

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

May 8, 2023

DATE: 5/8/23

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

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

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 April 10, 2023 meeting. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman made a motion to approve the April 10, 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 corrections to the board minutes from the April 17, 2023 CDBG Grant Public Hearing meeting. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman made a motion to approve the April 17, 2023 minutes. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- The Mayor wanted to introduce Chris Ciancaglini. He will be starting May 22nd as the Public Works Maintenance Assistant. He lives in the Village and we are happy that he will be joining our team.
- Laurie Fox from MRB Engineering was here to answer any questions on the resolutions. The Mayor said that a WIIA Grant opportunity has come up. It's called the NYS Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA). WIIA pays up to 60% of net eligible project costs. If the Village is awarded a WIIA grant, then the Village would also likely get Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) money which would increase the potential grant to 70%. If we get the CDBG grant of \$1.2M, then the grant is only paying 70% of the balance. Cost of the project \$1.35M - \$1.2M = \$105K. The Village would still be responsible for 30% of the \$105K which would be \$45K. (The Village's share for the cost of the project). The Mayor shared his email from Greg Hoteling. The cost to prepare for this grant is \$5K, but since a lot of the work has already been done, MRB would cut the cost to \$4K. The Village will have some costs -need to bring in bond council for the bond resolution and BPD for the EFC financing application. Laurie reviewed that we are applying to USDA and CDBG. Part of the CDBG grant application is they would like you to apply to all the other funding possibilities. If we don't, then the Village might lose some points on the application. CDBG always wants to be the last funding source. You will never get a project that is fully funded with grant money. The

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Water Treatment Project is right in line with the WIIA criteria. MRB will have to update the engineering report. They will submit the IUP (Intended Use Plan) and EFC will score it and put a list out in September. The Village will see where they fall on this list and see if they qualify for a subsidized low interest loan. Also, the Village will find out if they qualify for the BIL money. That is the federal infrastructure money that is coming down from the federal government for the next 4-5 years to help with projects like the Water Treatment Project. We won't know until September, but if the Village qualifies it could get an extra 10% in grant funding or principal forgiveness from a loan that the Village takes out for the project. The deadline for the WIIA grant application is July 28th. The Mayor asked if ARPA money could be used for soft costs or is it better to wait. Laurie said because ARPA is federal money she would have to look into it. Laurie will reach out to BP Donegan's office to get a cash flow for the project and let them recommend how to spend the ARPA money. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman is concerned that project costs could go up as they did with the Sewer Project.

The Mayor asked for a motion to have MRB make a WIIA Grant application for \$4K. Trustee Karen Gorton made a motion to authorize MRB to make a WIIA Grant application for \$4K. Trustee Doug Rigby made a second.

There was a rollcall vote –

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

The motion carried.

RE: Resolution 15-2023 SEQR Resolution Designating Lead Agency.

Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to approve Resolution 15-2023 –SEQR Resolution Designating Lead Agency. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman made a second. The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Resolution 16-2023 –SEQR Determination of Environmental Significance

- The Mayor presented the Full Environmental Assessment – Identification of Potential Project Impacts. The assessment showed no to small impact and that a negative impact on the environment be issued. The Mayor introduced Resolution 16-2023 SEQR Determination of Environmental Significance.

Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman made a motion to approve Resolution 16-2023 – SEQR Determination of Environmental Significance. Trustee Doug Rigby made a second. The motion unanimously carried.

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RE: Approval of New Fire Members:

The Fire Chief, Jim Adams, submitted 3 new fire members – Andrew Sensenig, Jonathan Sensenig and Dominick Bietsch. A motion to approve the 3 new fire members to the Rushville Hose Company was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and 2nd by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Mayor's Report:

- Cornell Design Connect – Park Design – Chandra, Ed and Jamie attended the formal presentation at Cornell University in Ithaca on May 4th. The student team did a wonderful presentation of the Rushville Park design. After the final plan is submitted, we will want to begin fund raising and long-term planning aimed at making this happen. Recently, I spoke with Jeff Ayres from Yates County Department of Planning; he is eager to assist us in finding financial resources. I feel this should be a public/private partnership and I hope to form that type of an implementation/funding committee. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman thanked the Mayor for the plaque and certificates he presented to the Cornell Design Connect Team.
- Memorial Day Parade – Village staff met with Dan Paddock and his committee to discuss this event. The parade is in Rushville and will begin at 10:00 am on Monday, May 29th.
- Backhoe – Jerry Bellinger from Milton CAT has provided documentation regarding a lease-to-own option for the Village. The lease would be a 6-year lease and at the end of the term we would own the backhoe. There is no pre-payment penalty and there would be no payments for the 1st year. However, interest would accrue during this time. The purchase price is \$149,516.00 – at 6.99% interest, 5 annual payments of \$36,455.00 per year for 5 years with a balloon payment of \$1.00 at the end of the term. We should be able to get approximately \$30K or more for the existing backhoe. The Mayor suggested dispersing slightly more money from the cemetery fund starting in the 2024-2025 budget year. The Mayor supported this agreement and would like a motion to approve.
- Trustee Karen Gorton made a motion to purchase the backhoe for \$149,516.00 with 5 annual payments of \$36,455.00 and a balloon payment of \$1.00 at the end of the term. Trustee Doug Rigby made a second

There was a rollcall vote –

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

The motion carried.

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- Yates Bicentennial – Saturday, August 26th – the Rushville event will include a parade at noon and a party in the park at 1:00 pm. This event is still being planned. I will provide more details at the next meeting.
- Village Zoning Ordinance – Now that we have a final Comprehensive Plan completed, it is time for village zoning updates to support and compliment the plan. I spoke with Tom Harvey, director of Planning for Ontario County about obtaining department help with this. He somewhat committed to providing this service and would engage Linda Phillips to be our contact while working on the update. I sent him a copy of our Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. He will review that and get back to us. They currently are finishing up comprehensive plans for Gorham and Richmond. There may be a small cost for these services. I will obtain more details and report back in the near future.
- Cemetery Entrance – I met with Elvin Weaver who owns a welding shop on Mothersill Road about constructing a wrought-iron ornamental fence and arch at the Main Street entrance. Historically, similar to that of long ago. He agreed to build the parts and we would install them. The cost is to be determined, but initial estimates were very reasonable, under \$5,000.
- Clean Up Day in Rushville will be Saturday, July 22nd from 8:00 am-12:00 pm

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman attended the Yates County Planning Board meeting on April 27th and reported on various applications for AirBNB's. Report Attached.
- Chandra and Jamie Landcastle attended the 11th Annual LULA – Land Use Leadership Alliance. They talked about AirBNB's and protecting the water. Actually, doing some good because some people actually have to fix their sewers.
- Chandra mentioned that everyone knows that the Village's website is lacking. She went onto the Town of Murray's website and saw that it is set up very well. She contacted the Town of Murray to find out who did their website. The company CDPC is out of Medina. The Village received a quote for \$2,400 which includes setting up the website and training. The Mayor feels this is a critical need for the Village. He asked Jeannie to look at the budget to see where we can pull the funds and will come back to the Board next month.

RE: Watershed Commission Report – Trustee Mark Fargo:

- No Report

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Streets:

- Started sweeping streets, should be done today. Cleaned up snow plow damage.

Sewer:

- UV is installed at the plant. We've started more sewer water testing in May and more yet in June.
- Flows are still high, averaging over 140,000 gallons per day. The electric problems at the lift station are done.

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Water:

- We've had some SCADA control problems at the plant. We have been working on it. I think the problem is cured.

Cemetery:

- Started cleaning and mowing. Top soiled and seeded some graves.

RE: Fire Report:

- Chief Adams said they responded to 10 emergency incidents in April.
- Chief Adams said the 1998 engine and the 1997 pumper-tanker were seen at the Yates County Highway maintenance shop for NYS inspections and preventative maintenance service. The engine had to go back for front brakes. The 2003 rescue still needs to be inspected. Jim spent most of the day on the 24th at the firehouse with the repair tech from Cummins Diesel who completed the charging system repairs.
- The Fire Department has had 4 monthly meetings, their annual executive committee meeting, three truck & equipment maintenance nights, hosted two Lions Club dinner/meetings, had one work detail, and held one chicken barbeque fund raiser event for a total of about 25 hours of personal commitment.
- At last month's monthly meeting, the hose company recognized 17 members with length of service award pins ranging from 5 years of service up to 60 years of service. Dedicated a new Life Member plaque with 8 current hose member names engraved on it. An appreciation plaque was presented to Phil and Heidi Catlin, the owners of Rushco, for their many years of generosity to the fire company and to the Rushville Community.

RE: Reading Center Director:

- **Remember to Vote:** School Budget vote, May 16th from Noon-8:00 pm at the high school.
- Crochet Club is every Monday from 3:15 until 5:30 or so. Come join us!
- Library Board Meeting will be Monday May 15th at 7:00 pm at the Library
- We will march in the Memorial Day Parade in Rushville this year. Monday May 29th, 10:00am.
- Tuesday, May 30th is our next Storytime with Dawn 10-11 am. Stories, craft and a snack. Tell you friends.
- Barcoding is continuing so that we can be a fully automated library.
- Dawn and I are continuing to get our summer program scheduled. It will be Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:30am, July 11, 18,25 and August 1st.
- We continue to plan for the Party in the Park on August 26th.
- Dodie attended the Star Net Solar & Space Science Institute Workshop on April 24th at STLD in Painted Post. It was a wonderful day of learning. As the year progresses, we will be organizing space related events and have something planned for Saturday, October 14th (Solar Eclipse).
- We have new large print books, young adult, juvenile books in every month.
- Thank you for always supporting the Library.

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RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Attend CEO meeting
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Mosaic project
- Working with contractor on Foster house
- On-going inspections of Foster, Bay and Matcham projects
- Webinar training
- 49 South Main Street is under contract
- Had a conversation with Staci Cranor regarding the property at 1 Water Street for a Dollar Store

RE: Public Comments:

- No Public Comments

RE: Clerk:

- NYSCLASS earned \$5,479.77 of interest for the month of April, YTD - \$14,489.02.

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 \$19,313.75. 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 Cemetery bills in the amount of \$163.24. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Karen Gorton to authorize payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$5,508.80. 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 \$49,212.17. 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 \$432.94. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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