

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

December 12, 2022

DATE: 12/12/22

TIME: 7:00pm

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 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 November 14, 2022 meeting. Trustee Mark Fargo had a minor change. Trustee Mark Fargo made a motion to approve the November 14, 2022 minutes as corrected. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- No Comments

RE: Resolution 12-2022 – Professional Services with Bernard P. Donegan (BPD), Inc. for a Rural Development (RD) Financing Application for the Water Treatment Plant Project.

- The Mayor introduced a resolution to begin the process to have Bernard P. Donegan's office start the financial application for the Water Treatment Plant Project. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman was concerned that we are putting the cart before the horse. The Mayor got Greg Hotaling from MRB Engineering on the phone to answer any questions. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman felt the Board should talk with Charlie Phillion before moving on this project. She is afraid that if the Village moves too quickly that the Village will end up in the same position as before. The Village didn't get the funding that they were promised but did get more things that were necessary but ended up paying more than what was budgeted for. She asked Greg if this could happen again if the Village moves ahead with Donegan's Office right now. Greg said that in order to get into the CDBG money, which is the larger share of grant funding, you first need to seek out all the other funding agencies. That is why this RD Application needs to be started. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman asked Greg how the Village can protect itself from large soft costs? These costs really added up last project. Greg said that these costs are spelled out in the PER as long as the scope sticks to our engineering report the dollar amounts should be consistent. DPW Art Rilands said unfortunately these soft costs will be here now or two years from now. He said that this project will never be any cheaper than it is today. She was not sure that this was the right time for this project. She wanted to know if the Village could connect to Gorham. The Mayor said that Charlie Phillion had spoken with Greg Hotaling. Charlie told Greg that the

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Village will need to do an income survey because the previous one is now too old. Charlie also wanted to make sure the Village knew that the grant application will need the NEPA process to be completed as part of the grant application. ARPA money will count as co-funding. The more local money put towards the project, the more points the project will receive on the grant evaluation.

- Trustee Mark Fargo suggested to get moving ASAP as this is grant money.
- The Mayor stated that there will be approximately \$35K in soft costs to get the process started. That included – 10K grant financing application (Donegan), income survey – 8K (G&G). 17.5 – NEPA and CDB Grant application (MRB).

Trustee Mark Fargo made a motion to approve Resolution 12-2022 – Professional Services with Bernard P. Donegan (BPD), Inc. for a Rural Development (RD) Financial Application for the Water Treatment Plant Project as written. Trustee Karen Gorton made a second.

There was a rollcall vote –

Trustee Doug Rigby	Yes
Trustee Karen Gorton	Yes
Trustee Mark Fargo	Yes
Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman	No
Mayor David LeClair	Yes

The motion carried.

RE: Mayor's Report:

- Comprehensive Plan – We have included a copy of the draft plan. The next meeting will be on December 20th at 6:30pm at the firehouse.
- Water Plant Improvement Project – Our discussion on December 7th proved useful in determining the potential costs and timelines of the project. We have a resolution tonight approving the process to move forward with an estimated total cost of \$1,400,000.

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman attended the Yates County Planning Board meeting on November 17th and reported on various applications pertaining to special use permits, subdivisions and other land use. Report Attached.

RE: Watershed Commission Report – Trustee Mark Fargo:

- No Report

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RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Streets:

- Working on some equipment. Sanded streets a couple of times. Got the tree lights up on Main Street. The new truck is still just on order, has not been scheduled to be built yet. We have many street lights out – 9 last count. NYSEG isn't very good on getting them fixed. Not sure if a letter written to NYSEG would help. Some of the lights have been called in several weeks ago.

Sewer:

- Flows are still down. Working with the contractor at 76 South Main Street. They're putting in a new sewer drain in - from the tank to the house. Also, working with contractors doing new service work on the new houses on Douglas Drive.
- The guys have done some painting at sewer plant.

Water:

- We still haven't put the meter pits in on water services for Route 364. Might have to wait until spring.
- I talked with DOH on Friday about the HABS requirements. To the best of my understanding, EPA has been the lead agency on testing requirements. Soon the state is going to take the lead on testing. Geneva DOH still does not know for sure what the state is going to do. Kendal's first thought is that the Village would need to do more testing. He's not sure if max contaminate levels will change. I've heard we might have to test for more contaminates too, nothing for sure.

Training:

- Training with Bob and Neal is ongoing. This is taking up a fair amount of time. I've been showing the guys some blue prints and different things around the Village.

RE: Fire Report:

- Chief Moberg said the Rescue truck needs work. He is taking it to Rochester.
- Cancer Insurance – There was discussion on who the Village will cover and if the Village would purchase the required coverage plus the extra coverage. Trustee Mark Fargo asked what was the difference in cost. Paul said the required insurance is \$120 per fire fighter and with the extra coverage it is \$165 per fire fighter. Trustee Mark Fargo asked if offering both cancer coverages to all fire fighters would help to recruit and retain fire fighters. Paul said definitely.

A motion to cover 14 fire fighters at \$165 (includes the extra coverage) and 14 fire fighters at \$120 per fire fighter (the required coverage) for a total cost of \$3,990.00 was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. The motion unanimously carried.

- Paul will contact Matt Tette from Stork Insurance to get the paperwork submitted.

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RE: Reading Center Director:

- Our 7th Annual “Christmastime in Rushville” celebration was Dec. 2nd at the library from 6-8 pm. All that attended enjoyed themselves, with free hats, mittens, etc. Free chili, cookies, hot cocoa, a cardinal bird craft, Santa with gifts and candy canes and a photo op for kids and adults! Santa lit the Christmas tree. Mayor David welcomed everyone. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this happen. It was a wonderful night.
- Brian from STLS does not expect to hear from NYS about our charter approval until the second quarter of 2023. He really hopes they will issue the provisional charter by summer 2023. It is a very slow process. They confirmed they received the paperwork. Brian will contact us as things progress.
- Lorie from STLS has helped us weed our collections. She will come back one more time. Then the next team from STLS will come help barcode our books. I will keep you informed.
- The Library will be CLOSED: December 24th, 26th and 31st.
- Dawn will have her next “Wee Wonder” Storytime on Tuesday, December 27th at 10-11 am.
- Watch for the January Village Newsletter. The Library has upcoming Children and Adult programs listed for the months of January, February and March.
- Thank you for always supporting the Library.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Respond to complaints
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Sent letters to properties that need some care
- Working with contractor on Foster house
- Working with Matcham on new house on Douglas Drive
- Attend CEO meeting

RE: Public Comments:

- No Public Comments

RE: Clerk:

- **RESOLUTION 13-2022 – Introducing Local Law #1 of 2023 Entitled “A Local Law Increasing the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption from Real Property Taxation.”**
- Yates County sent the proposed Alternative Veterans’ Exemption Table. A resolution is needed to schedule a public hearing on January 9, 2023 at 6:50pm.

Trustee Mark Fargo made a motion to approve - RESOLUTION 13-2022 – Introducing Local Law #1 of 2023 Entitled “A Local Law Increasing the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption from Real Property Taxation”. Trustee Karen Gorton made a second.

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Trustee Mark Fargo	Yes
Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman	Yes
Mayor David LeClair	Yes

The motion unanimously carried.

- Trustee Mark Fargo asked how much income has been generated through our NYClass account. Jeannie said that for the month of November \$2,023.94 of interest has been earned and \$7,599.44 (YTD since May, when the funds were deposited into NYClass)

RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$28,009.69. 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 Cemetery bills in the amount of \$153.78. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$10,635.08. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$3,303.49. 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 \$799.17. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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