

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE SPECIAL MEETING

January 31, 2025

DATE: 1/31/25

TIME: 8:00 am

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: None

The Mayor called the Special Meeting to order at 8:00 am

13 SOUTH MAIN STREET-

- Mayor Art Rilands said that the Village was notified by Yates County Treasurer that the taxes on 13 South Main Street were due today. Yesterday Jim Liebel came into the Village Office indicating that he wanted to work out a deal with the Village on the foreclosure. Jeannie and Art were in the Village at that time. They told Jim that the Village lawyer had advised them not to speak with Jim and to refer him to the Village lawyer. Jim wanted the Village to give him 60 days to pay his debt and stop the foreclosure proceeding. After about 20 minutes Jim finally left. Jim immediately called the Village. Art spoke to him. Jim called a second time and Jeannie let it go to the answering machine and all the Board members listened to Jim's message. Art called Erica, the Village's foreclosure lawyer, for advice on how to proceed. She said if the Village was willing to consider an extension, she would have to contact Judge Cook's office to see if he would delay his judgement by 60 days. Trustees Chandra Gilman and Doug Rigby would like the Village to move forward with the foreclosure. Erica suggested that Art call the Village lawyer, Jeff Graff, to get his opinion on whether the Village should pay the back taxes. He highly suggested not to pay the back taxes. The Board agreed not to pay the taxes.

- A motion was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman for the Village not to pay the back taxes on 13 South Main Street. A second was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner.

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.

A motion was made by Deputy Karen Gorton for the Village to continue with the foreclosure process and not delay for 60 days. A second was made by Trustee Doug Rigby.

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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 unanimously carried.

A motion to accept a \$65,000 cashier's check from Jim Liebel to settle his debt to the Village was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner.

There was a roll call vote –

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

The motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton. A second was received from Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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