

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

MARCH 10, 2025

DATE: 3/10/25

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, Public Works Supervisor Neal Curtis, Fire Chief Jim Adams, Absent Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton

Approximately 5 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 February 10, 2025 meeting. There being one correction, Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to approve the February 10, 2025 minutes with the correction. Trustee Chandra Gilman made a 2nd to the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had any corrections to the Budget Workshop minutes from the February 24, 2025 meeting. There being a couple of corrections, Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner made a motion to approve the February 24, 2025 Budget Workshop minutes with corrections. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2nd to the motion. Trustee Chandra Gilman Abstained. The motion carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- Dave LeClair gave an update on the Park Project. The trusses were delivered today. A lot of credit goes to Adam Mincer. Yates County approved Phase II of the project for an award of \$17,100. That is for an accessibility grant – for a walking trail and bridge repair.

RE: Resolution 3-2025 Support and Authorization 2025 Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant Application:

- The Mayor said that a proposal from MRB to complete this grant application was signed January 24, 2025. There was discussion to move forward with the grant application

There was a motion made by Trustee Chandra Gilman to approve Resolution 3-2025 – Support and Authorization 2025 Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant Application and seconded by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner

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- There was a roll call vote –

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

The motion carried.

RE: Resolution 4-2025 Authorizing a Public Hearing for Local Law 2 of 2025 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 Cheryl Hilton-Vadner thought it might be better to say – to temporarily serve as the Department of Public Works Supervisor during the absence of the Department of Public works Supervisor and/or the Public Works Maintenance Assistant while Mayor Rilands simultaneously continues to serve in his elected position of Mayor of the Village of Rushville”. Clerk Jeannie Kesel said the Board directed her in the February meeting to adjust the language to read that both the Department of Public Works Supervisor and the Public Works Maintenance Assistant needed to be out in order for the Art Rilands to step in during an emergency. Trustee Chandra Gilman said the Village cannot have two Department of Public Works Supervisors if Art stepped in during an emergency. Mayor Art Rilands suggested calling his position MEO (Motor Equipment Operator) when filling in during an emergency. The resolution was tabled.

RE: Resolution 5-2025 Authorizing a Public Hearing for Local Law 3 of 2025 entitled “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C”:

- The Mayor said this is put in place each year just in case there is an error in the year end reporting that would cause an error with the tax cap. Attorney, Jeff Graff, suggested that the Village pass a local law each year to override the tax levy limit as a precautionary step.

There was a motion made by Trustee Doug Rigby to approve Resolution 5-2025 –to have a public hearing for A Local Law 3 of 2025 entitled “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C” and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman

- There was a roll call vote –

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

The motion carried.

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RE: Mayor's Report:

- Nothing has changed in the Liebel situation. He is still playing the legal games. Yates County may take the property this month and then it will go to tax sale auction later this summer
- We are still struggling to get grant money reimbursement. The paperwork is overwhelming.
- Tim, Neal and myself met with Keuka Housing the other day about the possible project off of Rubin Drive. They have lots of ideas, not sure if it is going to work. The first step of this project, they need to complete a water and sewer study. There could be up to 150 people housed in this project. The land is currently in the Town of Potter. They might want to annex it to the Village.
- Darrell Rector owns property in front of the sewer beds. He had some surveying done on that property and it appears there is a problem with a lot line. It looks like back in the 80's when the Village bought the property, the deed to the property was not properly recorded with the county. The recent survey shows the Village losing a little bit of land on the right side of the driveway going to the plant. It's part of the ditch. Darrell is proposing a property line agreement between the Village and himself. Our lawyers will take care of this if the Board is in agreement. The Board was in agreement with this modification.

RE: Employee Handbook:

- The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the employee handbook. There were none.

A motion to accept the employee handbook as amended March 10, 2025 was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. Trustee Chandra Gilman voted Nay. The motion carried.

RE: Budget Worksheets:

- The Mayor said Jeannie has been working on the budget. There are a couple of things he would like to go over – 1st the 550 truck – we have to decide which accounts to expense the new purchase and which accounts to credit the sale of the old truck. The Mayor said that some of the “chips” money can go towards the purchase. He would prefer to purchase a used truck, no more than 2-3 years old for a cost around \$85,000. He thinks our 550 truck might bring in about \$20K - \$25K. Neal got the price of a spare pump for the sewer plant for \$27,000. Jeannie said that all of the expenses for the Water Project will need to be reclassified to the Capital Project Account. The next workshop is Monday, March 17th at 6:00 pm and the Tentative Budget meeting is Monday, March 24th at 6:00 pm.

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- None

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

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Streets:

- Snow removal has slowed down and we hope it stays that way. We monitored the catch basins with the rain and snow melt and made repairs to a couple grates. We will continue to monitor the source of water that runs down Chapel Street and onto South Main Street. We filled some potholes, including Douglas Drive, Castle Street and Railroad Avenue.

Water:

- We have been doing some maintenance at the plant, updating rusty parts, replacing leaky tubing, etc. We got the barrel for the carbon test filled and shipped off to Calgon. They say it should be 4-6 weeks for results so we can move forward with the project.

Sewer:

- Chris passed his sewer exam. I will be working on annual reports for water and sewer this week.

Miscellaneous:

- Installed a new faucet in the library bathroom, as the old one was leaking. We have been doing cleanup and the last of our winter maintenance on equipment.

RE: Fire Report:

- Chief Adams' report is attached.
- The pumper truck was in for repairs. Jim said the truck is 29 years old. He was inquiring if the Village would like him to start looking for a used pumper truck. Trustee Doug Rigby said it would be a good idea to start looking to see what is out there.
- There is a burn ban from March 16th through May 14th.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Training via Webinars
- More conversations regarding Rubin Drive with Beardsley Engineering, Justin Cheira. Letter needs to be sent from them regarding annexation of property.
- Conversations regarding the Lundquist property.
- 1203 Report completed
- Conversations regarding wetlands in Rushville with Jonathan Tamargo. He is coming Friday, the 14th. He wants to put boots on the ground to review the wetlands

RE: Public Comments:

- Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner asked if the newsletter could include the Village Trustees and contact information.
- Bill Button and Trustee Chandra Gilman wanted to remind the residents that on March 18, 2025 there will be a Town Referendum with voting at the Town of Potter firehouse from

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2:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be 2 subjects to vote on. The Town Board has unanimously decided to ask the voters in Potter to approve the positions of the Superintendent of Highways and the Town Clerk as appointed positions instead of elected positions. Please get out and vote.

RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$19,138.73. 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 \$7,014.85. 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 \$4,192.30. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer