

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BUDGET WORKSHOP

January 27, 2025

DATE: 1/27/25

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Art Rilands, Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton, Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner, Trustee Doug Rigby, Trustee Chandra Gilman, Clerk Jeannie Kesel.

Other Residents in attendance: Ed Gilman

The Mayor called the Budget Workshop to order at 7:00 pm

BUDGET OVERVIEW

- **Review Current Budget** - The Mayor reviewed the Statement of Activity with the Board. He explained many of the line items on revenue and expense variances. He said that the budget appears to be inline.
- **Ideas for Next Year's Budget** – The Mayor asked the Board if they felt the 2016 550 Dump Truck should be replaced. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton asked what is the mileage. The Mayor said about 20,000 miles. Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner asked the condition and value of the truck. The Mayor said the tuck needs to be dependable, especially during the winter for plowing. He felt the truck might be worth around \$30,000. Trustee Doug Rigby said it would be good to upgrade the truck as long as there is good value in the current truck. The Mayor said a new truck is around \$100,000. Also, in 2027 there are going to be new regulations for emissions and that will add to the cost of the new truck.
- The Board would like to allocate money to the park.
- **Employee Handbook** – Trustee Chandra Gilman wanted to know why the Village was removing background checks on new hires. Jeannie said the Village does not have a policy. She will check into this. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton said the handbook says the Village pays an employee for jury duty. She would like additional wording to include that if an employee receives payment from the county to serve, the that check should be turned over to the Village since the employee was compensated by the Village. Trustee Chandra Gilman would like language included that states a duty of the Village Board to appoint and approve all Library Board members. She also would like the volunteer firemen from the Hose Company listed as volunteers and to be approved by the Village Board. Trustee Chandra Gilman asked why part time benefits have been removed from this amended copy. The Mayor said because the Village does not pay benefits for part time employees. Trustee Chandra Gilman asked why and Jeannie said it is due to the cost to the Village.
- **Next Meeting** will be February 24, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Doug Rigby. A second was received from Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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