

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2022

DATE: 5/9/22

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 April 11, 2022 meeting. Trustee Karen Gorton made a motion to approve the April 11, 2022 minutes as corrected. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had any corrections to the budget public hearing from the April 27, 2022 meeting. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman made a motion to approve the April 27, 2022 minutes as corrected. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Mayor's Report:

No Report

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman had a question regarding the Fund Balance Analysis page in the adopted budget. The General Fund Appropriated Fund balance changed from the tentative budget, but the Fund Balance did not change. The Cemetery Appropriated Fund Balance and Total Fund Balance both changed from the tentative budget. The Mayor asked Jeannie to reach out to Tina, our accountant, for clarification.

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

2022 Projects:

- Douglas drive shoulders and catch basin.
- Douglas drive sewer clean out metal sleeves.
- Wash cemetery head stones.
- Reseal basketball court.
- Wash outside of water tank.

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- New gate post for park entrance.
- Cemetery lot corner markers.
- Paint bulk water building. A girl from school will do. Community service.
- F-550 new exhaust manifold, Shepard Ford will do.
- Replace damaged water curb stops.
- Put new storm drainage pipe in on Union Street.
- Replace hydrant on Water Street.
- Flush hydrants. And operate line valves.
- History room new windows and siding.
- Possible water leak 17 Bassett St.
- Wash sewer bed pipes.
- Repair fence by parking lot. Snow pile damage.
- Check septic tanks.
- Topsoil and seed in cemetery.
- Miscellaneous stuff that comes up.

Streets:

- The streets are swept. We've done some pothole repair. We removed some downed trees in the creek behind houses on Gilbert Street. There are still a couple trees that need to be removed. Not sure how to get to them yet.
- Still can't order a new pickup truck

Sewer:

- Flows are still high. Our village electrician B&E Electric is retiring. He recommended Sloth Electric from Stanley. I've talked with them once. Sloth will call back with a price list. They do some automation control work; 3 phase power work and they provide 24-hour emergency service. Art thinks Sloth should work out well for the Village. Art is pretty sure that Sloth's prices will be higher (Sloth is a union shop) than B&E Electric.

Water:

- Our last Pfos samples were negative. It looks like we won't have to test for a couple of years. DOH will let me know for sure in a couple of weeks.

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- There is a parking lot light to change to LED. This will complete all the LED lighting work. We have spent about \$3,900 of the NYSERTA grant on materials and approximately \$2,000 on labor.
- The roof is still leaking some. Art will get Proctor here to do more work on the roof.

Cemetery:

- We've started mowing and cleaning up the cemetery.
- We'll get topsoil and seeding done this week.
- Art ordered the new mower. It should be here the middle of June.

RE: Fire Report:

- Paul has received 3 applications for new members – Ray Weaver, Lamar Weaver and Glen Zimmerman. The Mayor suggested that next month the Board could approve these new members. Paul said that the new members would be voted on their next meeting.
- Trying to get this year's budget wrapped up. A big chunk of this year's budget was put toward new gear (7 sets). That was just coats and pants. Paul did order 3 pair of boots for the new members. The Mayor asked Paul when expects delivery of the new equipment. Paul said he ordered it in March and was told it would take about 1 year. He recently has conversation with the vendor and Paul was told that the equipment might be here by Christmas.
- Trustee Mark Fargo asked if there was any grant information. Probably not until July and then it's a 6-8 week process. A few grants are handed out each week. Planning on using the remaining of this year's budget to purchase gear. There is a 14-month lead-time for delivery of this gear. Will order the following: 3-4 Coat and Pant, Boots (\$700/pair), Helmets (\$200-300/helmet). The grant (\$95,000-\$100,00) will be resubmitted. It requires 10% down. This purchase will apply to the grant.
- The Fire Department decided to do the raffle the 1st Saturday in August.
- The Fire Department did approve to pay for the landscaping at the Fire House. The Bay's on Douglas Drive has done this for the department year after year. They do an amazing job. Eric Bay comes down and waters flowers.
- Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman asked Paul about the bill for the annual maintenance on the air compressor. It's an important piece of equipment and it used probably 4-5 times a year. Paul said if the department did not have this compressor they would be in trouble. It's the SCBA Tanks – it's the air packs that they wear into a house. The department has to fill these tanks. It is not oxygen it's just compressed air. This compressor fills the tanks. In the past, they had to go to the county to get them filled. This compressor which cost about \$30,000 was acquired through a grant. It does cost about \$1,200 each year to service. Trustee Mark Fargo asked how long a firefighter could breathe on a full tank. Paul said a bottle is supposed to last 45 minutes, but it varies on the size of the individual.

RE: Reading Center Director:

- Next Wee Wonder Story Time: Tuesday, May 31st from 10-11am (stories, craft & snack)
- The library has new Children's and Young Adult books coming in each month.
- New Adult books are coming in regularly

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- Come help us plant some seeds in our Moody Trail Garden. I have the seeds to plant. We will be planting in the next week. We need volunteers to help and keep the Garden nice this summer.
- We are walking in the Memorial Day Parade in Gorham on May 30th. Line up is at 9:30am near the funeral home. If you would like to walk with the library, it's not too late. We are dressing as ocean creatures. If you need help with your costumes, we have ideas. Come talk to Dodie or Dawn.
- Dawn & I are starting to plan for the "Oceans of Possibilities" Summer Fun Program, held Tuesdays in July. Early sign up will be now through June 25th. For signing up early, you will receive a gift on the first day you attend the program.
- Fundraiser for Autism services is going on now inside the library. Bird Collector Plates on sale for \$20.00 each. Nice for gift giving as well. Come in and support the cause.
- Paperwork for the Chartering is being finished up.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Obtain required training through webinars
- Respond to complaints
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Look at properties that need some maintenance work done.
- Trustee Karen Gorton inquired about the possible food cart in the Village. Tim said the gentleman interested in a food cart in Rushville is looking at different locations instead of Rushville.
- Working with a builder for Lots 8, 10, & 12 Douglas Drive. A couple from California purchased all three lots and would like to build.
- It was decided that July 16th from 8:00am-Noon will be Rushville Clean-Up Day. Tim will look into getting dumpsters. A flyer will go out with the June water bills listing what items would be acceptable.

RE: Clerk:

- Jeannie said that the monies from the Cemetery and Reading Center investment accounts have been transferred to NYCLASS. The current interest rate is .042%, which is a floating rate.

RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$32,477.21. 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 in the amount of \$505.80. The motion was unanimously carried.

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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 \$8,562.83. 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 Sewer bills in the amount of \$64,636.25. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- No Public Comments.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Mark Fargo. A 2nd was received from Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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