween hours to be 6-8 pm. A second was made by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion unanimously carried.

- Art asked the Board their thoughts on giving the 2 part time guys a raise. He believes the Village has a good team. Trustee Chandra Gilman wants to review the budget to see if there are funds. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton would also like to review the budget.
- Tomorrow is the pre-bid meeting for the proposed water project at the Village at 10:00 am. Bid openings will be October 29th at the Village at 2:00 pm.
- Melissa Robinson from 61 North Main Street sent a letter to the board regarding her high-water bill. She is requesting to have her bill lowered. She hired a plumber to work on an issue at her house. The plumber brought a tank of water. The question is whether he ran that water through her meter which would have been illegal. Kyle will recheck the meter read tomorrow.

Trustee Chandra Gilman made a motion to table this until it is determined the water usage since the last meter read late September. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a second. The motion passed. Mayor Art Rilands voted no.

- The Mayor said the Board needed to vote to accept Amanda Bishop's resignation as the Village Historian.

Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a motion to accept Amanda Bishop's resignation as of October 7, 2025 and was seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion carried. Trustee Chandra Gilman voted no.

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- Karen said the dedication for the park went very well. About 50 people attended. The Lions Club served hot dogs, chips and water. Karen said they are looking for more donations to expand the outlook of the park. The playground equipment is very expensive. She said the walking trail, the bridge and the pavilion looks great! The pavilion is available for anyone to use. The Village residents can use it free of charge and there will be a small fee for non-residents. Karen wanted to especially thank Dave LeClair for getting the project organized and completed. There were many individuals, businesses and Yates County who donated money, time and effort. A BIG Thank You!

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Streets:

- Leaf pick up began this week. We had to repair a stop sign at the end of Union Street. The 2016 550 truck is packed up and ready for pick up. A few flag banners needed repair.

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Water:

- Spent time learning the system. A dead tree was removed. Chris and I replaced the chlorine line. Water samples went out and reports were sent on 10/10/25. Blue green algae weekly testing will be done at the end of the month for the season.

Sewer:

- Spent the first week learning the system. Chris and I are trying to waste the solids down on the clarifier. We've had to pump several septic tanks – the clinic, laundry mat and the sewer plant. The UV system can come out at the end of the month.

Cemetery:

- The pile of top soil was moved to behind the fence line. Grass seed was put down to help with the aesthetics of the cemetery, possible pressure wash and painting markers has been discussed. Liddiard's trimmed a few trees along the buildings and the flag pole. Two burials were done this month Elvin is keeping up with the mowing.

RE: Fire Report:

- Chief Adams' report is attached.
- Jim said they are handing out candy for Halloween
- The fire department assisted with the kayak recovery.
- They did fire prevention education at the Valley School on Thursday the 9th. We were assisted by Potter, Middlesex and Crystal Beach fire departments, Middlesex Ambulance and responded to the fire in Stanley.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Training via Webinars
- Working with Canandaigua National to clean-up 9 Chapel Street. CNB keeps paying the reinspection fees.
- Reviewing new DEC regulations on building in the flood plain.
- Working on annexation
- We will need a local law adopting the 2025 Uniform Code.
- Attending training on October 29th and 30th in Geneva for 2025 codes.
- Working with Beardsley Engineering Group on the Keuka Housing Project.

RE: Clerk:

- Jeannie presented to the board the health insurance update for 2026. The rates are going up 20%. Trustee Chandra Gilman asked if Jeannie could ask Yates County if the Village could be added to their health insurance. Jeannie said that Ontario County was designated the

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Village's HR many years ago. Art called Kerry Brennan, Yates County HR Supervisor and asked if we could post the DPW Supervisor position. Kerry said Rushville was not part of the Yates County HR and, therefore, could not post the position. Art will follow up with Kerry Brennan and inquiry if the Village could switch to Yates County for HR.

RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$36,524.02. 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 \$2,392.40. 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 Water bills in the amount of \$5,660.55. 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 Sewer bills in the amount of \$7,799.93. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton to authorize the payment of the Capital Project bills in the amount of \$2,180.00. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer