

# THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

## April 27, 2022

DATE: 4/27/22

TIME: 6:02 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Dave LeClair, Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman, Trustee Karen Gorton, Trustee Doug Rigby, Clerk Jeannie Kesel, Trustee Mark Fargo was absent

Others Residents in attendance: Jamie Landcastle

The Mayor called the Budget Pubic Hearing to order at 6:02 pm.

The Mayor let the Board know that Trustee Mark Fargo was not feeling well and would not be attending tonight's meeting. He did tell the Mayor that he was in favor of adopting the budget as is.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman to accept the April 18, 2022 Budget Workshop minutes with corrections. A second was made by Trustee Karen Gorton. The motion was unanimously passed.

### **2022/2023 BUDGET**

-The Mayor said he had a minor change to propose. It does not materially change anything in the budget. It involves the way the equipment purchases and revenues were distributed in the budget. Tina, our accountant, thought the old equipment would be traded in at the time of the purchase. The old equipment will be sold at the auction. This would result in minor changes to various lines. The cemetery would be affected by about \$10,000. The Mayor would like the motion to include the purchase of the equipment to be equally distributed over the four accounts – General, Water, Sewer and Cemetery. The revenues from the backhoe and pickup truck be equally distributed over the four accounts – General, Water, Sewer and Cemetery. The revenue from the mower would be strictly Cemetery. This will change some of the budget lines by small amounts.

### **WATER STUDY**

-The Mayor handed out information on the water study that he just received from MRB. He would like to discuss this at another meeting so the Board Members have time to review this information. The cost of the water study was \$38,000. The study is complete, but the Village has yet to receive the final document. Once the Village gets the proposal for the water treatment plant, the Board has to make a decision if they want to move forward. These are some of the extra costs involved. An income survey is required - \$10,000, Rural Development application - \$4,500, we need to complete a SEQR process - \$15,000 and an Implementation Grant - \$5,000. This is aimed at obtaining \$1.2M to upgrade the water treatment plant. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman asked if this was in response to the Blue Green Algae - the Mayor said yes. The Mayor said that the Village has ARPA funds that are already in the budget to cover these costs so the Board does not have make any decisions tonight how these funds will be spent. The Mayor said the first thing is for the Board to decide if the Village is interested in upgrading the water treatment plant.

-Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman said at the Supervisor's Meeting last summer, John Pinagrass said they are doing water in the Town of Benton. He mentioned how the lake residents want water. Chandra said

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that the water plant is not that far from them. She said she knows it would be a big project, but the lake residents pay about \$1,800 per month to filter their water. There are 725 interested residents. Chandra spoke with Ted Carmen - he is the lead person trying to get everyone together. Chandra said the Village's pipes are getting older and maybe the Village could expand and get off Bay's land. Art Rilands said this is the Town of Middlesex and would be a separate water district and it was discussed several years ago. At that time, the Town was not interested in this. Art said the Town of Middlesex has new people and they might be open for discussion. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman said it was the residents that she was talking with along Lake Road. The Mayor said that the Village Board could revisit this at a later date to explore ways to get more users in the Village of Rushville.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the final adopted budget with the changes – equal distribution for the expenses and revenues for the backhoe and the pickup truck and the mower would be only the cemetery for expense and revenue was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Karen Gorton

There was a rollcall vote –

Trustee Doug Rigby	Yes
Trustee Karen Gorton	Yes
Trustee Mark Fargo	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman	Yes
Mayor David LeClair	Yes

The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Doug Rigby. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was received from Trustee Karen Gorton. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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