

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

June 12, 2023

DATE: 6/12/23

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

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

Approximately 10 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 May 8, 2023 meeting. Trustee Karen Gorton made a motion to approve the May 8, 2023 minutes. Trustee Mark Fargo made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- No Public Comments.

RE: Resolution 17-2023 Support & Authorization for Public Infrastructure Grant Application.

Trustee Mark Fargo made a motion to approve Resolution 17-2023 –Support & Authorization for Public Infrastructure Grant Application. Trustee Karen Gorton made a second. The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Resolution 18-2023 Support & Authorization for Drinking Water Grant Application

Trustee Mark Fargo made a motion to approve Resolution 18-2023 –Support & Authorization for Drinking Water Grant Application. Trustee Karen Gorton made a second. The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Mayor's Report:

- Cornell Design Connect – The final report is complete and you have been provided copies. The next step would be to have an architect do a final construction drawing for the performance pavilion. That will be located where the previous pavilion was. The Lions Club is looking to help with this, but we need the final plan so costs can be identified. I will consult with a couple of architects to get an idea of the design service cost.
- Memorial Day Parade – The parade and ceremony went extremely well. It was headed up by Dan Paddock. Dan is mentoring me and the bicentennial committee for our August 26th celebration.

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- Chandra has been working with Jeannie and other staff on a new website. The current website we have is antiquated and difficult to use.
- Yates Bicentennial – August 26th – reminder, the Rushville event will include a parade at noon and a park party at 1:00 PM. The event is still being planned. A flyer is provided. As the event gets closer, banners will be installed in Rushville, Potter, and Middlesex. All help is appreciated. Permits and approvals from NYS DOT are in the process.
- I have included a letter from Doug Sinclair, Yates County Director of Public Health supporting the water improvement project. The letter cites multiple important health and safety advantages of doing the project. I anticipate getting the same type of letter from Ontario County. Improving our water supply is a significant commitment on our part aimed at protecting water and improving the lives of our residents and business owners.
- Here again is the anticipated time line for the project:
 - Winter of 2022/23: RD application – BPD
 - Winter 2022/23: Income Survey – G&G
 - Summer 2023: CDBG grant application (CFA) grants
 - Fall 2023: Grant award
 - Winter 2023/24: RFP for design services (assuming CDBG grant award)
 - Spring thru Fall 2024: Design – part of the capital project
 - Winter 2024/25: Bidding
 - Spring 2025- Fall: Construction
 - January 2026: Closeout

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- No Report

RE: Watershed Commission Report – Trustee Mark Fargo:

- No Report

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Streets:

- We've been watering the new seeding about every day, doesn't seem to be helping. We put some straw blankets on the new seeding the other day. Hopefully that will help retain the moisture so grass will start growing. Tried to have everything cleaned up for Memorial Day. The backhoe has been ordered, hopefully by August or September.

Sewer:

- We had to replace some UV bulbs at the sewer plant. Flows are down to more normal flows now with the dry weather.
- We washed the distribution pipes in both beds. This needs to be done twice a year.

Water:

- We've been producing more water because of dry weather. So far, we are keeping up with the water usage. Bulk water has been using 10-12,000 gallons per day. The school is watering ball fields every day, all day long. When the temperatures are up to 80-90

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degrees, all day watering is not advised. If we don't get much rain soon, we will have to talk to the school about their watering.

Cemetery:

- Grass is already slowing down because of the dry weather. I thought the cemetery looked good for Memorial Day. I did not hear any complaints.

Village Hall:

- Still have more work to do on the front steps. The down spouts on the back of the building have created an erosion problem on the foundation. We will get that repaired.

RE: Fire Report:

- Chief Adams said they responded to 11 calls for service in the month of May. Seven were in our fire district and four were mutual aid requests to assist in neighboring fire districts.
- The fire company conducted 3 training drills. The topics covered were basic tools & equipment, Mercy Flight operations and the hydraulic rescue tools and the floodlight tower on our rescue truck. We had 30 members participate in these drills.
- We had our monthly fire company meeting that 20 members attended. We had 2 work details, one to prepare for our chicken barbecue and one to prepare the fire apparatus and the firehouse for the Memorial Day Parade and memorial service.
- We also conducted one evening of truck and equipment checks and repairs/maintenance.
- Our 3 new firefighters have been actively participating in the trainings, work details, emergency calls, social activities and the truck and equipment checks.
- The truck checks identified defects on Rescue 11's backup lights and backup alarm. This has been fixed and it now meets vehicle safety requirements.

RE: Reading Center Director:

- **School Budget vote passed!** Thank you all for voting. **Rushville Library:** 522 YES, 150 NO. **Middlesex Library:** 519 YES, 150 NO. **Gorham Library:** 517 YES, 120 NO.
- Library Board Meeting will be Monday, June 19th at 7 PM at the library.
- We marched in the Memorial Day Parade in Rushville this year. We handed out 180 flyers during the parade. We hope to have an increase in our Summer Program.
- Tuesday, June 27th is our next Storytime with Dawn from 10-11 AM. Stories, Craft & Snack
- Barcoding is continuing so that we can be an all automated library.
- Dawn, myself and our volunteers are planning for our summer program. It will be Tuesday mornings, 10-11:30am, July 11, 18, 25 & August 1st. Sign up for Summer Fun Programs starts June 19th.
- We continue to plan for the Party in the Park on Saturday, August 26th.
- Dodie and Dawn attended the Spring CE classes at Corning Community College organized by STLS. It was a good learning experience. Our volunteer, Karen kept the library opened.
- We have new large print books, young adult, juvenile books in every month.
- The library will be closed July 4th.
- 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
- Was contacted by Tracie Winters regarding 2 potential new homes. Tracie does the site development work
- Tim wanted to know if the Village should implement regulations for VRBO's. In the Mayor's opinion, the building code has yet to catch up with VRBO's but there are regulations for Air B&B's.

RE: Public Comments:

- No Public Comments

RE: Clerk:

- NYSCLASS earned \$5,874.12 of interest for the month of May, YTD - \$20,363.14.

RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$18,050.80. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$125.44. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Karen Gorton to authorize payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$5,399.19. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$8,791.18. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Karen Gorton to authorize payment of the Library bills in the amount of \$606.21. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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