

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2023

DATE: 4/10/23

TIME: 6:15pm

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

The Mayor called the Public Hearing on the budget to order at 6:15pm

RE: Salute to the Flag:

The Mayor asked everyone to rise and join in the Pledge to the Flag.

There were no public comments on the budget.

The Mayor called the Organization Meeting to order at 6:20 pm

Organizational Meeting is attached. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman thought that a separate fee for turning water off and then back on when a resident is having work done at their house was excessive. She thought only one fee should be charged. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman requested that the driver license numbers be removed from the list of drivers for the Fire Department for safety reasons. The Board agreed. Mayor David LeClair brought up the possibility of switching lawyers. He has spoken with Jeff Graff. He is from Clifton Springs. He represents Middlesex, Gorham, Penn Yan and Dresden. He charges \$150/hour and \$50/hour for his paralegal. These fees are definitely cheaper than Tom Blair. The Mayor said we would not change now, but would like the Board to discuss this further at a future meeting. Trustee Karen Gorton asked if that would be a problem since the Board is appointing Tom Blair as the Village's Attorney. The Mayor said it would not be a problem. We just need to give Tom Blair a 60 days' notice of termination.

RE: Approval of Minutes:

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had any corrections to the board minutes from the March 13, 2023 meeting. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman made a motion to approve the March 13, 2023 minutes. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had any correction to the Budget Workshop minutes from the March 27, 2023 meeting. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman had a couple of corrections. Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to approve the March 27, 2023 minutes with corrections. Trustee Karen Gorton made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

None

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RE: Resolution 12-2023 – Appreciation for and Acknowledgement of the Service, Dedication and Work of Fire Chief Paul Moberg

The Mayor read the resolution and thanked Paul Moberg for all of his years of service and dedication as Fire Chief.

The Mayor offered the above resolution. Trustee Mark Fargo motioned for approval and Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Resolution 13-2023 – Establishing a Capital Reserve Water Fund to Finance the Purchase of Equipment

The Mayor asked the Board Members if they had any questions on establishing this reserve fund. Trustee Doug Rigby motioned for approval and Trustee Mark Fargo seconded the motion.

There was a rollcall vote –

Trustee Doug Rigby	Yes
Trustee Karen Gorton	Yes
Trustee Mark Fargo	Yes
Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman	Yes
Mayor David LeClair	Yes

The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Resolution 14-2023 – Establishing a Capital Reserve Sewer Fund to Finance the Purchase of Equipment

The Mayor asked the Board Members if they had any questions on establishing this reserve fund. Trustee Doug Rigby motioned for approval and Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman seconded the motion.

There was a rollcall vote –

Trustee Doug Rigby	Yes
Trustee Karen Gorton	Yes
Trustee Mark Fargo	Yes
Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman	Yes
Mayor David LeClair	Yes

The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Final Budget

- Jeannie mention a couple of items that had to be modified from the Budget Workshop. The Cemetery has more income than expenses. So, the difference was put into the Contingency Line. \$20,000 was added to the Sewer Contingency Line. The sale of equipment from the

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- backhoe was removed from the General, Water, Sewer and Cemetery because we did not think we were going to purchase a new backhoe. The retirement needed to be increased by \$5,000 because Jeannie need to be added. The State had Jeannie as a part time employee.
- The Mayor asked if the budget included \$10,000 reserve fund for each the General, Water and the Sewer. Jeannie confirmed that.
 - The Mayor wanted to discuss the backhoe – the Board did not have to act on this tonight. Some questions have been brought up whether financing or leasing a new backhoe was a possibility. Art checked into that and there is one company that will allow the Village to purchase the backhoe on a 5-year loan. The first year there is no payment due. The Mayor said that the Board could approve a backhoe for this budget year and the next year the payment would be approximately \$39,000 a year for 5 years. The Mayor liked this and wanted to recommend this, but the Board did not have to act on this tonight. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman wanted to know the company - Art said it was Caterpillar. Trustee Karen Gorton asked what the interest was – Art said 6.99%. The Mayor said the backhoe is \$150,000 including all the features needed. The finance charge would be \$32,000 over 5 years. Trustee Karen Gorton recommended that the proceeds from the old backhoe be put towards the new backhoe during the first year to lower the final amount that will be financed. Art said the new backhoe should be here by the end of July. The Mayor said the Village has a lot of money in the Cemetery Fund. He suggested that the Board consider taking about 50%% of the cost of the backhoe from the Cemetery Fund. The Cemetery has earned approximately \$12,000 in interest since the fund was transferred to NYCLASS.
 - Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman asked that the changes made after the tentative budget was approved be removed from that column and added to the final budget column.

A motion was made by Trustee Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to approve the 2023/2024 Budget.

