

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

October 18, 2021

DATE: 10/18/21

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Dave LeClair, Trustee Doug Rigby, Trustee Karen Gorton, Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman, Deputy Clerk Joanne Burley, Code Officer Tim Pagel, DPW Art Rilands, Reading Center Director Dodie Baker

Absent: Trustee Mark Fargo, Clerk/Treasurer Jeannie Kesel

Approximately 20 people attended the meeting (sign in sheet available at the Village Office)

The Mayor called the Public Hearing to order at 6:50 pm

The Mayor introduced the Local Law #3-2021 regarding the keeping of chickens in the Village.

The Mayor asked if there were any public comments. There were none. He asked for a motion to accept the Local Law #3-2021.

Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to accept the Local Law #3-2021. A second was received from Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed.

The public hearing was closed at 6:59 pm

The mayor opened the regular board meeting at 7 p.m.

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 September 13, 2021 meeting. Trustee Chandra Gilman made a motion to approve the September 13, 2021 minutes. Trustee Karen Gorton made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Clark Family:

The Mayor asked Don Clark if he would like to do his presentation before the business meeting started. Don wanted to come before the board to make a donation to the Reading Center in memory and honor of his wife Betty S. Clark. The Clark Family donated \$1,000 to the Reading center to augment the library's collection of reading material and technology in a way that best suits the needs of the center. Don also presented the Village another \$1,000 on behalf of the Rushville Congregational Sunday School to which Betty devoted much time and love. These funds will again be used in the same manner as the donation from the Clark family.

RE: Mayor's Report:

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

- Comprehensive Plan – The Mayor indicated that a joint meeting of the Village Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. The meeting will be scheduled for November 16th.

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- Middlesex Water – A settlement has been signed and the Village received a check in the amount of \$28,083.43 as part of the agreement. Tom Blair will be drafting a water service agreement that will be presented at the November meeting.
- Marcus Whitman – Atty Blair will be reviewing the existing water service contract and advise us as to our contracture obligations.
- Village Park Pavilion – The Mayor made a presentation to the Rushville Lions Club on October 4th pertaining to the construction of a pavilion in the village park. The Lions Club has shown an interest in providing some funding and will be looking into share-matching grants with the Lions International organization.
- American Plan Rescue Act of 2021- The Mayor provide a list of possible uses for the dollars we have received. We have 2 years to use this money. We need to begin discussion on how best to use these funds.
- Water and sewer rate increase proposal. The Mayor has a draft of the increase proposal that will be going out to all property owners regarding the January 1, 2022 for water and July 1, 2022 for sewer

RE: Chicken ordinance: Local Law #3-2021 – Keeping of Chickens

A motion was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman to approve the Local Law #3-2021 regarding the keeping of chickens. A second was received by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed.

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report

- Yates Co. Planning Board – Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman mentioned the Yates Co. Planning board is still looking for members.
- The Town of Potter is looking for an alternate for their board and may possibly be looking for a new member.

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Streets:

- The leaf vac has been painted. They will start leaf pickup either the end of this week or the beginning of next week.
- Frontier has finally started taking down some of the double poles. This has been a several year process.

Cemetery:

Elvin was out a few days sick. He got tested for COVID and ii came back negative. He will be catching up on mowing this week.

Water:

- We are still doing the HABs testing. DOH will tell us when to stop. We've had a couple of positives hits in the raw water, nothing in the finished water.

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Sewer:

- Our flows still go up some in the wet weather, not as bad as before the sewer upgrades. Looks like we may be getting extra flow from the school in wet weather. We will do some more investigation.

Village Hall:

- The roof is still leaking. Proctor roofing was told they have the repair job. Just waiting for them to get here.

RE: Fire Report:

- Paul was unable to attend the meeting but he sent a report.
- There is a serious buyer for the 91 Pierce rescue truck. Hoping to get a wire transfer this week.
- The Grant request was denied again this year. (Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant)
- The county pump test was 2 weeks ago, and both our pumpers passed with no issues.
- Department physicals are tonight.

RE: Reading Center Director:

- Dodie attended the 61st STLS Annual Meeting online on Friday Oct. 1.
- Dodie thanked the board member, library board members and the whole Community for the hard work and support given to the Middlesex, and Rushville Reading Centers so we can continue to serve our communities and become a New York State Chartered Library.
- Dodie will be attending a Virtual online learning on Wed, Oct 20th.
- They will do Halloween at the Library again this year on Sunday, Oct. 31st from 6-8. They are planning to have it outside unless the weather is bad.
- The 6th annual Christmastime in Rushville will be the 1st Friday in December. It will be held at the library and will observe COVID restrictions.
- Dodie said they had received a couple of call-in response to the newsletter "Calling all Adults!"
- The new rotating large print book collection will be in the first part of November.

RE: Code Enforcement officer:

Tim reported that he had had some contact with official from Rubin Dr. on the Potter side. They are talking of developing single family homes. It is still in the preliminary stages. Tim has been working with owners on new home construction on Douglas Dr.

RE: Deputy Clerk:

Deputy Clerk Joanne Burley presented the line item transfers for approval. She explained this was to transfer dollars between budget lines to show we have a balanced budget for 2020-2021. A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby to approve the budget line transfers. A second was received from Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed.

RE: Fair Housing Resolution:

- The Mayor presented a Fair Housing resolution stating that all persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.
- A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby to adopt the Fair Housing resolution. A second was received by trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion passed unanimously.

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The Mayor said we would table the MRB Planning Grant discussion until the next meet. He also said we would not go into Executive Session tonight as Trustee Mark Fargo was not here.

Re Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Karen Gorton to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$23,784.22. 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 Cemetery bills in the amount of \$8.09. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Karen Gorton to authorize payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$18,392.13. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Karen Gorton to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$14,790.86 The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman. A 2nd was received from Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Burley, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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