

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

September 13, 2021

DATE: 9/13/21

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Dave LeClair, Trustee Doug Rigby, Trustee Karen Gorton, Trustee Mark Fargo, Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman, Clerk Jeannie Kesel, Deputy Clerk Joanne Burley, Code Officer Tim Pagel, DPW Art Rilands, Reading Center Director Dodie Baker and Fire Chief Paul Moberg

Approximately 15 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 August 9, 2021 meeting. Trustee Mark Fargo had a minor change. Trustee Mark Fargo made a motion to approve the August 9, 2021 minutes with corrections. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Mayor's Report:

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

- The Mayor met with Matt Horn and confirmed that MRB is scaling up to begin work on the Comprehensive Plan. Matt introduced his associate Angelina White who will be assisting with this process. They will be reaching out to the Village Boards for a kick-off meeting. A steering committee will need to be formed comprising of at least 1 member of each board, Trustee, PB Chair, ZBA Chair (maybe 2 from Planning), a business owner, a tenant, a senior citizen, ethnic diversity, landlord, ...etc. It should represent a good cross section of the community. Focus groups will be formed later, as not to leave out any interested persons. The Mayor asked Board Members to submit name suggestions. He is excited to get things going and hopefully will stimulate community spirit.
- The Lions Club President, Joanne Burley, reached out to inform me that the club may be interested in constructing a new pavilion in the Village Park. I will be appearing at the next Lions meeting on October 4th to make a proposal on architectural style and size. It should be large enough to accommodate a small gathering or artistic performances.
- Yates County Natural and Recreational Resources Grant – Each year Yates County offers funding aimed at projects that promote, preserve, and enhance the county's natural and recreational resources. Terry Button reported a few meetings back and encouraged us to look for opportunities. Anything recreational is encouraged. Possible ideas originating at the Reading Center or other Yates County locations could be community hikes, Village Park performances, block parties with a village clean-up theme...etc. All ideas are welcomed. Email Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman any ideas.

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RE: Deputy Mayor's Report

- The Village of Rushville's chicken ordinance was discussed.
- The Bank of the Finger Lakes, division of Wayne Bank was allowed to take over the coffee shop so they could use the drive-up window for bank business.

RE: Public Comments:

- Jamie Landcastle mentioned that the fire truck does not hold its value. He wanted the Board to be mindful of this the next time the Village purchases a new/used fire truck
- Terry Button, Yates County Legislature –
- Yates County has hired 6 Public Health workers and nurses that are 80-100% reimbursable from the state. They will help with booster clinics and testing at schools, mainly Penn Yan and Dundee.
- Road millings are available to towns and villages
- Tourism Grant Funding – need to apply by October and funds appropriated in February
- Public Works accepting bids for new Highway Facility in Benton
- Lots of discussion regarding “mask or no mask”
- Yates County passed a resolution regarding Suicide Prevention Month in September

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

- Ontario County Sheriff is still looking for the truck that hit the buggy. They are looking for a green truck 1999-2006, Chevy or GMC extended pickup. Could be missing a plastic fender flare.

Streets:

- There might be a little head way on the double poles on Main Street. Frontier was at least looking at the ones across from the Village Hall.

Water:

- The water tank was inspected last month, everything looked good. DOH was here today for our annual inspection, Kendal said everything looked OK.
- The Village started testing for blue green algae last month and testing weekly. So far, all test results have come back negative.
- In the past DOH has recorded all of the water back flow test results. They are going to stop doing this and the Village will need to start next year doing the monitoring and recording. Not sure how we will do this. I believe the best way to do this is on the computer. Will have to look around for software.
- A leaking water service was repaired last week

Sewer:

- After the rain storm from a couple of weeks ago, the sewer flows still went up a lot. We have to do some checking around to try and figure out where the water comes from. Maybe sump pumps from houses as they are not supposed to be hooked to the sewer.

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Village Hall:

- Proctor was the low bidder (\$19,000) on repairing the Village Hall roof. Not sure when they will start.

