

# THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

## March 13, 2023

DATE: 3/13/23

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Mayor Dave LeClair, Trustee Doug Rigby, , Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman, Clerk Jeannie Kesel, Code Officer Tim Pagel, DPW Art Rilands, Reading Center Director Dodie Baker and Fire Chief Paul Moberg. Trustee Karen Gorton and Trustee Mark Fargo - excused

Approximately 16 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 February 13, 2023 meeting. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman made a motion to approve the February 13, 2023 minutes. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

**RE: Public Comments:**

MRB – Comprehensive Plan

- **Resolution 8-2023 SEQR Resolution Designating Lead Agency**

A motion for a SEQR Resolution Designating the Village of Rushville the Lead Agency was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed.

The Mayor presented the Full Environmental Assessment Form. There were comments from Ontario County – Commended the Village for engaging residents in developing a Comprehensive Plan, its first since 1965. Also, recommended that the Village may want to consider action items to address garbage in the creek and to enhance community access to the creek in any development/redevelopment of adjacent properties. Yates County – Member Landcastle mentioned that the font was not legible. It was suggested to choose a better font. Member Hullings asked if there was anything being done to try to preserve the local bank. Member Gilman said yes. They had a petition out with over 700 signatures and Mayor David LeClair was going to bring that along with letters from multiple people to the bank. Member Fulkerson mentioned to make sure that the Compatible Uses include section that is consistent with the zoning regulations and special use permitting within the district. Member Landcastle responded that the Village was once rezoned without changing the Comprehensive Plan, making them not match.

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- **Resolution 7-2023 SEQR Resolution Determination of Environmental Significance**

A motion for Resolution 1-2023 SEQR Resolution Determination of Environmental Significance was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed

- **Resolution 9-2023 Adopting Comprehensive Plan March 13,2023**

A motion for Resolution 9-2023 Adopting Comprehensive Plan March 13, 2023 was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed

Angelina White from MRB wanted to thank the Mayor and the Village Board the opportunity to work with them and the Village residents during this project.

MRB – Water Treatment Plant Upgrades Project

- **Resolution 10-2023 Appointing a Certifying Officer for the Village of Rushville Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project**

A motion for Resolution 10-2023 Appointing a Certifying Officer, Mayor, David LeClair, for the Village of Rushville Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Water Treatment Plant was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed

- **Resolution 11-2023 SEQR Resolution Declaring the Intent to be Lead Agency**

A motion for Resolution 11-2023 SEQR Resolution Declaring the Intent to be Lead Agency was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed

The Mayor presented the Full Environmental Assessment. Laurie Fox from MRB will look into a couple of questions that need clarification. She will get back to Jeannie Kesel, Clerk, in the next couple of days. PB Member Jamie Landcastle asked if the Yates County Planning Board could be added list of Interested Agencies for the SEQR. The Mayor said, of course. MRB will be sending out a letter to each of the Interested Agencies asking if they have any comments.

The Board needs to schedule a Special Meeting for the CDGB Grant for Monday, April 17, 2023.

A motion to schedule the CDBG Grant public hearing for Monday, April 17, 2023 was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed

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Terry Button – Yates County Legislature

Yates County is working very hard on the Bicentennial celebration. A letter was sent to Albany to voice Yates County concern regarding the 250-300 trailer loads of garbage a day coming from NYC is a problem. Hazardous waste drop off will be in August. Yates County passed a resolution to push back on Governor Hochul's natural gas cut back.

## **RE: Tentative Budget**

- The Mayor asked the Board Members if they had any questions on the proposed 2023/2024 budget. He mentioned that Jeannie included a memo highlighting some key points in this year's budget. A backhoe has been included in this budget. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman asked if there could be a Budget Workshop scheduled. It was decided that the Finance Committee would meet next week to review the budget and make recommendations. A Budget Workshop would be scheduled for Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

## **RE: Mayor's Report**

- The Mayor introduced Jim Adams. He will be the new Fire Chief starting after the April 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- Cornell Design Connect – Park Design – We had another ZOOM meeting on Monday of last week. Positive work and feedback were shared. The students will be reaching out to the library staff and MWCSO staff to share ideas. In addition, plans are being made for students to participate in idea sharing. We hope to have a design that incorporates amenities for all ages and demographics.
- Memorial Day Parade – Village staff met with Dan Paddock and his committee to discuss this event. This is still a work-in-process.
- Yates Bicentennial – We had a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at the Village office with Middlesex Heritage Group, a Middlesex Board member, and Carlie Chilson, Yates County Legislator, and the Village Clerk. Many events are being planned around Yates County this year. Rushville will host an event on August 26<sup>th</sup> to include a parade at noon and a park party at 1:00 pm. I have prepared a preliminary budget and have attached for your review. Middlesex has committed to helping out with the event and the budget. Potter and Italy have not yet confirmed. I have removed fireworks from the activity agenda. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at the Village Hall.

