

# THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND VILLAGE BOARD MEETING JANUARY 13, 2025

DATE: 1/13/25

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Mayor Art Rilands, Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton, Trustee Doug Rigby, Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner, Trustee Chandra Gilman, Clerk Jeannie Kesel, Code Officer Tim Pagel, Public Works Supervisor Neal Curtis, Fire Chief Jim Adams

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 9, 2024 meeting. There were a couple of corrections. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a motion to approve the December 9, 2024 minutes with the corrections. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

**RE: Public Comments:**

- Alan Heverly from Douglas Drive asked the board to consider reimbursing him the full amount of the repairs on his water line since it was finally determined to be the village's responsibility. After discussion Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to reimburse Alan Heverly the other half of the invoice (\$2075.00) he submitted in December and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion unanimously carried.
- Jeff Borsma from MRB was here to review the RSSCT (Rapid Small-Scale Column Test) test that the DOH is requiring the Village to complete before DOH will sign off or approve the plans on the Water Plant Upgrade Project. The cost of this study is \$31,000. Jeff said DOH is requiring this test on all future projects. He reviewed how the carbon filters work by pulling particles from the water. If the DOH, down the road, requires the Village to filter out other particles, these filters will be able to accomplish that. Jeff said he is hoping to fund this study through the project. DOH said they might be able to step in and assist with payment for this study. DOH might have monies from the BIL grant. Trustee Chandra Gilman asked if there would be a cost to apply for this grant. Jeff said that would not be necessary.

A motion to move forward with the RSCCT (Rapid Small-Scale Column Test) for \$31,000 was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton.

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There was a roll call vote-

Trustee Doug Rigby	Yes
Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton	Yes
Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner	Yes
Trustee Chandra Gilman	No
Mayor Art Rilands	Yes

The motion carried.

## RE: Resolution 1-2025 To Revise Village Sewer Rates

-There was discussion whether to continue with the sewer rate increase that was presented in the report by Bernard Donegan's office dated August 8, 2022. The board agreed to stay with the recommendation to raise the sewer rate to \$170.00 a quarter according to the report. Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2025 to revise the Village sewer rates. A second was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner

There was a roll call vote –

Trustee Doug Rigby	Yes
Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton	No
Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner	Yes
Trustee Chandra Gilman	Yes
Mayor Art Rilands	Yes

The motion carried.

## RE: Resolution 2-2025 –Authorizing Adoption of Local Law No 1 of 2025 entitled “A Local Law Authorizing the Village Board to Hire the Village Mayor to Temporarily Fill the Appointed Position of Department of Public Work Supervisor:

- The Board discussed the added changes from the December 9, 2024 meeting. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a motion to approve Resolution 2-2025 authorizing adoption of Local Law No 1 of 2025 entitled “A Local Law Authorizing the Village Board to Hire the Village Mayor to Temporarily Fill the Appointed Position of Department of Public Works Supervisor. Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner made a second.

There was a roll call vote –

Trustee Doug Rigby	Yes
Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton	Yes
Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner	Yes

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Trustee Chandra Gilman	No
Mayor Art Rilands	Abstain

The motion carried.

### RE: Mayor's Report:

- A lawyer from Geneva is starting a class action suit against manufacturers that produce the contaminate PFOS. Does the Board want to join in the class action suit? Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton felt the Village should join. Art said he would get the Village on the list.
- The State approved the local law for the Village to sell the library. We contacted our lawyer to start the paperwork to finalize the sale of the library.
- The Mayor asked if anyone had questions on the employee handbook revisions. It was suggested to put this on the agenda for the Budget Workshop on January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The Mayor wants to get started on next year's budget. He would like to set up a couple of budget workshops. The first one will be Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- The Mayor wanted to let the Board know that he will be out of town for the February Board Meeting.
- The Mayor spoke with Jeff Friend from LNB. The bank is still struggling to get the approval from the banking regulators, but LNB is committed to opening in Rushville. LNB is opening the drop box for deposits. They will be picked up daily by the courier. LNB plans on removing the old tree in front of the bank and replacing it with a Japanese Maple.

### RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- No Report

### RE: Public Works Supervisor:

#### Streets:

- Chris and I have been getting quite a bit of practice plowing and sanding with all of the snow. Got the Christmas lights and banners taken down. Chris has his applications for both water and sewer in. Now we wait to hear back as to when he can take his tests to get certified.

#### Water:

- Had service completed on the generator.

#### Sewer:

- The clarifier has been giving us a little trouble, so we're trying to get that to settle out. We pumped a couple of tanks that were in need.

#### Miscellaneous:

- The dump trailer was picked up and taken to its new home. We cleaned a few trees out of a couple of sections of the creek. We had one full burial.

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## **RE: Fire Report:**

- Chief Adams' report is attached.
- The Fire Department participated in Christmastime in Rushville. They brought Santa Claus in on the fire truck.

## **RE: Code Enforcement Officer:**

- Issue Permits
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Training via Webinars
- Respond to complaints
- Completed training
- More conversations regarding Rubin Drive

## **RE: Clerk:**

- Jeannie explained that the Village has \$4,412.26 in reserves that was received to offset any expenses for Douglas Drive. She would like to move these funds to the Water Fund to offset the expenses occurred at 4 Douglas Drive.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton to move the Douglas Drive reserves to the Water Fund to offset the expenses that occurred at 4 Douglas Drive. A second was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner. The motion was unanimously carried.

- Jeannie presented a list of budget transfers.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton to accept the budget transfers. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **RE: Bills:**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$18,609.51. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize the payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$22,215.41. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$4,766.51. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton to authorize the payment of the TE Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00. The motion was unanimously carried.

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**RE: Public Comments:**

Dave LeClair wanted to update the Village Board on the park project. He has been working on the new structure. Trusses have been ordered. Dave would like to do a stone dust trail, update the bridge, build a storage shed, and eventually a fund drive. He thought it might be nice to have a party in the park this summer.

Terry Button said Yates County had a public hearing on farmland protection. Yates county has a grant writer that can be shared with the towns and villages.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer