

# THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BUDGET WORKSHOP

## February 24, 2025

DATE: 2/24/25

TIME: 5:00 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Art Rilands, Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner, Trustee Doug Rigby, Clerk Jeannie Kesel,  
Absent Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton and Trustee Chandra Gilman

No Residents in attendance

The Mayor called the Budget Workshop to order at 5:00 pm

### **BUDGET OVERVIEW**

- **Review Current Budget** - The Mayor reviewed key budget line items with the Board. He explained many of the line items on revenues and expenses. He said that the budget appears to be inline.
- **Ideas for Next Year's Budget** – The Mayor asked the Board if they felt the 2016 550 Dump Truck should be replaced. He said that there are funds in the Cemetery and the Chips account in the General Fund. He suggested purchasing a use Dump Truck (around 2 years old) for around \$85,000. He feels that the old truck might be worth \$30,000. Trustee Doug Rigby said it would be a good plan to use funds from the Cemetery and the Chips for this purchase.
- **Employee Salaries** – The Mayor proposed 3% raises for next year. Once Chris obtains his water and sewer licenses, he will receive \$1.00 per hour increase for each license.
- **Neal's Wish List** – Neal would like to fix the drainage on Chapel Street, do some paving on Rubin Drive, purchase turbidity meters and a spare pump for the water and two pumps for the sewer plant. Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner asked if there were any plans to do work on Green Street – possibly close the ditches or widen the road. Mayor Rilands was concerned with the tree root damage that could arise if the ditches are filled in.
- **Park** – The Mayor said that Dave LeClair had submitted a Phase II grant application to Yates County. This will include a walking path and repair to the bridge. The application was approved for \$17,100. The Board discussed putting money in the budget and agreed to put \$5,000- \$10,000 for the park project.
- **Fire Department** – The Mayor said that the Town of Potter increased their fire contract to \$14,500, up \$500 from last year. The Town of Gorham increased their fire contract to \$34,700, up \$700 from last year. The Mayor said that OSHA is pushing to required fire trucks to be less than 20 years old. The board would like to put money in the reserve (approximately \$30,000) for the purchase of a fire truck in the future. The Mayor said that the state is pushing to increase fire fighters to have 2 physicals per year which would be an additional cost each year.
- **Letter from DOH** – the Village received a letter from DOH stating the two water reports missed the due dates in August and December. There is a \$100 fine. Neal said the reports have been submitted.
- **Resolution No. 3-2025** – Support and Authorization 2025 Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant Application was tabled until the March 10, 2025 Village Board Meeting
- **Next Meeting** will be March 17 (Budget Workshop) and March 24, 2025 (Tentative Budget) at 6:00 pm. There will be a public hearing on April 14, 2025 for the final budget.

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A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Doug Rigby. A second was received from Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer