

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

September 12, 2022

DATE: 9/12/22

TIME: 6:50pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

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

Approximately 12 people attended the meeting (sign in sheet available at the Village Office)

The Mayor called the Public Hearing on Community Block Grant (CDBG) for the Planning Grant for Water System Improvements with CDBG funding.

Jamie Landcastle asked Jeff Boorsman from MRB Group to quickly review the proposed timeline for this project. The total capital cost is \$1.3M. We could apply for cofunding through ESC and DOH - \$1M grant and CDGB - \$200K grant. If we can secure these grants then this would bring down the out of pocket cost to the Village to around \$132K. The plan would be to focus next year on applying for grants and preparing the Village for this project without having to foot a large portion of the project cost. Then start construction late 2023 or early 2024. The Village would have to do a new income survey which will cost around \$15,000.

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 August 8, 2022 meeting. Trustee Karen Gorton had a few minor changes. Trustee Mark Fargo made a motion to approve the August 8, 2022 minutes as corrected. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- Tim Michelson from the tire shop out back told the Board that he is interested in purchasing the building out back. He would write a check to the Village as soon as the building became available.

RE: Mayor's Report:

- The DPW position of Public Works Maintenance Assistant has been offered to Ben Loomis starting at \$22.00 hour. His start date will be September 30, 2022. I would like a motion to approve this appointment.

Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to approve the appointment of Ben Loomis to the position of Public Works Maintenance Assistant starting at \$22.00 hour with his start date to

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be September 30, 2022. Trustee Karen Gorton made a second. The motion was unanimously carried.

- The Mayor also said a motion was needed to waive the residency requirement found in our local law Section 7 (a)(b) of Local Law 1 of 1985. There were no approved applicants living in the village.

Trustee Mark Fargo made a motion to waive the residency for Ben Loomis found in the Village's Local Law Section 7 (a)(b) of Local Law 1 of 1985. A second was made by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously carried.

- Party-in-the Park – This event was well attended and we had positive feedback from the public. Several people assisted in making this event a success. Special thanks go out to Katie Brown for donations and help, Jamie, Chandra, Ed and their friends for an additional tent and help, Dodie and all of her volunteers, Lions members, Joanne Burley and Bruce Gage, and everyone else who pitched in. Dodie commented that the party was a success! The library had two volunteers that gave school supplies to families. She wanted to thank everyone who donated items to this wonderful cause. The library (Dodie & Dawn) also gave away new and gently used books to children and families. We entertained the kids and adults with water balloon games, kick ball, croquet and coloring pages.
- Community Bank Donation – Christine Copper notified us that the Village was the recipient of a \$250 donation/award to be used to purchase games for future park events. Let me know if you have any suggestions. One item that might be useful is an outdoor movie projector and sound equipment for “movie night” in the park. It could also be used for the same purpose at the library. The cost is around \$250-\$300.
- Cornell University Design Connect – architectural students will be designing a new park for us starting in the Spring semester. We also hope to get some additional student assistance aimed at engineering the utility connections. These students are expected to attend our board meetings to report on the progress and engage the residents. Trustee Karen Gorton asked if the students will be working with a budget determined by the Board? Dave said yes that they will be working within our budget as part of their curriculum and also to help us find money for the project. They will engage in grant writing as part of this project. Jamie Landcastle asked if the Board will consider a name for the Park. The Mayor said that this will be part of the project/public comment period.
- Jim Liebel/Finger Lakes Woodworking – I have provided a memo in regards to the past due mortgage. We should agree on a date for final demand of payments. I would suggest a date approximately 30 days from today, but not later than our next meeting on October 17th. The Mayor suggested that Trustee Mark Fargo and Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman might meet with Mr. Liebel, as they did in the past. Trustee Mark Fargo said the meeting in the past did not end with a resolution. He feels there is no reason to schedule a meeting with Mr. Liebel and that the Village needs to take a firm course of action. The Mayor has a letter to be mailed to Mr. Liebel. It requests payment in full by October 11, 2022.
- Comprehensive Plan – The Steering Committee is heading into the final phase of the comprehensive plan development. Over the course of the next several weeks, the committee will get to work on the final draft. We anticipate the Board will receive a presentation in October, with the adoption process beginning later this fall.

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RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman attended the Yates County Planning Board meeting on August 25th and reported on a fence variance. Report Attached.
- Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman thanked the Mayor for all of his hard work for the Party in the Park

RE: Watershed Commission Report – Trustee Mark Fargo:

- No Report

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Streets:

- People are still blowing their cut grass out onto the streets, probably worse than ever. Tim Pagel said the sheriff will write tickets to those offenders
- Part of a tree came down on the power lines on Warren Street a few weeks ago. We cleaned up some of it. Liddiards finished cutting the rest down. The property owner wants what is left there.

Sewer:

- Still checking tanks. We washed pipes in top of one sewer bed, this takes the better part of 2 days. Finally, the new pickup is ordered. They said 2 to 3 months for delivery.

Water:

- The Village is looking to buy a trench box with the Town of Middlesex (50/50 cost). The Village's share would be \$2,750. Anytime we dig for water or sewer lines and we are over 4' deep, we should have some type of shoring so the ditch banks don't fall in on people in the ditch. It's an OSHA requirement. We tried to replace the fire hydrant on Water Street. We can't get the water shut off on that street. One of the valves isn't doing its job, so I'm not sure what the next step is going to be. Probably going to dig some valves up to see what the problem is. Still testing for algae, no problems yet.

Cemetery:

- Had to rebuild the soffits on one side of the cemetery vault. The roof is in need of work too. I guess we would want to put metal on it. We could do the work ourselves. We didn't budget for this but it should be addressed soon. Materials would be approximately \$1,750. The grass is growing again, doing lots of mowing.

RE: Fire Report:

- Paul said that they have not heard on the grant. The first round may have already been awarded. 5-6 sets of gear were ordered last year and Paul plans on purchasing 5-6 set of gear this year if the grant does not come through
- There will be a pump test the first week of October

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RE: Reading Center Director:

- Backpack and school supply GIVEAWAY were a success! It was Saturday, August 20th in front of the library during Rushville Community Days.
- September is Library Card Month. If you don't have a library card, please come in and we will sign you up for one!
- International Dot Day is Thursday, September 15th – Celebrate Creativity, Courage & Collaboration! We will be doing an art activity during “open” hours on September 14, 16 and 17. Children and adults of ALL ages are welcome to come...anyone can create! Author of the children's book, “The Dot”, Peter H. Reynolds has more information for you at www.thedotclub.org
- Celebrate “Banned Books Week”, September 18-24, 2022
- Dawn will have her next “Wee Wonder” Storytime on Tuesday, September 27 at 10-11am
- The Great Giveback will be celebrated on October 15, 2022. It's a day of service for public libraries. (thegreatgiveback.org) The library will be hosting some craft time and card making time from October 1st until the 15th. We will be making things (cards and crafts) for our elderly and shut-ins in the Rushville area. Come be a part of thanking them for being a part of our community! For more information, contact the library (Dodie or Dawn).
- Halloween is Monday, October 31st. The library will be having their Trick or Treat that day from 6-8pm. Look for more information about Carving Pumpkins to decorate Rushville! Pumpkin carving will be held the last week of October.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Obtain required training through webinars
- Respond to complaints
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Sent letters to properties that need some care
- Work with contractor on Foster house
- Working with Keuka Housing to get block grant for home maintenance
- NYS is considering assessing statewide surcharges on permits
- Trustee Karen Gorton asked about the pieces falling off from Skip Gorton's building. Tim will look into this

RE: Comments:

- Cheryl Hilton-Vadner from 8 Warren Street said the street light came down on Warren Street when a branch broke off a tree. NYSEG fixed the pole, but has not fixed the light. Art Rilands told her that the light crew is another department.

RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$18,795.88. The motion was unanimously carried.

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A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the Cemetery in the amount of \$27.47. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$9,756.06. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Karen Gorton to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$2,893.26. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment of the Library bills in the amount of \$244.55. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- None

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Mark Fargo. A 2nd was received from Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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