RE: Park:

- We changed all the swings hooks. A swing broke a couple of weeks ago. A girl got stuck in the toddler swing. The Fire Department was called to get her out.

RE: Trail:

- We have trimmed some bushes and removed a couple of trees by one of the bridges that was blocking the creek water flow.

RE: Fire Report:

- No news on the Grant. There are three weeks left. Paul Moberg, Fire Chief, remains optimistic
- There were 2 calls last month on the fire truck. No returned calls. Trustee Mark Fargo suggested that the fire truck be auctioned off. Paul will bring a bid to the Board for their approval. A motion to auction the fire truck as made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo. The motion was unanimously carried.
- Paul thanked the Board for the Employee Assistant Program (EAP)

RE: Reading Center Director:

- 2021 "Summer Fun" Children's Program, "Tails and Tales" was enjoyed by 11 children and their families. The last day was a story walk along the Moody Trail; we did bird watching, games, activities and had a bag lunch picnic for the families.
- The book sale during Rushville Community Days brought in almost \$200. The volunteers ran the sale. Betsy had a rummage with us, and the proceeds to benefit Autism.
- I had 3 home school families (8 children), come tour the library August 27th. I opened from 11-12:30 to give them full access to the library. I wrote 5 new library cards that day!
- The library has a "Community Voices" Collection put together by STLS Director Advisory Council Diversity and Inclusion Committee. It is a traveling collection of 58 books (adult, children's and young adult) with fiction and non-fiction titles. We have it from August 9th – September 24th.
- I attended a 2-hour virtual workshop, Weneed2talk, on September 9th. It was about Defining Culture in our Library through Diversity and Inclusion.
- The library is doing an event called "Chalk the Walk" on September 9th. It is sponsored by Yates County Suicide Prevention Coalition and The Living Well Mission. They provided us with the chalk and some give-a-way items and pamphlets.
- Our new Rotating Youth Collection will be in this month.
- Trick & Treating will be October 31st from 6-8pm in the Village.

RE: Code Enforcement officer:

- Inspection of projects in progress
- Tim received preliminary site plans from Mr. Foster for new build on Douglas Drive
- Working on resolving life safety issues at 13 North Main Street

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- Follow up on Rosato, 9 Chapel Street – Obtained permit for new roof
- Obtaining required training through webinars

RE: Local Law Change for Chickens:

- Both County planning board reviews are complete, so the next step would be for the Village Planning Board to meet for the purpose of making a recommendation to the Village Board.
- A motion to schedule a Public Hearing for the Chicken Ordinance for October 18, 2021 was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Resolution for Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials:

- This form needs to be submitted to the Pension Integrity Department at the NYS Retirement Office.
A motion to adopt the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials as presented was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Karen Gorton. The motion was unanimously carried.

Re Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the Genesee Valley Construction Invoice in the amount of \$11,229.00. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the Genesee Valley Construction Final Invoice in the amount of \$8,266.00. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment of the Finline Pipeline Final Invoice in the amount of \$37,903.22. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$29,186.56. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Karen Gorton to authorize payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$571.00. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$8,315.55. The motion was unanimously carried.

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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 \$2,251.95. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize the payment of the Capital Project bills which includes the Genesee Valley Construction and Finline Pipeline bills in the amount of \$66,487.24. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Doug Rigby. A 2nd was received from Trustee Karen Gorton. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Trustee Doug Rigby. A 2nd was received from Trustee Mark Fargo at 8:05 pm. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to open the meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. A 2nd was received from Trustee Mark Fargo at 8:56 pm. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to adopt the Resolution to approve accept the Water Rate Study from MRB Engineering dated July 28, 2021 was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adopt the Resolution to authorize the Mayor of the Village of Rushville to negotiate and execute an Inter-Municipal Water Service Agreement (IMA) with the Town of Middlesex, subject to terms and conditions as may be approved by the Village Board of Trustees was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Karen Gorton. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. A 2nd was received from Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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