

# THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

## August 14, 2023

DATE: 8/14/23

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Mayor David LeClair, Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman, Trustee Doug Rigby, Trustee Mark Fargo, Trustee Karen Gorton, Clerk Jeannie Kesel, Code Officer Tim Pagel, DPW Art Rilands, Neal Curtis, Temporary Public Works Supervisor, Fire Chief Jim Adams –Reading Director Dodie Baker was absent

Approximately 15 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 July 10, 2023 meeting. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and Trustee Mark Fargo had a couple of corrections. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman made a motion to approve the July 10, 2023 minutes as corrected. Trustee Mark Fargo made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had any corrections to the board minutes from the July 24, 2023 Public Hearing on the Bond Resolution for the Water System Improvement Project meeting. Trustee Mark Fargo had one correction. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman made a motion to approve the July 24, 2023 minutes as corrected. Trustee Mark Fargo made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

**RE: Public Comments:**

- Legislator, Terry Button – Bicentennial is this year. At his meeting there was an update on Broadband. Trustee Mark Fargo asked if 5G was coming to the Village. Terry said that through Reconnect 1 Grant there about 700 people that are not served. Yates County applied for Reconnect 2 & 3 and were turned down. They have not heard on the Reconnect 4. If approved, that will connect the 700 people to 5G.
- Yates Transit Service. Terry asked if they service Rushville. He believes the service goes to the Rushville Health Center. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman said that they turn around in Federal Hollow every morning to pick up a woman and she sees them every afternoon. The County Highway Department has gone around and put up 41-47 signs around the county with historical points of interest.
- Sherriff Spike was honored for his project of the Yates County Bicentennial Time Capsule.
- Dave Adams from Middlesex was approved to the Yates County Planning Board.
- September is the County Waste Day – it will be held at the Yates County Fair Grounds.

**RE: Mayor's Report:**

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- The Mayor updated the Board on the Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) with Marcus Whitman School. He had some discussion with Chris Brown, Superintendent of MWCSO about a new contract. According to Chris, his board is requesting splitting the maintenance costs of the water tower, equipment, transmission lines..etc. with the Village. The MWCSO Attorney provided a draft copy of the agreement with this change. Although I don't have a list of maintenance costs, I don't feel that the Village can or should cover half of this cost. Since that time, I have had a couple conversation with Chris stating that I don't feel the Village can support such a change. I told him that we have a small number of users and we would need to raise water rates most likely, and that is not a good option. The district has many tax payers in the district where these costs could be more evenly distributed. Chris understood. The existing contract stated that the district shall not pay more than the inside village rates, and has been like that previously. It also states that the Village can raise rates without consent no more than 6% annually. Therefore, we have done that in 2022 and 2023 after completion of the Water Study Report by MRB and rate implementation that followed. The current Village inside user rate is \$8.76 and District rate is \$8.65 as of July 1, 2023 which represents a 1.3% reduced rate. To gain more insight, I have reviewed the Village Board minutes from 2005-2011 and obtained the school board minutes during this time. The school board minutes reflect construction, maintenance and repair were approved. On August 10<sup>th</sup> I met with Chris Brown and circled back around with these issues. I oppose splitting costs, as I told him. He seems to be open for a very slight discount rather than splitting costs to satisfy his Board's concerns about rising costs and ongoing training challenges. I propose a 1.5% lower rate to be included in the IMA which is near the existing difference in rates. Using the last 12 months of consumption (1,027,810 gallons) which amounts to \$134 annually or \$11 per month.
- Bicentennial Party – August 26<sup>th</sup> – It appears that we are now ready for the celebration that includes a Ceremony and proclamation, games, activities, information booths, puppet show, music by Maria Gillard Band, pony rides, kids tattoo booth, school supply give away and a dunk booth. Food and refreshments will be free. This event will be done with minimal costs distributed between the Village and the Towns of Potter and Middlesex.

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

- Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman attended the Yates County Planning Board meeting on July 27th and reported on various applications.
- Yates County Hazardous Waste September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Yates County Fair Grounds. Registration begins August 1<sup>st</sup>. Dundee is re-examing some of their zoning.
- The Mayor wanted to mention the Ontario County is going to take on the Village's zoning code review. His understanding is that the Village will get 40 hours of their time free. The Mayor has met with Linda Phillips and he does not feel that there is a ton of work to complete this review of the zoning code. The Mayor looks forward to working with the Planning and Zoning boards and Tim Pagel, Code Officer and the Village Board. He's hoping to stay within the 40 hours, but if those hours are exceeded that additional charge is minimal.
- She presented an invitation to Rushville's Bicentennial Celebration on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Report Attached.

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## RE: Watershed Commission Report – Trustee Mark Fargo:

- No Report

## RE: Public Works Supervisor:

### Streets:

- Art got the Yates county Soil & Water people out to look at the drainage work on Union Street. He didn't find anything terribly wrong with the work. He suggested putting in another inlet, that's the one which is ordered. The drainage inlet came in last week and it will be installed this week. Soil and water gave me a chart on what the drainage area is and what the pipe can handle for water runoff. The chart says the pipe should handle up to 2" of rain per hour.
- We have started boxing out the edges of Union Street for paving. It is scheduled for some time in September. Ontario County will do the paving.

### Water:

- All the rain has kept the water usage down, so we're keeping up. Still have a little trouble with some SCADA stuff. Trying to get the representative out here.
- We operated the water valves again on Water Street so we can change the fire hydrant. Looks like we finally got them shut off. We'll get the hydrant changed in the next week or two.

### Cemetery:

- The guys are keeping up with the mowing. The grass is not slowing down any.

### Sewer:

- We've started checking some tanks. Starting to have some trouble with sludge at the plant again. We are working on solving this issue.

### August 26<sup>th</sup> Parade:

- Bay Farms have made their property available across from the village barn for parking. My plan is to mow it a couple of times before the parade. We'll put up posts and rope to try and keep some kind of parking order.

## RE: Fire Report:

- Chief Adams said they responded to 10 calls for service in the month of June. Three were fire calls, two were motor vehicle accidents.
- The fire company conducted one training drill on rescue air bags. The fire company attended 5 parades.
- There was a Firefighter I Certification Class that starts Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> in Penn Yan.
- The Fire Hose Company raffle/BBQ was a success.
- The rescue truck was inspected at the Yates County Highway Department maintenance facility. It passed, but needs to go back to repair a fluid leak.
- Jim is getting prices on refurbished AED (automated external defibrillator) units. Hoping to be able to purchase one for the firehouse to be placed in the dining/meeting room.

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- The fire company continues to strive to be an integral and important component of the village with continued training and community service. I'm very proud of the amount of time and effort that our members dedicate to that end.

## **RE: Reading Center Director: (Presented by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman)**

- Dawn and I will have our final training with Mandy from STLS, on the Work Flows program on August 25<sup>th</sup>. We will get our new receipt machine and hope to go live with our new barcoded library cards by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Come in and get your new library cards.
- The Summer Fun Program was a success! We had lots of fun and learning. We did our picnic and book walk on the trail. We had nice weather all 4 days. Thank you to Pastor Al for having a spot for us to go in the Methodist church in case of rain.
- We are collecting donations for the "Bridges to Brain Injury"/Wildlife Rockstars: used newspaper, gently used blankets and/or towels, new rolls of paper towels, bird perches and toys, dog and cat toys. Brings them to the library now through the end of August. Thank you.
- We are close to finishing planning for the Party in the Park on August 26<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for donations of kids' backpacks – now through August 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have at least 50 donated by Christine (Community Bank of Penn Yan).
- We will march in the Parade on August 26<sup>th</sup>. I have asked Middlesex Reading Room to join us. Lil Silly Puppets will have two puppets in the parade with us.
- Come join us at Party in the Park on August 26<sup>th</sup>. The library will have books to give away, Lily Silly Puppet show, make a free puppet workshop, games, free backpacks and some school supplies (MWCSO).

## **RE: Code Enforcement Officer:**

- Issue Permits
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Mosaic project
- Working with contractor on Foster house
- On-going inspections of Foster, Bay and Matcham projects
- Webinar training
- Working with Rainey Jones to get her co-op opened. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks
- Working with Holly Krossber on an ice cream stand/truck

## **RE: Public Comments:**

- Bill Button from 49 Gilbert Street asked when the fire hydrant might be repaired. Art said in the next week or two. He wanted to know if there was still a possibility of an addition to the reading center. Bill said that some money was pulled from the cemetery fund and set aside for an addition. Dodie Baker, Director of the Reading Center, previously said that once the library was chartered there might be matching grant opportunities with STLS for an addition.

## **RE: Clerk:**

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- NYSCLASS (which includes Cemetery, Reading Center, Village Savings and Checking) earned \$5,962.84 of interest for the month of July, YTD - \$31,983.65
- Jeannie presented a budget transfer for the Water Fund for \$3,000 from FX 1990.400 Contingency Fund to FX 9710.600 Debt Principal, Serial Bonds.

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to transfer \$3,000 from FX 1990.400 to FX 9710.60. The motion was unanimously carried.

### 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 \$18,103.42. The motion was unanimously carried.

Trustee Mark Fargo asked Art if the street lights had LED bulbs. He said no. Jeannie said that she had received a quote from Stephanie from NYSEG for \$5,300.89 to switch. Stephanie suggested that the Village would see an annual savings of \$6,523. Jeannie is going to follow up with Rob Richardson who helped the Village obtain the NYSERTA grant to see if there are any more funds available for this switch over. Jeannie will report back to the board next month.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$439.31. 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 \$7,968.15. 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 \$6,867.06. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the Library bills in the amount of \$533.37. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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