

# THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING

## February 8, 2021

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DATE: 2/8/21

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Mayor Dave LeClair, Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman, Trustee Doug Rigby, Trustee Karen Gorton, Clerk Jeannie Kesel, Deputy Clerk Joanne Burley, DPW Art Rilands, Reading Center Director Dodie Baker, Code Officer Tim Pagel, Trustee Mark Fargo – sick, Emily Palumbos from MRB

Approximately 12 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 January 11, 2021 meeting. Deputy Chandra Gilman had one small correction. Deputy Chandra Gilman made a motion to approve the January 11, 2021 minutes. Trustee Karen Gorton made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

**RE: Public Hearing regarding the CDB Grant (Community Development Block) Grant:**

The Mayor introduced Emily Palumbos from MRB. She passed around a sign in sheet and asked everyone in attendance to sign. She wanted to update the Village on the grant for the HAB (Hazardous Algae Blooms) that she has been working on. It is due in 3 ½ weeks.

The Public hearing closed at 7:07pm

The Board meeting reopened at 7:08pm

**RE: Mayors Report:**

Mayor Dave LeClair gave his Mayor's report as follows:

- The Emergency Preparedness Plan is required to be completed by April 1, 2021 per the State's new legislation resulting from the COVID Pandemic. The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor Chandra Giiman have met a couple of times to discuss this plan. Deputy Mayor Chandra has been working hard to complete a draft copy for your review. This draft is included in your Board information packet. A final plan should be available at next month's meeting to discuss possible adoption or modifications. A motion to have Tom Blair, Town's Attorney review the Emergency Preparedness Plan was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion unanimously carried.
- A copy of a letter from the Yates County Sheriff's office along with Sheriff Spikes email response was included in your Board packets. We will continue to build a solid relationship with the Yates and Ontario County Sheriff's Departments. We will periodically request stepped up traffic enforcement and neighborhood monitoring when needed.
- The Planning Board had their annual meeting on January 27, 2021. Jamie Landcastle was nominated to be Chair and Ed Gilman Vice Chair. Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to approved that Jamie Landcastle be the Chair and Ed Gilman be the Vice Chair of the

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Planning Board. A second was made by Trustee Karen Gorton. The motion was unanimously carried.

- Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman has joined the Yates County Planning Board.
- The Fire Department FEMA AFG Grant (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) Village support letter is in your Board packets.
- Last meeting Trustee Karen Gorton and Trustee Mark Fargo volunteered to be on a committee to look into Jon Bagley's rate adjustment request for the laundromat. Trustee Karen Gorton and her son own a rental property and her son sometimes does subcontract work for Jon Bagley. A member of the public sent the Mayor a message that this could be considered a conflict. The Mayor gave the Board members a copy of the Village Ethics Policy for their review to determine if a problem exists. Trustee Karen Gorton should be able to answer any related questions. The Board tabled the discussion for the laundromat until next month when Trustee Mark Fargo will be in attendance.
- The Mayor wanted to acknowledge Ken Seeling, Village Historian for all of his work as the Village's Historian. The Mayor thanked Ken for the wonderful display of pictures of our veterans on the walls of the board room. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented by the Mayor to Ken Seeling.
- Joanne Burley retired as the Village's Clerk/Treasurer effective December 31, 2020. The Mayor read a Resolution recognizing and thanking Joanne for her service to the Village of Rushville.
- Per the Governor's budget, sales tax aid to the County will be reduced. Rushville will be decreased \$300.82 in 2020-2021 and \$295.71 in 2021-2022 – roughly \$75.00 per quarter. This is to help nursing homes and hospitals impacted by the COVID crisis. A copy of the schedule is in your Board packets.
- The NYCOM Winter Legislative virtual meeting is February 11, 2021. Let Jeannie know if you are interested in attending.
- The Mayor included a rough draft of a local law to impose reinspection fees for uncorrected violations. The homeowner would first receive a soft letter. If the request is ignored then a citation would be issued. The Mayor has been asked by residents to improve the Village. It was discussed that possibly in the spring the Village could have a cleanup day. The Village could possibly rent dumpsters and a chipper. The goal is to spruce up the Village. The Town of Potter does their cleanup the last Saturday in April and October. The discussion was to have the Village's date somewhere in between. Future review by the Attorney Blair would be needed.

The Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. No Comments.