## **RE: Deputy Mayor's Report**

- Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman attended the Yates County Planning Board meeting on February 23, 2023 and reported on various applications pertaining to special use permits, area variances and other land use. Blue Sky Towers' special use permit was discussed regarding constructing and operating a 150-foot wireless telecommunications tower. The Planning Board did not see any problems. It will be up the road at Jeannette Domm's property, out near the solar farm. The Mayor heard that the neighbors are pushing back hard, but not much they can do. Also, Town of Benton's application from Saturn Power for the solar power. They will be back next month. They were not ready to discuss this.

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

#### **Streets:**

- Pipe work on Union Street is completed. In the spring, we'll topsoil and seed the disturbed areas. Have been plowing and sanding a lot the last few weeks. Have some equipment to work on. Training is still on going with the new guys.

#### **Water:**

- Things, at this time, are working ok. Have been painting and cleaning at the water plant. We're having difficulties obtaining parts.

#### **Sewer:**

- We are still having trouble with a pump at the pump station. Parts are ordered, but having trouble with the shipping to get the parts here. Some parts will need to be stocked to avoid future problems.
- Flows are up because of the wet weather.
- We have been cleaning and painting at the plant.

#### **Village Hall:**

- The upstairs windows are in. We are waiting for the contractor to get here and install them. It could be a couple of weeks.

#### **Walking Trail:**

- Removed some low hanging limbs.
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### **RE: Fire Report:**

- Paul said that 7 sets of gear just arrived from the order that was placed a year ago. 5 sets have been ordered. Hoping to see this gear by October.
- There are 12 interior firefighters and total membership stands at 28.
- The rescue truck needs to have the alternator belt replaced, which will be costly.

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

- The library will be busy the week of March 13-18<sup>th</sup>. During open hours, come plant flower seeds and learn about Butterflies. Make a recycled bottle planter. Check out a book. Gardening and Butterfly books are on display. Use our computers to go on-line and learn, also.
- Crochet Club will be every Monday from 3pm until 5:30pm or later. It is nice to have them back. We have 2 new members learning to crochet.
- Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> is our next Storytime with Dawn 10-11am - stories, craft and a snack. Tell your friends.
- Dawn and I did two different webinars. We will use this information in our summer programs. February 15<sup>th</sup> was the planning for the "Kids Summer Program" and February 23<sup>rd</sup> was the "Marketing for Small Libraries".
- We also did a webinar for "Teen Summer Program". We are going to reintroduce the Teen Program this year.
- Barcoding is continuing so that we can be a fully automated library.
- Dawn and I are starting to get our summer program scheduled, library events and activities for the Party in the Park in August.

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- Patron counts are up this month.

**RE: Code Enforcement Officer:**

- Issue permits
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Work with contractor on the Foster house
- Attended the CEO meeting
- On-going inspections of Foster, Bay and Matcham projects
- Mosaic project
- Webinar training

**RE: Clerk:**

- Jeannie presented to the board about moving money from Community Bank to NYCLASS. The monies at the bank are earning almost nothing for interest. NYCLASS, as of today, is paying 4.43% on deposits. This rate fluctuates daily.

A motion to move \$300,000 from the checking account and \$400,000 from the money market savings account was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed.

**RE: Bills:**

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$44,931.46. 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 Water bills in the amount of \$10,691.57. 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 Sewer bills in the amount of \$9,674.10. 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 Library bills in the amount of \$2,524.40. The motion was unanimously carried.

**RE: Public Comments:**

- Jamie Landcastle asked if the Village could put up some signs on the walking trail reminding residents of the leash law in the Village. He also asked if the sign could include to clean up after your dogs. Dave Bradshaw from Douglas Drive offered to make up the signs for the Village. The Mayor and Board thanked Dave. Art's team will get them put up along the trail.

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A motion to adjourn the regular meeting and to go into Executive Session was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was received from Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

A motion to open back up the Board Meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby at 8:42pm. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was received from Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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