

# THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING

## December 14, 2020

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DATE: 12/14/20

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Dave LeClair, Trustee Chandra Gilman, Trustee Doug Rigby, Trustee Karen Gorton, Trustee Mark Fargo, Clerk Jeannie Kesel, Deputy Clerk Joanne Burley, DPW Art Rilands, Reading Center Director Dodie Baker, Code Officer Tim Pagel

Approximately 18 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 October 19, 2020 meeting. Trustee Mark Fargo made a motion to approve the November 9, 2020 minutes with the corrections. Trustee Chandra Gilman made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **RE: Mayors Report:**

Mayor Dave LeClair gave his Mayor's report as follows:

- The Mayor stated as Regina (Jeannie) Kesel assumes her responsibilities as the Clerk/Treasurer position, Joanne Burley will be transitioning to Deputy Clerk effective December 30, 2020. The Mayor requested a motion to waive the residency requirement for both Jeannie Kesel and Joanne Burley as provided by Section 7 of Local Law #1, 1985. Trustee Karen Gorton made a motion to waive the residency requirements and Trustee Mark Fargo made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.
- The Mayor stated that Jeannie Kesel needed to be appointed to a four-year term. Trustee Chandra Gilman made a motion to appoint Jeannie Kesel to a four-year term as Village Clerk/Treasurer and Trustee Karen Gorton made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.
- Amy Hull and Dan Smith will be joining the Zoning Board of Appeals and Carol Stash will be joining the Planning Board. There will be training coming up first for ZBA as Tim Pagel currently has an application for a zoning appeal. The Planning Board will be next. Some of the members have immersed themselves in training meeting the annual four-hour training requirement. This is appreciated and shows their commitment to the Village and their Board positions.
- Fred Lightfoote, Supervisor for the Town of Gorham, informed the Mayor that Potter residents living in the Village would not be able to use the transfer station. His Board felt that due to unforeseen budgetary constraints it would not be feasible in 2020-2021. His Board will revisit this proposal in the future.
- The Mayor attended the Potter Town Board meeting to introduce himself and become familiar with staff and to understand their policies, procedures and current issues affecting Town residents. The Yates county Legislators were in attendance. Terry Button, Legislator, and the Mayor plan on meeting soon to discuss issues affecting Rushville.

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- The Village DPW staff has planted the variety of oak trees that were donated by the Rice Creek Field Station at SUNY Oswego. The Mayor thanked Chandra and Ed Gilman for traveling the distance and picking up the trees.
- COVID update – the Village has increased their efforts to do more frequent cleaning and has asked employees to continue to wear masks where social distancing is not an option. Future Board meeting could possibly be virtual or phone-in. The Mayor will keep the public updated. Mark Fargo would like to continue in-person meetings unless we go yellow. He feels in-person interaction is valuable.

The Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. No Comments.

### **RE: Reports of Committees:**

#### **RE: Public Works Supervisor**

##### **Water:**

Yearly water samples will be collected this week.

The Village finally had to get a different contractor in to fix the communication problem with the water system. Mark Fargo wanted to know if the Village had to pay the 1<sup>st</sup> contractor. The Village was billed for \$3,300 for 25 hours. After discussion with Art, the contractor countered at \$960.00. The second contractor fixed the problem in 2 hours.

Art is working on a report for Yates County water survey.

##### **Sewer:**

The contractor is still here. He should have most of the work done this week. He will have to come back in the spring to finish restoration work.

Some more septic tanks were pumped. Hope to get a few more septic tanks pumped within the next couple of weeks.

##### **Streets:**

Crusher run was put on some of the shoulders on Douglas Drive and Castle Street.

Christmas lights were put up on Main Street and the Village Hall.

##### **Cemetery:**

The mowers were serviced and repaired.

A new gate was built and installed for the driveway that goes down the back of the cemetery.

##### **RE: Village Hall Report:**

Started repairing the ceiling in the records room. It had water damage from the furnace drain in the history room

##### **RE: Fire Report:**

The Fire Chief, Paul Moberg is looking for ways to increase EMS participation.

They have been trying to get rid of the old fire truck. They have an offer of \$6,100. The company from Kentucky that offered \$30,000 is now showing luke warm interest.

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##### **RE: Reading Center Director:**

Dodie thanked the board for her shelves for her new shed.

Dodie thanked everyone that helped make the Fifth Annual “Christmastime in Rushville” happen. The kids were thrilled to speak to Santa and get a gift. Families took lots of pictures with Santa and all the decorations.

The coloring contest pages can be seen at the library through the end of January.

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Dodie asked the Board if they could keep the lights on the bushes and keep up the Christmas tree and banners until January 11, 2021. The Board agreed.

Dodi attended a virtual workshop on Young Adult books (YA). STLS will be sending some book titles to help Dodie choose some YA authors as she updates that section of the library.

Library will be CLOSED December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

There will be a meeting on January 7, 2021 with the library systems to discuss the next steps to move forward with the MWSD budget vote and chartering for Middlesex and Rushville.

### **RE: Code Enforcement officer:**

Tim stated he had been working on the code violations at 9 Chapel Street. Some cleaning up has started.

He is looking into the possibility of re-zoning the parcel between the church and Jon Bagley's storage area so that a 3-4-unit building could be placed there. Still in the planning stages.

He is working the McNinch property regarding a repair shop.

He is working with a realtor regarding the potential demolition of 58 South Main Street and building a new structure.

### **RE: Clerk:**

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo to approve the Fire Truck Resolution – to declare the fire truck unwanted property as surplus. A second was received by Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was passed unanimously.

Clerk Joanne presented the board with the Town of Gorham – Fire Company Agreement for \$31,762.00. A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby for the Mayor to sign the contract. A second was received by Trustee Karen Gorton. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **New Business:**

Trustee Mark Fargo wanted to know if the Village would be issuing checks to Rushville needy families. In the past, 4 families have been chosen. Joanne and Jeannie will reach out to the Friendship House and Marcus Whitman School for families in need. A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo to approve funding for \$1,000 – 4 checks for \$250.00 each and find 4 families in need. A second was received by Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Martin Buildings:**

The Martin building closed. The mortgage has been sent to be recorded. Three mortgage payments (October, November and December 2020) have been received making them current. We will be sending a monthly bill. The mortgage is amortized for 10 years and there is a balloon payment of \$48,000 at the end of 5 years.

### **Re Bills:**

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A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the General Bills in the amount of \$24,517.11. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee a Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$225.21. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and a seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$17,519.96. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$12,862.03. 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 Capital Project bills in the amount of \$20,977.50. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Mark Fargo a 2<sup>nd</sup> was received from Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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