

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

September 2, 2025

DATE: 9/2/25

TIME: 5:03pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

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

1 person attended the meeting (sign in sheet available at the Village Office)

The Mayor called the Special Meeting to order at 5:03 pm

RE: Salute to the Flag:

The Mayor asked everyone to rise and join in the Pledge to the Flag.

RE: Engagement Letter:

- The Mayor said the village received an engagement letter from Stacey Trien, Attorney for Adams & Leclair. This firm was recommended by our attorney, Jeff Graff. Art asked the board to review the letter and it will be discussed at the September 8, 2025 board meeting. This needs to be in place in case Sedgwick cannot represent the board members through our director's insurance. Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner noted that Doug and Chandra's names are misspelled in parts of the letter. Jeannie will reach out to Stacey and get the letter corrected for the September 8, 2025 meeting.

RE: Notice of Claim:

- The Mayor said he received a call from Sedwick Insurance Company out of Oregon. They represent the village for director's insurance. He said they would be contacting Paul Mullen, Attorney for Sugarman Law from Syracuse to represent the board members. He will prepare the 50H Claim and present it to Jim Liebel's lawyer. They have 60 days to respond. This 50H Claim will require Jim and his lawyer to supply specific details to the items listed in the Notice of Claim. Also, Paul said some of the claims are irrelevant and some are outside the statute of limitations.
- Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton asked what was the status of the foreclosure. Art said he spoke with Erica from Hancock Estabrook. She is reaching out to the referee appointed by Judge Cook to restart the foreclosure. Erica did not feel the Notice of Claim should interfere with the foreclosure. Jeannie will reach out to Erica for an update.
- The Mayor said he had an inquiry regarding selling the mortgage. Art spoke with Jeff Graff and he said that was a possibility. The board asked Art to look into this.

RE: Neal's Vacation:

- The Mayor wanted to know what the board wanted to do regarding Neal's vacation. He has 65 hours. The employee handbook states, "Whether or not employees who resign are entitled to monetary compensation for up to one week of unused vacation time is at the Boards' complete discretion." The Board said to follow the employee handbook.

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A motion to pay Neal Curtis 40 hours of vacation time was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton. The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Job Applications:

- The Mayor handed out all of the job applications received. He listed the job opening on Indeed for 7 days. He asked that they review the applications and would discuss at the board meeting on September 8, 2025.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer