

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2024

DATE: 12/9/24

TIME: 6:50pm

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 8 people attended the meeting (sign in sheet available at the Village Office)

The Mayor called the Public Hearing to order at 6:50 pm on Proposed Law #3 of 2024 entitled "A Local Law Authorizing the Village Board to Hire the Village Mayor to Temporarily fill the Appointed Position of Department of Public Works Supervisor"

Resident Ed Gilman wanted to know why the Village had to have this position named Department of Public Works Supervisor.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:55pm

The Mayor called the Public Hearing to order at 6:56 pm on Proposed Law #4 of 2024 entitled "A Local Law Authorizing the Village Board to Convey Real Property by Gift to the Mabel D. Blodgett Memorial Library"

Resident Adam Mincer thought gifting the property to the library was a great idea. Library Director, Dodie Baker, wanted to clarify that the property and the building was being gifted. The Mayor confirmed that was the intention of the Village.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:58pm

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 November 18, 2024 meeting. There was one correction. Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner made a motion to approve the November 18, 2024 minutes with the correction. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2nd to the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Ed Gilman, Planning Board Chairman:

- Ed reminded the board that the next Zoning Code meeting is in January 9, at 7:00.

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RE: Public Comments:

- None

RE: Resolution 20-2024 Authorizing Adoption of Local Law No. 3 Entitled “A Local Law Authorizing the Village Board to Hire the Village Mayor to Temporarily Fill the Appointed Position of Department of Public Works Supervisor”

-Trustee Doug Rigby wanted the words “for emergencies” added. Trustee Chandra Gilman felt she did not have enough information to vote on the resolution/local law. Clerk Jeannie Kesel said our lawyer, Jeff Graff, prepared the resolution and the local law. Trustee Chandra Gilman felt the hourly rate should be in the law. She wanted to know what the Town of Gorham pays for this position. Mayor Art Rilands was not exactly sure. He also told the Board that Gorham’s Water and Waste Water Superintendent will be retiring. After further discussion, the Board decided to table this until next meeting.

RE: Resolution 22-2024 – Determination of Significance of Local Law 4-2024 (SEQR)

- Mayor Art Rilands named the Village as Lead Agency and read the SEQR Part II, Impact Assessment.
- Mayor Rilands offered the above resolution. Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to approve Resolution 22-2024 – Determination of Significance of Local Law 4-2024 (SEQR) and was seconded by 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	Yes
Mayor Art Rilands	Yes

The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Resolution 23-2024 – Authorizing Adoption of Local Law 4-2024 Entitled “A Local Law Authorizing the Village Board to Convey Real Property by Gift to the Mabel D. Blodgett Memorial Library”:

-Mayor Rilands offered the above resolution. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton motioned approval and Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner seconded the motion.

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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	Yes
Mayor Art Rilands	Yes

The motion carried.

RE: Mayor's Report:

- The water project is at a standstill. DOH wants a water test done in a lab to see if the new carbon filters will take out the microcystins in the filtered water. MRB is not sure why this needs to be done since we have DE filters performing primary filtration now. The carbon filters would not be primary, but secondary filtration. This will cost \$31,000. We are going to schedule a phone conference meeting with DOH to discuss avoiding this test. Not sure at this point how the test could be paid for.
- There is a zoom call scheduled for December 10th in Yates County regarding Jim Liebel. Erica Mansler, from Hancock Estabrook, will handle the call. She has no idea what the judge will do.
- LNB had a meeting at the building next door last Tuesday. Dave LeClair attended the meeting. He is on the advisory board. The bank still needs an OK from the government before they can officially open a branch in Rushville. It appears that the government would rather put banks in big cities instead of small communities.
- We need to start working on our next year's budget. I believe the whole board needs to be involved in this process. I would like to schedule some budget workshops fairly soon. Deputy Karen Gorton suggested we wait until after the holidays. The Mayor asked the board members to have some ideas about needs for the village at the January board meeting.
- I talked with the Yates County IT person today about the Laserfiche grant program. Back in February of 2023, the Village passed a resolution to do this program. The county got the grant, but is still waiting on the funding. The program is to move paper documents to electronic. The cost will be \$1K to \$1.5K per year. The first-year fee is part of the grant. The Village can stop anytime. The grant covers scanning 8 boxes of documents in the record's room. This will be done by others and off site. The Village will get a scanner. Yates County will have the computer, software and backup systems at their facility. Part of the grant will cover one license for a person in our office. Renewal will be part of the annual fee. There will be training and support as needed. The company is out of Rochester.

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- Karen reported that she attended, on November 19th an open meeting webinar. She said it was very informative. She will get copies of the webinar to the board members.

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RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Streets:

- We've sanded and plowed a few times. We got the lights up on the trees and village hall that will stay up through the holidays. We have been battling weather and manpower, but should be able to get the remaining leaves picked up tomorrow.

Water:

- The water leak at 4 Douglas Drive has been repaired. After all tests pointed to the leak being on the homeowner's side of the service, it ended up being on our side under the storm pipe. We exposed the curb stop twice, no water in the hole. Turning the water off to the house and back on indicated the leak was between the curb stop and the house. An expensive piece of equipment called a correlator identified the leak was just outside of the house. The homeowner is looking to have his expenses paid after having his service completely replaced. After discussing with Art, we think we should at least pay half of the bill.

A motion to pay half of this bill was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and a second was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton. The motion unanimously carried

Sewer:

- Chris is halfway through his 2-week sewer school. Things have been running smoothly at the plant. We went about 6 months without having to pump out the sludge pit.

Miscellaneous:

- The roof above Tim's office is leaking again. We will investigate further to see if we can find where it is coming from. We knocked down a couple of dead trees on the trail that looked hazardous. The dump trailer sold for \$4,800.00 at auction last week. It should be picked up at the end of this week. We had to call in Tom Demitry to look at the furnace that feeds the history room and Tim's office. He should have it repaired tomorrow.

RE: Fire Report:

- Chief Adams' report is attached.
- The Fire Department participated in Christmastime in Rushville. They brought Santa Claus in on the fire truck.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Training via Webinars
- Respond to complaints
- Completed training

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- Marcia Stillman's land has been sold. Jon Bagley sold the land by the church. The land has been sold on Gorham Road

RE: Clerk:

- Jeannie asked the board if they still wanted to shorten the newsletter to one page – front and back. They agreed. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton asked for the newsletter to be printed on colored paper.
- Christmas Families – the board will meet at the Village Hall on December 18th at 6:00 pm to hand out \$250 checks to these families.

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 \$29,613.43. 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 Water bills in the amount of \$20,337.26. 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 \$20,364.71. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer