

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 2024

DATE: 10/21/24

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

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

Approximately 6 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 9, 2024 meeting. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a motion to approve the September 9, 2024 minutes. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2nd to the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- None

RE: Resolution 17-2024 – “Adopting the Ontario County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan”:

- Mayor Rilands offered the above resolution.

A motion for approval of Resolution 17-2024 to “Adopt the Ontario County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan” was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and a second from Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton.

There was a roll call vote –

Trustee Doug Rigby	Yes
Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton	Yes
Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner	Yes
Trustee Chandra Gilman	Absent
Mayor Art Rilands	Yes

The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Resolution 18-2024 – “Declaring 2012 Dump Trailer Surplus”:

A motion for approval of Resolution 18-2024 to “Declaring 2012 Dump Trailer Surplus” was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and a second from Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner.

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There was a roll call vote –

Trustee Doug Rigby	Yes
Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton	Yes
Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner	Yes
Trustee Chandra Gilman	Absent
Mayor Art Rilands	Yes

The motion unanimously carried.

RE: James Liebel:

- The Mayor let the Board know that the foreclosure was put on hold because James Liebel has filed for Chapter 13 Bankruptcy. The Village needs to retain a bankruptcy lawyer because Erica Masler from Hancock Estabrook said their firm does not have a bankruptcy lawyer. Jeannie has reached out to a firm that might be able to represent the Village. She is waiting to hear back from the firm.

RE: Park Pavilion – Dave LeClair:

- Dave LeClair updated the board on the park pavilion. The stone pad is in. Andrew Sensenig Masonry will be setting up the forms on Saturday, October 26th and is planning on pouring the pad or concrete next Saturday. Dave would like to get the trusses ordered because it takes 8 weeks for delivery. He is looking for a place to store the trusses. Framing could possibly start in February. Dave said that the grant requires in kind services. He was hoping the Village could cover the cost of the stone and trucking for \$1,500. The Board agreed to cover this cost.

RE: Historian Appointment:

- The History Room Volunteers submitted a signed letter presenting that Amanda Bishop be the new Historian.
- A motion to approve Amanda Bishop as the new Historian was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and was seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Mayor's Report:

- The Mayor said the water project hit a little road block thanks to DOH. We have to do some additional water testing and DOH will have to review the results before they will sign off on our project. Could be \$15-20K and could hold the project up 3 months.
- It looks like CDGB is not wanting to cover some of the upfront costs under the grant MRB is still working on it. We are going to spend some ARPA money on the project, so we may use the money there.

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- Lyons National Bank wants to take the tree down in front of the bank and plant a new one. All at their expense. Still waiting on a signature to allow LNB in Rushville.

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- Karen wanted to let the Board know that NYCOM is offering some webinars that look very beneficial. Jeannie will look into getting registered.

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Streets:

- We were assisted by Middlesex to pave the valve repair spot at the intersection of Gilbert and Main, as well as a spot on Rubin Drive. We will be starting leaf pickup this week and likely continuing once a week until no longer necessary. We have a new Water Street sign coming this week to install at the corner of Gilbert, as it appears someone ran over the existing one. Liddiard's were here this week to take down a rotten tree at 9 Green Street.
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Water:

- We assisted Middlesex with a main break last month. We have been using our new lab for samples, so far, so good. We were able to get all our lead and copper samples collected and all results are within parameters. Continuing to work on our lead service line inventory for the EPA. The lake has been dirty for the last couple months, so we have had to backwash filters once or twice a week. Hopefully, this improves with the cooler weather coming. There appears to be a leak on the service line to 4 Douglas Drive. We investigated our end, and it seems to be coming from the homeowner's side of the curb. Should be getting repaired soon. Based on our numbers at the new master meters we put in off the main to the 364 residents, there is a leak somewhere in the line to the south. They believe they have it identified.

Sewer:

- We had a representative from New York Rural Water out to the sewer and water plants to do an energy assessment and see if there is anywhere we could save on energy usage. Should hear back in the next month or so. I attended a training through NYRW about I & I that was very informative. We have been inspecting tanks.

Cemetery:

- Mowing and trimming has slowed down. Have had a bunch of new headstones installed. We had 2 full burials. We will be pulling flags and starting cleanup for winter after Veteran's Day.

Miscellaneous:

- Removed a downed tree from the Moody trail. Had our annual inspections on our fire extinguishers, one had to be serviced, but all good otherwise. We have been attending to

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service and inspections on the trucks. The F350 needed quite a few front-end components and tires.

RE: Fire Report:

- Chief Adams' report is attached.
- Two fire fighters are completing Level 2 training.
- Jim will be handing out candy for Halloween
- The fire department participated in Fire Prevention at the Valley School
- The fire department is looking into a digital sign. This would have to be through a grant.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Training via Webinars
- Respond to complaint –
 - o Swartwood: dog access to neighbor's property has been fixed
 - o Camper; no one is living in camper, just used as a study area
 - o Chickens: I have been told they have been removed from property
- Canandaigua National Bank has visited 9 Chapel Street. The bank has taken control of the property through a trust that Mr. Barker had put in place prior to his passing.

RE: Clerk:

- Jeannie handed out the Employee Handbook – the current version which was Amended April 30, 2018 and a revised version 2024. She would like the board members' input and would like to amend the handbook by the end of the year.
- The Board decided to stay with our current website. Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner asked if the web designer could identify how many residents access the website. Jeannie will check into it.

RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$24,962.13. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$47,215.76. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$11,707.75. The motion was unanimously carried.

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A motion to adjourn the meeting and to go into Executive Session was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

A motion to open back up the Board Meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby at 8:30 pm. The motion was unanimously passed.

The Board would like Jeannie to reach out to John Mancini from NYCOM to get the Attorney General's opinion that allows the Board to pass a local law which allows the Village to hire Art Rilands to fill in when the DPW Supervisor will be out for an extended period of time. Jeannie will get the information to Jeff Graff, Village Attorney to write this local law.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer