

# THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2025

DATE: 12/8/25

TIME: 6:50pm

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 Kyle Kuhner, Fire Chief Jim Adams

Approximately 8 people attended the meeting (sign in sheet available at the Village Office)

The Mayor called the Public Hearing to order at 6:50 pm on Proposed Law #4 of 2025 entitled "A Local Law Establishing a Local Government Uniform Building Code and Energy Enforcement Program"

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:00 pm

The Mayor called the Board Meeting to order at 7:05 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 November 10, 2025 meeting. There being no corrections, Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner made a motion to approve the November 10, 2025. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had any corrections to the board minutes from the November 17, 2025 meeting. There being no corrections, Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a motion to approve the November 17, 2025 minutes. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

**RE: Public Comments:**

- None

**RE: Resolution 12-2025 Authorizing Adoption of Local Law No. 4 of 2025 Entitled "A Local Law Establishing a Local Government Uniform Building Code and Energy Enforcement Program"**

- Mayor Art Rilands offered the above resolution. Trustee Chandra Gilman made a motion to Adopt Local Law No. 4 of 2025 entitled "A Local Law Establishing a Local Government Uniform Building Code and Energy Enforcement Program". Trustee Doug Rigby made a second.

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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	Yes
Mayor Art Rilands	Yes

The motion unanimously carried.

## RE: Resolution 13-2025 – Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant #2308 (EPG)

Mayor Art Rilands offered the above resolution. Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to approve Resolution 13-2025 – Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant #2308 (EPG) and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton.

There was a roll call vote –

Trustee Doug Rigby	Yes
Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton	Yes
Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner	Yes
Trustee Chandra Gilman	Yes
Mayor Art Rilands	Yes

The motion unanimously carried.

## RE: Mayor's Report:

- Jim Liebel has until December 15<sup>th</sup> to appeal the court's ruling on the foreclosure. The referee has set January 22<sup>nd</sup> for the property auction on the court house steps. Jim's lawyer contacted, Erica Mansler, our attorney, for the payoff figure. That number is about \$122K. We have not heard anything since. My guess is he will make a counteroffer for the payoff.
- Budget time is nearing. We need to start discussing the budget soon. A couple of items for discussion, do we want to get on an equipment replacement schedule? Do we want to keep the equipment until it's junk or replace it when it still has a higher sale value? Trustee Doug Rigby said it is a good idea to set up a replacement schedule. Do we want to discuss replacing a fire truck. Our oldest truck is 27 years old. Trustee Doug Rigby suggested that we might start looking to see what is out there.
- We have to make a decision regarding Bay's water usage. The Village received a letter from Croucher and Jones, Bay's lawyer. Attorney Jones said that the water is being used for Bay Farm purposes only and not for commercial purposes. He also referred to the Water Easement dated March 22, 2016. He said the easement does not impose any restrictions on Bay Farms' water use. Some of the Board members would like to pursue this, but Art said it will require the Village to get our attorney involved and that could cost a lot of money.

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Trustee Doug Rigby agreed with the Mayor that there is not a lot to gain to pursue this action by the Village. The Board agreed to terminate further action.

- The Mayor said the Village received a letter from the Library indicating they would only be paying for the closing costs incurred for the deed transfer of the Library property. Trustee Chandra Gilman wanted to know if the Village had billed the Library for lawn moving and snow plowing. Art said the Village was not charging because the Village still owned the building and property. Some of the board members felt that all of our legal fees incurred in preparation of this property transfer to the Library should be reimbursed to the Village. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton said she would like to respond to this letter. Jeannie will put together all the legal fees since the Library was chartered.

### **RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:**

- Karen reported that Katie Brown has purchased the Gorton Building. She plans on putting apartments upstairs and expanding the store.

### **RE: Public Works Supervisor:**

#### **Streets:**

- The Veteran's banners are down and the new Christmas banners are up. The Christmas lights are up in the windows and on the trees. We have been maintaining the road conditions when the snow comes, along with the sidewalks. Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner thanked Kyle and Chris for getting out early to plow snow.

#### **Water:**

- The plant is running well. There was 1 small leak in the filter feed line. It has been repaired. We have been keeping up with general housekeeping, orders, samples and reports. Distribution: There is a leak at 59 Gilbert Street. We plan on digging tomorrow and repair the line. The bulk water station hose has broken multiple times in the past few days. The line has been replaced with a new hose.

#### **Sewer:**

- No new issues with the Scada since a new battery was installed. The plant is running well. Samples and reports are up to date. There was an alarm on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The issue was due to a power surge in the line.

#### **Cemetery:**

- There were no burials. The flags are down. There was a tree taken down by Ironwood. We have to remove the stump and the chunks of logs that were left behind.

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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.
- Jim wanted to thank the DPW crew for maintaining the lawn and snow plowing.

## RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Working with Canandaigua National to clean-up 9 Chapel Street
- Reviewing new DEC regulations on building in the flood plain
- Starting to schedule training for 2026

## RE: Clerk:

- Christmas Families – the board will meet at the Village Hall on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm to hand out \$200 checks to these families.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner to hand out \$200 checks to five families and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously carried.

## 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 \$13,093.17. 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 \$696.40. The motion 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 \$10,464.42. 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 Sewer bills in the amount of \$11,032.01. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize the payment of the HH Fund bills in the amount of \$7,009.62. The motion was unanimously carried.

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 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer