

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

January 10, 2022

DATE: 1/10/22

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, Code Officer Tim Pagel, DPW Art Rilands, Reading Center Director Dodie Baker

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 December 13, 2021 meeting. Trustee Mark Fargo had a couple of minor changes. Trustee Mark Fargo made a motion to approve the December 13, 2021 minutes as amended. 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 Comprehensive Plan's next meeting is January 18th at 6:30pm at the Firehouse. All the Trustees are welcome to attend.
- COVID – test kits will be available to Municipalities soon. I reached out to Nonie Flynn and Chris DeBolt, County Administrators for Yates and Ontario Counties, respectively, to check status and method of distribution. Yates county has not been provided with any kits and Ontario county has been given 4400 kits. In the event Rushville receives an allocation of kits, the Village will post flyers around the village and possibly make up a couple of signs.
- Middlesex Water – The Village now has a signed copy by Supervisor Dunton of the 5-year agreement. The new rate structure will be reflected in the April 2022 billing.
- American Rescue Funds – The Mayor met with Matt Horn from MRB last week to discuss requirements for spending the funds. The Board has discussed using the funds for infrastructure improvements like upgrading water lines. The funds now can be used for parks. The Board will want to think about using some of the money aimed at eliminating cross connection of sump pumps. The Mayor will be making recommendations in the future.
- County Wide Shared Service-Water Study – The amount that will be distributed to all that participated in the Shared Water Infrastructure Study is \$10,909.09 each. You may recall the Village's initial share contributed was \$1,022.73 toward the study. NYS is paying the additional amount under the shared service agreement.
- Planning Grant Contract (\$38,000) – MRB continues to work on the study aimed at mitigating the threat of HAB's (Hazardous Algae Blooms) by proposing improvements to the water plant. The Mayor has asked Greg Hotaling to provide an update to the Board

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pertaining to the timeline for completion. The work is expected to be completed in 2022. The next round of Consolidated Funding Applications (CFA) will be available later in the year if the Board decides to move forward with a water plant capital project. The Mayor will ask Greg to attend a board meeting in the spring.

- Cannabis – Approximately 2/3 of NYS Municipalities did not opt out of having retail dispensaries. These dispensaries will be subject to time, place and manner regulations that do not make the operation of such establishment unreasonably impracticable. NYS is waiting for the Office of Cannabis Management to promulgate regulations that hopefully clarify the extent to which local governments may regulate retail dispensaries. From my discussion with Wade Baltramo from NYCOM, dispensaries are going to be stores dedicated specifically and solely to selling cannabis, similar to a liquor store. Licenses will be costly and distance separations from schools and churches will be required. It is extremely unlikely that any such establishment will be located in Rushville. However, the Board will want to look at future zoning amendments once NYCOM makes a formal recommendation.
- Sewer Project – Long-Term Repayment Authorization has been completed. This converts construction loans into long term financing. The total project cost is \$1,696,462.00 which amounts to \$62,840.00 per year through 2048.
- Christmas Family Donations - The Village Board participated in what the Mayor would call “an evening of caring” by providing \$250 checks to 4 Rushville families.
- Budget Workshop – The Mayor would like to begin the budget process soon and look forward to any suggestions or recommendation.

RE: Deputy Mayor’s Report

- Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman spoke with Sargent Frank Ryan regarding De-escalation Training. He would be willing to come to train the Board Members and the Fire Fighters if the Board is interested.
- Chandra wanted to make the Board Members aware that they are obligated to look over all the vouchers/bills each month. It was suggested that Board Member takes a turn each month. The Mayor suggested that Jeannie reach out to the Board Members to check their availability and then set up a schedule.
- Village of Dundee is considering adopting regulations pertaining to “short term rentals” and has modified local law. The Village is going to have to address this in the Village zoning when the time comes.
- Village of Penn Yan applicant is considering adopting a cannabis opting out local law which would be subject to Permissive Referendum, if passed.

RE: Public Comments:

- No comments.

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Art informed the Board that his plan is to retire at the end of this year. He feels that the Village should have someone in place by October so he can train for three months. Art and the Mayor have spoken about Art to continue to work part time next year. The Village needs to have two

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certified operators for water and wastewater. By Art working part time, this would satisfy DEC and DOH. Otherwise, the Village might have to ask Gorham to help out. A new hire can't even apply for a water certification until this individual has one-year experience. To obtain this certification, it requires successful completion of a two-week class for water and a three-week class for wastewater.

Streets:

- We've started servicing and working on equipment. We do this every winter.

Water:

- We will start replacing some meters this month. Just the ones that have over a million gallons on them.
- Art thought that raising the bulk water price to \$10.25 will price the Village out of the business. Gorham fire department is \$7.00 and Quackenbush Hardware is about the same. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman asked Art what rate he would suggest. She thought maybe charge around what the Village charges the Village Residents. Art said maybe \$1.00 lower. The Village took in \$14,135.35 last year from bulk water.

Village Hall:

- A gentleman was here today regarding changing lights out to LED lights at the barn, village hall and fire house. It's a program through NYSEG. He will be getting us a quote. This would make the Village more energy efficient. The Village has \$5,000 coming from NYSERDA which can be used for this project.

Sewer:

- Flows are still high. We were still in noncompliance for December. Hopefully, cold weather will start bringing the flows down.

Cemetery:

- Veteran flags have been removed from the Veteran markers. We are done mowing for the year. Elvin removed the old flowers.

RE: Fire Report:

- No report.

RE: Reading Center Director:

- The Library Board has hired Dawn LeMay as part time library clerk/custodian. She started January 3rd. We are happy to welcome her.
- The library has voted to roll the custodian job into Dawn's title. So, as of December 30, 2021, Ray Hagen is no longer working for the library. Thank you Ray for your years of service.
- Beginning February 1, 2022, the library will be opened 20 hours a week. Tuesdays 9 am to 1 pm will be added.
- Starting February 22nd, we will have a monthly story time hour from 10 am – 11 am. The story time hour will be held on the last Tuesday of every month.
- Coming soon – an adult book club. It will be held on Saturday afternoons. Times and dates to be announced soon.

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- The Living Well in Penn Yan is partnering with the library this winter. They have an abundance of winter hats, scarves and gloves that they donated to the library to give to those in need. They will also donate these items for our 7th Annual Christmastime in Rushville 2022 celebration. Thank You.
- Dodie will be creating a flyer for the new library hours, the monthly story time hour, the Saturday adult book club and the hats, etc. give-a-way to post around the Village. She is also updating the library's Facebook page.
- The library has a new subscription: Large Print Guideposts Magazine.
- The library will have brand new Children's and Young Adult books in each month.
- Dodie is working with STLS IT department on the 50% matching grant. They will decide what the library will purchase – laptops, a printer, and other items that fit into the guidelines of the grant. The library received funds through generous donations and her 2022 budget.
- We are excited that we already have some funds through generous donations for my 2022 Budget.

RE: Code Enforcement officer:

- Inspection of projects in progress
- Final inspection on 23 Douglas Drive (new house)
- Working with a second new house on Douglas Drive. Construction should start in the spring.
- Obtaining required training through webinars

RE: Resolution 1-2022 Declaring Used Office Chairs and Tables as Unwanted and Surplus:

A motion to declare used office chairs and tables as unwanted and surplus was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Resolution 2-2022 Accepting a Donation of Office Chairs and Table:

The Mayor said that the Daily Messenger had office tables and chairs that they were disposing of and offered these tables and chairs to the Village of Rushville as a donation.

A motion to accept a donation of office chairs and tables was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Resolution 3-2022 Appointing 2022 Village Election Inspectors:

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and a 2nd was made by Trustee Karen Gorton to appoint Nancy Cleveland, Cheryl Hilton-Vadner, Anne Grover and Linda Rosato as election inspectors for the 2022 Village Elections to be held on March 15, 2022 at a rate of \$13.20 per hour. The motion was unanimously carried.

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RE: Clerk:

- Jeannie presented to the Board the Gorham 2022 Fire Protection District No. 2 Agreement.

A motion to direct the Mayor to sign the Agreement for Fire Protection service between the Town of Gorham, on behalf of "The Gorham Fire Protection District No. 2" and the Village of Rushville was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo. The motion was unanimously carried.

- Jeannie presented letter received from Randy and Patricia Green at 3 Railroad Avenue. They are requesting the second sewer charge be waived for the in-law apartment that has been vacant since February 2019. It was discussed that a few waivers have been granted in the past. Questions were raised at how the Village would monitor these types of situations. Code Enforcement Officer, Tim Pagel, suggested that a permit might be a solution. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and Trustee Mark Fargo suggested the Village table a decision until the Board can look further into this. The Board unanimously agreed. The Mayor said he would bring more information to the February board meeting.

RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$14,824.19. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Karen Gorton to authorize payment of the Cemetery in the amount of \$180.60. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$17,470.51. 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 \$6,741.81. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman to authorize the payment of the Capital Project bills in the amount of \$1,855.25. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the Private Purpose Trust bills in the amount of \$1,000.00. The motion was unanimously carried.

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RE: Public Comments:

- Terry Button, Yates County Legislature updated the Village Board on some items.
- Assessors are retiring in the next 5-10 years county wide. The County is looking to helping the Towns and Villages with the county wide assessing staff. The County is asking the Towns and Villages boards to have discussion how they could help.
- Change of leadership at the County level – Doug Paddock was replaced by Leslie Church. First Chairwoman of the Yates County Legislature. This year is 50 years for the Yates County Legislature.
- Sheriff Spike was recognized for 50 years of service at Yates County
- NYSDOH wants to do a COVID Vaccination Clinic in Rushville.
- COVID tests should be coming to the Rushville Library.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Doug Rigby. A 2nd was received from Trustee Mark Fargo. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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