

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

JUNE 10, 2024

DATE: 6/10/24

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

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

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 May 13, 2024 meeting. There was 1 minor correction. Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner made a motion to approve the May 13, 2024 minutes as corrected. Trustee Chandra Gilman made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- None:

RE: Resolution 14-2024 Determining Village Owned Property to be Surplus – 35 South Main Street:

-The Mayor presented a resolution to determine the Library property, 35 South Main Street, as surplus property. That is the first step needed in order to sell the property to the Library.

A motion to declare Village property, the Library at 35 South Main Street as surplus property was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and a second from Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner.

There was a rollcall vote –

Trustee Doug Rigby	Yes
Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton	Yes
Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner	Yes
Trustee Chandra Gilman	No
Mayor Art Rilands	Yes

The motion carried.

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RE: Mayor's Report:

- The Mayor said that Whitney Heights seems to be getting serious about expanding off of Rubin Drive with more housing of some type. The first thing the Village has to do is make sure that there is enough water there. Code Officer, Tim Pagel said that the plan would be to build 3- 3-unit townhouses and 3-4 single family homes. Whitney Heights does not want this project to be subsidized.
- According to the Village's Complaint Forms, the Village Board will have to address some complaints tonight. The complaint form is very complex. The Mayor asked the Board if they wanted to change the form.
- The court ruled in the Village's favor regarding 13 South Main Street. Our attorney, Erica will file the Order of Reference. The court will assign a referee to verse the foreclosure and sale process.
- The Mayor reminded the Board that June 20th is the Planning/Zoning meeting at 7:00pm to begin the process of updating the Village Zoning Code.
- The Mayor suggested that the Veteran Banners be paid for by the Village. Currently, the veteran or the family pays for the banner. The Board agreed the Village should cover the cost of the banner.

RE: Contractor for Emergency Work or Other Work:

- The Mayor asked the Board if they wanted to appoint a contractor. The Board received two quotes to review at the May meeting. Trustee Cheryl Hilton- Vadner said Eugene Zimmerman's quote was very reasonable and he is local.

Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to appoint Eugene Zimmerman, as contractor, whom the Village will call if an emergency occurs. Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RE: Neal Curtis President of Cemetery:

- The Village needs to appoint Neal Curtis President of the Cemetery. It is in his job description and Art Rilands, as Mayor, can no longer be the President.

A motion to name Neal Curtis as the President of the Cemetery was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. Trustee Chandra Gilman voted no. The motion passed.

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- No Report.

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RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Streets:

- We filled in a few pot holes on Chapel Street and the corner of Warehouse and North Main Street. Cleaned out catch basins and ditches. A tree fell on the power lines at 57 North Main Street, causing a fire in the road. The state DOT will be repairing the road. They will also be taking down a tree at 23 North Main Street and helping us with a vac truck to clean out a couple of catch basins on Douglas Drive. The state has also made repairs to the ADA sidewalk ramps at Union and Gilbert. I attended a 3-day highway school at Ithaca College that was very informative.

Water:

- Chris completed his lab class and is in his final book for water certification. By the end of the month, he should be able to send in his application to DOH and set up his test to get his operator's certification. A leak was discovered at the bulk water station and we have made the repair. We had Siewert Equipment out Friday, June 7th to repair a DE pump. They found the problem and it is back in working order, hopefully extending our filter runs. We will be starting to create our lead and copper service line inventory over the next few months. It is required to be completed by October. This involves physically looking at each supply line on the system and verifying the type of material.

Cemetery:

- Chris got the geraniums planted and has been keeping them fed and watered. We had one burial and a foundation install. Lots of mowing and trimming throughout the village.

Sewer:

- We have been doing tank inspections. We found a couple that need to be pumped. I completed my state ABC exam for licensing and passed. I am now a certified operator. We sent the RAS pump to a company in Cortland for repair, but unfortunately, it is not repairable. The cost for a bare pump is \$10,800. Shipping and installation will be extra.

Miscellaneous:

- The broken bench on the trail has been replaced. We cut down a few trees that were leaning over the trail. I completed a certified Excavator program through UDIGNY.

RE: Fire Report:

- Chief Adams' report is attached.

RE: Library Director:

- No Report

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RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Training via Webinars
- Working with the church on a new sign
- Respond to complaints. Three complaints were received by the Village. Action taken for each complaint was a letter from the Code Officer which the Village Board unanimously felt was a satisfactory response. There was a roll call vote for each action and each vote received unanimous support.

RE: Public Comments:

- Jamie Landcastle said he was approached about Marcus Whitman youth baseball using the baseball diamond in the future. The Mayor said that there may or may not be a ball field with the new park design. Dave LeClair wanted to give an update on the pavilion. They received a grant for \$37,000 and \$10,000 has been pledged by the Lions Club. The problem Dave has run into is the design phase. Different architects have gotten busy to help out. Dave got Brennan Marks involved and feels Brennan will help with the plans and he is affordable. Dave is hoping for a final design in the next 30 days. Dave would like to see a committee put together to guide the park project. He is hoping to have the pavilion structure completed this year.

RE: Clerk:

- Jeannie said all the monies from NYCLASS have been transferred to Lyons National Bank.
- The back taxes for 13 South Main Street were not paid. Marcia Devine, Yates County Treasurer said tax sale for unpaid property taxes will be scheduled for October 2024.

RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$1,227,658.51. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$276.81. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$48,179.10. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$8,134.62. The motion was unanimously carried.

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A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize the payment of the Library bills in the amount of \$339,063.09. Trustee Chandra Gilman voted no. The motion carried

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer