

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

July 14, 2025

DATE: 7/14/25

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 June 9, 2025 Board meeting. Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to approve the June 9, 2025 Board meeting minutes. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a 2nd to the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- None

RE: Mayor's Report:

- Yates County has the tax lien on the Liebel property out back. Jim Liebel has until the end of July to pay the taxes. If he doesn't, the county will sell the property in the August tax sale. The Mayor asked the board if they wanted to buy the property back at tax sale or let it go? The board needs to make a decision at the August meeting.
- The Annexation public hearing is Thursday, July 17th at 7:00 pm at the Rushville Firehouse.
- Cleanup day is this Saturday, July 19th. Help would be appreciated.
- Still nothing from DOH on their review of that expensive water test. MRB is working on an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Gorham so we can have a water interconnection with Gorham water if we would need water from them in an emergency. EFC won't finish the financing loan until we have this agreement in place.
- Jeff Friend said that Lyons National Bank is not interested in purchasing our building. OCC is the holdup with the finalization of the bank opening in Rushville.
- The Mayor is looking for a committee for the grand opening of the park. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton proposed to have it during community days on August 16th at 12:00 pm. She suggested a dedication plaque in Dave LeClair's name.

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Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a motion that she and Cheryl Hilton-Vadner be on a committee for the dedication of the new pavilion in the park. A second was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner. The motion was unanimously carried

- The Village is considering an updated camera for the pavilion in the park.

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- None

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Streets:

- Updated a storm pipe on Chapel Street to add a couple inlets to catch water before running down to Main Street. Got the parking lot painted and striped.

Water:

- We had Atlas Copco at the plant to look at the air compressor that stopped running. They will be sending us a quote to do a complete service. HABS sampling will begin next month. Ordered and installed secondary containment for the chlorine, as per the DOH's request. We plan on replacing the meter pit that feeds 295 State Route 247 this week. Updated my Lead Service Line Inventory submission and sent letter to customers, as required, that have or could have lead in their service lines.

Sewer:

- Had to pump one tank on Douglas Drive that had a plugged outlet screen, plus one on Gilbert Street. Finally dried up enough to clean up and mow the swales around the beds. Have been doing tank inspections.

Miscellaneous:

- Removed the foul poles at the park and assisted Dave with pouring footers for the bridge. Installed new basketball rim and net, as the previous one was bent beyond repair. Installed a meter pit and ran new water line to pavilion. Should get the drinking fountain and hose connection installed in the coming weeks. Replaced a bunch of screws with bad rubbers and caulked the roof at the FD, as there were signs of a leak. One ash burial. Removed a down tree that was across the cemetery entrance at North Main. Trimmed the hedges at the cemetery and the library. Chris' truck spent a couple days at Maguire Ford getting some repairs, hard start and a front-end knock.

RE: Fire Report:

- Chief Adams' report is attached.
- EMT classes continue. Participants should be finished in August.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits

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- Inspection of projects in progress
- Training via Webinars
- Working with Canandaigua National to clean-up 9 Chapel Street. It appears that we are going to have to take this matter to court if we want anything to be done. Canandaigua National is the Trustee of the property and pays the re-inspection fee. Nothing else seems to get accomplished. Jeff Graff, Village Attorney, doesn't handle cases requiring litigation. The Village will need to hire another attorney. What are the board's thoughts? Trustee Doug Rigby suggested the Village move forward with litigation. Tim said he would first send a letter to Kevin and his manager requesting a meeting at the Village to discuss the property before contacting a litigation attorney.
- Working with Linda Philips on proposed zoning law
- Reviewing new DEC regulations on building in the flood plain
- Working with Beardsley Engineering Group on the Keuka Housing Project
- The bins for cleanup days are ordered from Cardinal. They should be here Wednesday or Thursday.

RE: Clerk:

- Jeannie asked the board if they would consider passing over to the Town of Gorham and the Town of Potter the responsibility of producing death certificates. The DOH website does not always work and it can take over 1 hour to produce a simple death certificate. After three different phone calls to the DOH I was finally able to print the death certificate. The Village does 1 or 2 each year. This responsibility is usually handled by towns. Trustee Chandra Gilman said that Joanne, prior clerk, had asked the board once before. Trustee Chandra Gilman said that Holly Krossber, prior board member, said it was a responsibility she felt that should stay with the Village. Jeannie is going to reach out to the Town of Gorham and the Town of Potter and ask about how many death certificates they do each year.

RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$28,168.47. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize the payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$450.00. 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 Water bills in the amount of \$7,546.51. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$6,104.15. 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 Capital Project bills in the amount of \$33,846.75. The motion was unanimously carried.

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RE: Public Comments:

- Trustee Chandra Gilman asked why the legal notice for the Annexation meeting was not included in the newsletter. Art said it wasn't finalized with the Town of Potter at the June board meeting. Jeannie said she distributed the notices around the Village late June. She will add it to the website and repost to the usual locations in the Village.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer