

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

October 16 2023

DATE: 10/16/23

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor David LeClair, Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman, Trustee Doug Rigby, Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner, Trustee Karen Gorton, Clerk Jeannie Kesel, Code Officer Tim Pagel, DPW Art Rilands, Temporary Public Works Supervisor Neal Curtis, Reading Center Director Dodie Baker and Fire Chief Jim Adams

Approximately 12 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 September 11, 2023 meeting. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman made a motion to approve the September 11, 2023 minutes as corrected. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- None

RE: Mayor's Report:

- Bicentennial Party – Jeannie has compiled all the final costs that will be shared by Rushville, Middlesex and Potter. The total out of pocket expense individually is \$854.16. Invoices have been sent out. Obviously, this is a very low cost for such a significant event thanks in part to the donations of money, supplies, and efforts of the Bicentennial Committee.
- Memorial Day Storage Trailer – Dan Paddock is soliciting funds for the purchase of a small storage trailer for the Memorial Day parade equipment that is currently stored in his house. The total cost is \$3,000. He has commitments from the towns of Gorham and Middlesex for \$500 each and is requesting the same from Rushville. In my opinion, we should help out with this and have ample money in the mayor's line and special events line. Dan for over 30 years has been spear-heading this fabulous event; often times purchasing supplies and equipment without requesting reimbursement. He has also gotten commitments from the local fire department and for one-two hundred each. He has also approached local businesses and the Middlesex Heritage Group. I respectfully request that the Village provide the minimum of \$500. The check would be written to the Gorham Marcus Whitman Memorial Fund.

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Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner made a motion to donate \$500 to the purchase of the Memorial Day Storage Trailer. It was seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously carried.

- Sewer Rents – Our current Sewer Rent Local Law charges one full unit and the .8 units for each additional dwelling unit in multiple unit dwellings. We previously discussed making a change from .8 to 1 unit. This would add additional revenue and makes sense. Afterall, each additional dwelling unit still has mostly the same hydraulic loading on the sewer plant. Let me know what you think. It would probably be a good idea to have Jeannie pull the Sewer Committee together to review this and then make a recommendation to the Board.
- Flood Zone Update – Thursday, November 9th from 3:00 to 7:00 pm at the Safety Training Facility, 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua, NY 14424. This will be a public forum regarding the new flood maps for Ontario County. As I reported previously, more village properties will be located in the Flood Zone when the new maps are adopted later this year. I have asked Jeannie to post this on the web-site. Village residents on the Ontario County side with mortgages will likely see a new requirement to obtain flood insurance in flood zone extensions. I expect Yates County soon to do the same.
- 13 South Main Street, James Liebel – You have an email that documents a recent email conversation I had with the attorney. I don't see a need at this time for an Executive Session, but rather wait until December court date and then reach out to the attorney. If you have any input that you want to share, please contact me.
- Rushville Bank – we received a call from Pyramid Brokerage in Syracuse about the permitted uses at this location. Apparently, they are getting ready to list it for sale. I reached out to Jeff Friend from Lyons Bank and gave him contact information for a preemptive discussion with the broker. I hope to provide an update when I hear back from Jeff.

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman wanted to give her sincerest condolences to Mayor David LeClair and his family for the passing of his mother. She asked to keep him and his family in their thoughts during this difficult time.
- Reminder to Vote November 7th at your designated polling sites.
- Clean up days for the Town of Potter residents will be Thursday, October 26th from 7am-3:15pm AND Saturday, October 28th from 8am until noon.
- The new website is heading to completion. Wednesday, Jeannie, Joanne and myself will be training with C & HPC to learn how to operate the website.
- There is state mandated Sexual Harassment training on October 26th at 6pm. It is important for all employees and all the different board members and Fire Department volunteers to attend some type of training.
- Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman attended the Yates County Planning Board meeting on September 28th and reported on various applications. Report Attached.

RE: Watershed Commission Report – Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner:

- No Report

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RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Streets:

- Started picking leaves up. Will be doing this every week now. Also, getting snow plowing equipment ready for the season. We got the old backhoe back from the repair shop. The new backhoe has arrived. I've talked with the representative from Milton Cat about getting us a price on buying the old backhoe. Union Street is completed.

Sewer:

- DEC recently did our wastewater plant inspection. They were not happy with our high sewer flows. DEC may write the Village a violation. At this point, not sure what that will do to the Village. We have documented all of the work done at the sewer plant. We continue to look for infiltration into the collection system, don't find much wrong. Sewer pipe camera is out for repair. We repaired some piping on blowers. I got some prices on portable meters that can go in sewer manholes to track flows. They are expensive. I'm not sure what to do, but I think we need to show a good faith effort to show DEC that we're trying to find the influent problem. We have already put a lot of time into it.

Cemetery:

- Still mowing. Flags will stay up until Veteran's Day.

Water:

- We're done testing for Blue Green Algae. We did not have any bad samples this year. Started winterizing meter pits. We are back washing filters a little more often. Working on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The valve on Water Street seems to be ok, so we will get the holes blacktopped soon.

RE: Fire Report:

- Chief Adams said they responded to 4 calls for service in the month of September.
- The hose company conducted two training drills, had an evening of truck and equipment checks and maintenance, had our monthly meeting.
- We assisted the Marcus Whitman CSD with their Homecoming bonfire on September 29th.
- I took both engine and pumper-tanker to Branchport firehouse for the annual pump testing.
- Three members completed their Firefighter 1 training/certification class.
- Chief Adams said the fire department purchased a Foam Unit. It is a compressed air foam system. They trained with it once and used it once. Jim feels it is not something the department really needs. He is asking the Board declare the unit surplus so he can try to sell it and use the funds for other things that would better assist the department. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman asked where the funds would go. Clerk Jeannie verified that the funds would go back into the Chief's Budget line.

The Mayor asked for a motion – Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to declare the Enforce 30 CAFS (Compressed Air Foam System) as surplus property. A second was made by Trustee Karen Gorton. The motion was unanimously carried.

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RE: Reading Center Director:

- We are collecting donations for the “Bridges to Brain Injury”/Wildlife Rockstars (from Farmington, NY): Used newspaper, gently used blankets and/or towels, new rolls of paper towels, bird perches and toys for dogs and cats. Bring them to the library now through the end of October. Thank You.
- October 21st and 28th – Poetry writing class for adults and teens will be held at the library. These are Saturdays at 1 pm with Joey LeClair. You need to attend both sessions.
- “Fall for Rushville” – come to pumpkin carving at the library during “open hours’ starting Friday October 20th – 28th. Free pumpkins and carving tools supplied. Your carved pumpkins will stay at the library to be judged and displayed during Halloween Night at the library. Prizes will be awarded.
- Look for the “Christmastime” coloring contest. Shane from Finger Lakes Plates is hosting it this year. We will start handing out coloring pages at the library at the beginning of November. Prizes will be awarded.
- The next Wee Wonder Storytime is Tuesday, October 31st from 10-11 am. Stories, snacks and crafts. Storytime is held the last Tuesday of each month.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Mosaic project finishing Phase 2. Phase 3 will be starting soon
- FEMA Training for Flood Insurance assessment
- On-going inspections of Foster and Matcham projects
- Webinar training
- Hazard Mitigation information meeting
- Submit Hazard Mitigation Plan worksheets

RE: Public Comments:

- None

RE: Clerk:

- NYSCLASS earned \$6,458.97 of interest for the month of June, YTD - \$44,661.55. NYCLASS is paying 5.25% on deposits.
- Jeannie wanted to let the board know that there is a computer glitch on the bills. It duplicated an entry for \$200.25 and the accountants are diligently working to correct the error.
- The History Room would like to open an account in NYCLASS and put the donation from Janet Reed’s Estate in it. Jeannie will get that set up.

RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$45,372.44. The motion was unanimously carried.

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A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Karen Gorton to authorize payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$3,679.41. 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 \$15,547.30. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$8,031.63. 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 Library bills in the amount of \$375.85. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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