There was a rollcall vote –

Trustee Doug Rigby	Yes
Trustee Karen Gorton	Yes
Trustee Mark Fargo	Yes
Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman	Yes
Mayor David LeClair	Yes

The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Mayor's Report:

- No Report

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- No Report

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RE: Watershed Commission Report – Trustee Mark Fargo:

- No Report

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Water:

- Water Plant is doing ok. All the rain last week made the lake water really dirty. I had to shut the plant down a couple of times because of that. The raw water turbidity before the rain was about .30 parts per million – after the rain it was 92 parts per million.

Streets:

- My drainage plan for Union Street did not work very well. Water got out of the ditch and washed into the last house on the street. It didn't do any damage to this house. We fixed the problem for now. It will need more attention after the ground dries out. Didn't really have any other problems because of the rain.

Sewer:

- Sewer flows are really high because of the rain. Over 300,000 gallons per day. We are permitted for 100,000 gallons per day. We have to start additional testing for the sewer effluent water (Coliform Testing).

Park:

- We will start spring cleanup in the park getting it ready for summer activities.

Cemetery:

- Elvin will start working in the cemetery this week. All of us will probably do work in the cemetery before Memorial Day.

Village Hall:

- One good thing, the Village Hall roof did not leak. Worked on the front steps again. Will paint them with slip resistant paint soon. The contractor said he should get the upstairs windows in this week.

RE: Fire Report:

- Paul wanted to thank the Village Board for the opportunity to serve as Fire Chief.
- Paul introduced the new Fire Chief, Jim Adams.
- The Board Members thanked Jim for the Bio he included in the board packets.

RE: Reading Center Director:

- Through April 29th, the library will have recycled crafts and planting flower and vegetable seeds to celebrate Earth Day during open hours.
- Tuesday, April 25th is our next Storytime with Dawn from 10-11am. Stories, craft and snack.
- The Crochet Club is every Monday from 3-5:30pm. We have 2 new members learning to crochet.

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- Barcoding is continuing so that we can be a fully automated library.
- Dawn and I are starting to get the summer program scheduled and the Library events and activities for the Party in the Park in August.
- The next Library Board meeting will be April 17th at 7pm at the library.
- Dodie will attend the Star Net Solar & Space Science Institute workshop on April 24th at STLS in Painted Post.
- New Large Print books will be on our shelves within the next week. Come check them out!
- New children's and Young Adult books every month.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Work with contractor on Foster house
- Attend CEO meeting
- On-going inspections of Foster, Bay and Matcham projects
- Mosaic project
- Webinar Training
- I had a conversation with a gentleman that has a co-op for organic vegetables. We spoke of having a day in Rushville. Any interest? The Board was interested and Tim will follow up and report back to the Board.
- Complete Soil and Water Erosion Course.

RE: Clerk:

- Jeannie presented the 2022/2023 Relevy Report - \$28,717.32 from Yates County and \$4,414.75 from Ontario County. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman asked about 9 Chapel Street. Jeannie said that Canandaigua National Bank is handling the estate and all bills are to be sent to Canandaigua National Bank.
- Updated the NYCLASS account balances. Trustee Karen Gorton thought NYCLASS would generate about \$50,000 of interest a year. Jeannie said yes, but as far as the budget, only the checking and savings affects the Village's budget. She estimated that about \$35,000 of interest for these two accounts. This was not budgeted. The accountants recommended not to because this was the first year investing in NYCLASS. The other two accounts are the Cemetery and the Reading Center.

RE: Bills:

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 \$15,411.94. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Karen Gorton to authorize payment of the Cemetery in the amount of \$212.29. 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 Water bills in the amount of \$15,535.30. 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 \$13,680.14. 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 Library bills in the amount of \$370.94. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- Art asked what the plan was for the Easter Egg Hunt. The Mayor said Sunday from 12-2:00pm. The Cornell students were bringing plastic easter eggs and candy. Also, a story board to show the sketches of the park design. Jamie Landcastle is going to set up a tent and the Mayor said that the Village has rented some tables and chairs.
- The Mayor said that the Bicentennial Committee continues to meet. There was a meeting last week. Working out the details of a parade – hopefully floats, fire departments, Marcus Whitman marching band, the school is looking for a 20-foot-long trailer for their float. Tim was trying to track down some classic cars and classic tractors. The library will have a puppet show, Also, a petting zoo and free music (Yates County Chamber Concert Series). The plan is to start the parade at noon and wind up in the park at 12:45pm. The Village is going to split the cost with Middlesex and pretty sure Potter. The total cost is about \$4,000. Italy does not seem interested in getting involved with this celebration.
- Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman wanted to recognize and thank David Bradshaw for making the dog signs for the walking trail. The Mayor also mentioned that David made signs for the inside Village doors which say “Private Office – No Unauthorized Persons Allowed”. This is because there are people going around proclaiming their 1st Amendments Rights - they enter a building with their cameras going hoping someone will engage them. You can go to YouTube Town of Canandaigua 1st Amendment Audit. They are not allowed to go into private office areas. That is why we put of these signs.

A motion to adjourn the meeting 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 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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