### **RE: Reports of Committees:**

#### **RE: Public Works Supervisor**

##### **Water:**

- Working on painting the water plant.
- The Village has to start sampling for the PFOS PFOA and a Dioxin contaminant this month. This is an ingredient used in 3-M's Scotchguard. There is no manufacturing of this in Canandaigua. It is used in some fire fighting foam. This has been stopped. We have to sample quarterly and have to use a different lab. The lab is in Syracuse and the cost is \$300/Quarter.
- Cleared snow away from the fire hydrants

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### **Barn:**

- Working on equipment

### **Cemetery:**

- No report this month

### **Streets:**

- Plowed and sanded several times. Helped the Middlesex highway with some sanding. Their little truck broke down.

### **Budget:**

- Considering about replacing the 2016 Ford 550 dump truck. Has only about 10,000 miles, but most of the miles are in the salt during the winter. Mechanically it's ok, but it's rusty underneath. It's been under coated a couple of times. Art feels he can get about \$35,000 out of it now. A new truck is around \$65,000 – then cost to replace it would be \$30,000-\$35,000.
- Mike's truck is a 2014 Ford 150 with less than 25,000 miles. A new Ford 150 would cost about \$31,000. Art feels the trade in value is \$10,000-\$15,000.
- Chips money – Art would like to pave Green Street and would like to put some storm pipe in on Union Street to fill in that deep ditch. Note sure if the whole street can be done, but at least a couple hundred feet starting at Gilbert Street.
- Would like to replace 2 fire hydrants.
- Need to replace the UV system at the water plant. Should be less than \$2,000.

### **RE: Village Hall Report:**

- No report this month

### **RE: Fire Report:**

- The Fire Chief, Paul Moberg said they had 15 calls in January.
- Everyone in the Fire Department was offered the COVID vaccine through the state website.
- The grant was submitted last week.
- Paul said they have started an EMS Program at the Fire House. It is opened to the whole county. It is one night a month. Participants earn CME credits towards their yearly recertification.

### **RE: Reading Center Director:**

- February 4, 2021 had a meeting with Brian Hildreth (STLS), Ron Kirsop (PLS), Ruth Freier (Gorham Library) and Sabra Dunton (Middlesex Reading Center). We discussed the cover letter, referendum language, proposed budgets and a Q&A fact sheet to present the Propositions for the three libraries to the Board of Education of the Marcus Whitman Central School District for the School Vote on May 18, 2021.
- February 10, 2021 – Sabra Dunton, Ruth Freier and Dodie Baker will have a Zoom meeting with the MWCSD Superintendent, Dr. Chris Brown to discuss the reason for the levy requests.
- Please advocate for your libraries! Go to STLS website: <https://www.stls.org>.
- A 1-year subscription to "Better Homes & Gardens" was donated to the library.

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- The library has dedicated a small bookshelf to "I Can Read" with beginner books.
- The library has their new circulating Youth collection. It changes every 3 months.
- The new circulating Large Print collection will be out the beginning of March.

## **RE: Code Enforcement officer:**

- Tim stated he has been working on the code violations at 9 Chapel Street. An Order to Remedy has been sent.
- He responded to a complaint at Castle Street Apartments.
- He is working on the 1203 Report – classifies every permit.
- Tim is looking into the costs of a possible Clean-Up Day.

## **RE: Ken Seeling, Historian – Annual Report from Historical Society:**

- Ken Seeling, presented the Annual Report. He would like to see younger residents get involved. They currently have 32 volumes of records that the society has gathered. Nancy Cleveland suggested that they put together a Binder of COVID 19 Pandemic of 2020. They continue to collect information on the Pandemic.

## **RE: Clerk:**

- A motion was made to approve the resolution for the Standard Workday for the Mayor be 6 hours a day by Trustee Doug Rigby and a second by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **New Business:**

- BPD Municipal Advisor Resolution – A motion to adopt a resolution authorizing execution of letter for municipal advisor services for BPD was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **Old Business:**

- No report this month

## **WWTP:**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment to Fineline Pipeline, Inc. in the amount of \$38,647.42. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **Re Bills:**

A motion was made by Deputy Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Karen Gorton to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$19,206.31. The motion was unanimously carried.

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A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$199.03. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$7,587.65. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$5,520.63. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Karen Gorton and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman to authorize the payment of the Capital Project bills in the amount of \$16,614.60. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman a 2<sup>nd</sup> was received from Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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