

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

October 17, 2022

DATE: 10/17/22

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Dave LeClair, Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman, Trustee Doug Rigby, Trustee Karen Gorton, Clerk Jeannie Kesel, Code Officer Tim Pagel, DPW Art Rilands, Reading Center Director Dodie Baker, Trustee Mark Fargo – excused.

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 September 12, 2022 meeting. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman had a minor change. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman made a motion to approve the September 12, 2022 minutes as corrected. Trustee Karen Gorton made a 2nd to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- No Public Comments

RE: Resolution 11-2022 – Appreciation for and Acknowledgement of the Service, Dedication and Work of Mike Pierre

- The Mayor read the resolution and thanked Mike Pierre for his 20 years of service to the Village.

RE: Mayor's Report:

- Jim Liebel/Finger Lakes Woodworking – He complied with the demand letter for payment of arrears in the amount of \$7,602.55, however it was not without argument. This issue continues to be exhausting and consumes staff time. I plan on writing a final letter to him stating that in the event he is overdue by 30/60/90 days in the future that we will automatically turn the matter over to the Village Attorney for enforcement assistance. Mr. Liebel has never been on time with payments, often times being several months behind. He was sent a bill last week for his current payment that I fully expect will be delinquent leading to the same late payment pattern. Tim Michaelson (Tire Guy) is no longer interested in the building.

Trustee Karen Gorton made a motion that in the event that Finger Lakes Woodworking is 90 days past due on mortgage payments and insurance payments that the Village will turn it

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over to the Village Attorney for enforcement assistance. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman made a second. The motion was unanimously carried.

- Comprehensive Plan – The Steering Committee is heading into the final phase of the comprehensive plan development. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30 pm. I encourage you to attend if your schedule permits.
- Lions Request – The Lions Club is requesting permission to place a small storage shed on village property to store fund raising furniture and fixtures. Currently they use the property owned by a member which at times presents hardships and accessibility issues. A good location would be opposite of the firehouse BBQ pit and shed. They would pay for the shed and will carry an insurance policy on it. I see no reason to deny this request.
- Stork Insurance – Recently Matt Tette, Agent, provided coverage and cost comparisons from several companies before we renewed our Selective Insurance umbrella policy. What we found was that Trident Insurance was less costly with better coverage. Therefore, I authorized this change at a cost savings of \$3,000.00 annually.
- Douglas Drive – It has come to my attention that Phase II paperwork dedication may not have been filed properly as the road is still in John Bagley’s name and the amount owed in taxes is \$220. This will be resolved by January 13, 2023 before the county tax sale. Tom Blair is looking into it. I will keep you posted.
- Cancer Insurance – the policy is coming due and Chief Moberg will be discussing additional insurance for a nominal cost that would protect all other scene support personnel rather than just interior firefighters. This is not required, just optional. Paul will get the total cost, but thought it would be around \$25 per person.
- Town of Gorham Municipal Assistance – Art has been working with Gorham DPS staff to update them on water and sewer plant operations. State Law requires 2 certified operators, so we are down one with Mike’s retirement. I spoke with Fred Lightfoote and he has stated his intention to help us out during our staffing challenges, and we know they have been listed as back-up anyway.
- Gorham Fire and Potter Fire – They have increased their allocation to Rushville in the amount of approximately 5% over last year to help out with rising costs.

RE: Deputy Mayor’s Report:

- Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman attended the Yates County Planning Board meeting on September 22nd. She said that there will be training to come from Yates County – on line. There are multiple ways to obtain the training. You can come to the Village and use one of the Village’s computers. This training will help Yates County when applying for grants. Chandra reported on some variances and site plan reviews. Report Attached.

RE: Watershed Commission Report – Trustee Mark Fargo:

- No Report

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RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Streets:

- We started picking up leaves last week. We will probably pick leaves up every week now until completed.
- I had Liddiards in to do some tree work on streets and at the cemetery. Ontario County came in and vacuumed the loose stones up on North Main Street where we stoned and oiled earlier this summer. The storm pipe parts for Union Street are still on order. We've done some topsoil work on Douglas Drive.

Sewer:

- Still pumping some tanks. We have 6 or 8 left. We cleaned the pipes in the second sewer bed. Both beds have been washed now. Haven't heard anything on the new pickup.

Water:

- The little meter pits are still on order. The ones we were going to use on 364. I have to renew my water license soon. It's good for 3 years. Middlesex has the trench box.

Village Hall:

- I have not had any luck finding another contractor to quote the step replacement out front. Any thoughts? I have one quote for \$6,000.

RE: Fire Report:

- No report

RE: Reading Center Director:

- The Great Giveback was extended another few days – through October 21st. Come and make a card or a craft to give to our elderly and shut-ins in the Rushville area. Come be a part of thanking them for being a part of our community! Most NY Public libraries do a week or more of service. (thegreatgiveback.org) Rushville Library will be hosting some craft and card making time. Then we(and our volunteers) will gather things together and visit our elderly and shut-ins during the end of October.
- During the week of October 24-29, we will have a pumpkin carving contest. The Library received a grant for this event. Come carve pumpkins during "open hours". This is for children, adults & families. The pumpkins are FREE! The Village and the Library are doing this together. Come join in on the fun! The Village has trophies and medals to award. Categories: 1) Best Visual Impact 2) Most Unique 3) Funniest 4) Grossest 5) Most Creative 6) Best Family 7) Silliest 8) Best Craftsmanship 9) Scariest 10) Most Adorable 11) Most Original. The pumpkins will stay at the library to be displayed on Halloween trick or treat.
- Dawn will have her next "Wee Wonder" Storytime on Tuesday, October 25th at 10-11 am.
- Halloween is Monday, October 31st. The Library will be having their Trick or Treat that day from 6 to 9 pm. Come see the lighted carved pumpkins on display.
- Children's book week is being celebrated the week of November 7th. Come in during open hours and get some new or old favorites to read. We will be having some activities based on some children's books during open hours. Come join the fun.

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- For Christmas time in Rushville we give away hats, gloves and scarfs. We are partnering with the Living Well in Penn Yan. Dodie has a friend, Karen Martindale, that lives in Massachusetts who lost her son at 2 days old. She does a pay it forward every year in his honor. Karen posted on Facebook that she was collecting sets of hats and mittens to donate to the Rushville Library. To date she has acquired 150 sets. Karen will be coming to Rushville to deliver these hats and mittens. Dodie will try to have the media present when these are presented to Rushville.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Obtain required training through webinars
- Respond to complaints
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Sent letters to properties that need some care
- Working with contractor on Foster house
- Working with Matteson on new house on Douglas Drive
- Working with Kraft Realty on 56 South Main Street. NYS has lifted the moratorium for abandoned properties. Kraft Realty is going to take care of the property and put it up for sale
- Looked at food cart to be located at Rushco

RE: Public Comments:

- Sue and Bill Button wanted to know if there was anything new on Chapel Street. Mayor Dave LeClair said that a lot of progress had been made and things have now regressed some. Code Officer Tim Pagel said that all of the things were removed from Comstock and some of that was put back at Chapel Street. Tim said that the property owner passed away. Tim said he sent a letter regarding cleaning things up. Maria asked if she could have some time because the ceremony for her dad would last until the end of November. Tim said at that time he will pay them a visit. Bill Button thought that the Village gave two needy families a little Christmas gift last year and wanted to know if the Village was planning on helping some families again this year. The Mayor said the Village did four families last year and we planning on it again for this year. The Mayor asked if Bill or any Board Members had any suggestions please let him know. Doing. Bill asked what the donation would be this year. The Mayor said that the Village gives (\$1,000) \$250.00 to four families. He said this was very well received. The Board Members went together to deliver the checks. Jeannie, Clerk, said that this money comes out of a funds that were left to the Village for this purpose. Trustee Karen Gorton asked if the Village should do \$200.00 for five families. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman said that \$200.00 does not go as far as it used to.

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 \$15,372.34. 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 payment of the Cemetery in the amount of \$2,562.97. 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 \$7,862.82. 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 \$20,451.36. 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 Library bills in the amount of \$172.36. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm and to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter was made by Trustee Karen Gorton. A 2nd was received from Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to open the regular meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby at 7:59 pm. The motion was unanimously passed. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Karen Gorton and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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