

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2025

DATE: 9/8/25

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, Fire Chief Jim Adams

Approximately 6 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 August 11, 2025 Board meeting. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a motion to approve the August 11, 2025 Board meeting minutes with one correction. Trustee Chandra Gilman made a 2nd to the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had any corrections to the board minutes from the September 2, 2025 special meeting. Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to approve the September 2, 2025 special meeting minutes. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a 2nd to the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Chandra Gilman abstained.

RE: Public Comments:

- None

RE: Mayor's Report:

- The Mayor said the village board needs to determine the old 550 truck as surplus equipment so it can be sold. Auction International came out and got the information to list it on their website. They will get it listed and the auction results will be available at the October meeting so the board can accept the high bid. Art is hoping to get \$20K to \$25K for the truck.

Trustee Chandra Gilman made a motion to deem the 550 Truck as surplus equipment. Trustee Doug Rigby made a second. The motion unanimously carried.

- The Town of Potter will do the SEQR at their meeting on Wednesday, September 10th. We will have to do a special meeting to vote on the annexation because our next regular meeting will be past the time deadline. We can't do anything until SEQR is completed. It was decided that the special meeting will be September 22, 2025 at 5:00pm. Jeannie will submit the legal notice for this meeting tomorrow.

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- Sugarman Law, from our director's insurance company, will represent the board members on Jim Liebel's Notice of Claim. They will handle the 50H form. It will be sent to Jim Liebel and his lawyer. This form requires them to address each item in the Notice of Claim with specific facts.
- Art thought the board members should sign the letter of engagement from Adams & LeClair. They could assist the Village if something else could arise that Sugarman Law could not represent the village.

Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner made a motion to sign the letter of engagement from Adams & LeClair. A second was received from Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion unanimously carried.

- Art said that cyber security is a big issue now in his recent water and sewer training. Hackers can get into water and sewer plants if connected to the internet, which that water plant is connected. The hackers can take over the plant and demand money. Art suggested looking into our insurance policy for cyber coverage.

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner updated the board on the Ribbon Cutting for the Park on September 27, 2025 at 11:30am. Dave LeClair put together an accomplishment list and a future wish list. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton reached out to individuals who should be invited. The Lions Club will provide hot dogs, potato chips and water. Meg Brown will donate protein bars. The Lions Club is making a banner with all of the individual and organizations who made this project a success.

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

- No Report

RE: Fire Report:

- Chief Adams' report is attached.
- Jim said they had 4 members assisting the fire on Dewey Avenue for 11 hours.
- The two EMT students have completed their training and both have passed the written exam and the state practical skills exam. The final step is the state written exam to complete their certification process.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Training via Webinars
- Working with Canandaigua National to clean-up 9 Chapel Street. CNB has agreed to a meeting on August 21st to develop a path forward on cleaning up the property. Kevin was not sure how to deal with the situation.

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- Talked with Linda Philips. A hard copy of the final draft for the proposed zoning law will be ready to email to Jeff Graff, village attorney on Friday. Tim does not see getting the zoning law completed before the first of the year.
- Reviewing new DEC regulations on building in the flood plain.
- Working with Beardsley Engineering Group on the Keuka Housing Project.

RE: Clerk:

- Jeannie followed up with Erica Mansler, our Syracuse lawyer, on the foreclosure. She said she is waiting to hear back from Scott Falvey, Yates County attorney, that the Jim Liebel deed has been recorded back to Jim Liebel's name. Once that is verified, she will reach out to the referee named by Judge Cook to start the foreclosure on 13 South Main Street.

RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$106,505.33. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize the payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$2,438.00. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner to authorize the payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$14,871.61. 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 Sewer bills in the amount of \$11,723.06. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner to authorize the payment of the Capital Project bills in the amount of \$4,299.60. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- None

A motion to adjourn the meeting and to go into Executive Session was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

A motion to open back up the Board Meeting was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman at 8:15 pm. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby to give the Personnel Committee room to negotiate within certain parameters when interviewing the new applicant and report the outcome to the board at the September 22, 2025 meeting for final approval. It was seconded by Deputy Karen Gorton. The motion unanimously passed.

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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 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer