

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND VILLAGE BOARD MEETING JANUARY 12, 2026

DATE: 1/12/26

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 Kyle Kuhner, 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 December 8, 2025 meeting. Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner made a motion to approve the December 8, 2025 with one correction. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a 2nd to the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- Jeff Boorsma from MRB presented to the Board the Notice of Award to the 3 contractors for the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project. 1- General Contractor - Crane Hogan Structural Systems, Inc. located in Spencerport, NY at a price of \$1,050,750.00 (includes Base Bid and Contingency Allowance). 2 – Electrical Contractor – MW Controls Service, Inc. located in Hemlock, NY at a price of \$112,507.00 (includes Base Bid and Contingency Allowance). 3 – HVAC Contractor – Pipitone Enterprises, LLC located in Churchville, NY at a price of \$29,300.00 (includes Base Bid and Contingency Allowance). Jeff explained that there is a good possibility that the total cost of the project could come in at \$1,500,000. If the Village has to incur out of pocket costs, it would be a very small amount. The contingency fund might be sufficient to cover the extra costs without having to borrow the estimated \$190,985.60, which would be financed at the end of the project. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton asked Jeff to explain the \$56,000 for the construction observations. Jeff said that is when the contractors are working, MRB will be there observing their work making sure the specs are being followed. The Board's questions were answered.

A motion to authorize the mayor to sign the Notice of Award for the General Contractor, Crane Hogan Structural Systems, Inc. for \$1,050,750; Electrical Contractor, MW Controls Service, Inc. for \$112,507 and the HVAC Contractor, Pipitone Enterprises, LLC for \$29,300 was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion unanimously carried.

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RE: Resolution 1-2026 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.

There was a roll call vote –

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

The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Resolution 2-2026 – Appointing 2026 Village Election Inspectors

The Mayor asked for a motion for Resolution 2-2026. Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to appoint Nancy Cleveland, Joanne LeClair, Anne Grover and Sue Button as election inspectors for the 2026 Village Elections to be held on March 18, 2026 at the rate of \$20.00 per hour. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a second.

There was a roll call vote –

Mayor Art Rilands	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 3-2026 – To Revise Village Sewer Rates:

Mayor Art Rilands offered the above resolution. Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to approve Resolution 3-2026 – to revise the Village sewer rates and was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner.

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There was a roll call vote –

Trustee Doug Rigby	Yes
Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton	No
Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner	Yes
Trustee Chandra Gilman	No
Mayor Art Rilands	Yes

The motion carried.

RE: Mayor's Report:

- We need to set up a budget workshop date. The board agreed to Monday, January 26, 2026 at 5:00 pm.
- Reviewing the variance report – the total revenues and expenses for each fund should be around 60% because we are seven months into our budget. Any line item that has XXXX.100 is a labor expense. The increase in wages is why we are over on some lines. For the most part, the budget is in pretty good shape.

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- None.

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Streets:

- Maintaining clear streets as the snow comes. Had a tree fall across Chapel Street during the last wind storm. We cleared it so the road is passable.

Water:

- Water plant is running well, occasionally the D.E line leaks. We will need to look into a pump rebuild or a total replacement soon.
- Bulk water had a few issues – A customer drove off with the line still in his tank, twisting the whole pipe structure. Chris and I straightened it back out and replace the line. The drain line had broken off, and was filling the pit area over working the sump pump. The drain line has been fixed and the pump is also working as it should.
- The water leak at 59 Gilbert Street was addressed again. We replaced the line from the meter pit to the curb stop.

Sewer:

- The plant is running as it should. We pumped the school tank last week to get them through the year. We've increased the pump times on the clarifier due to the melt it has increased the flow because of the infiltration.

Cemetery:

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- A tree top fell into the cemetery. It has since been cleared and there was no damage to any of the stones.

RE: Fire Report:

- Chief Adams' report is attached.

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
- Training is scheduled for 2026
- Make sure Keuka Housing that the three properties are merged so we don't have to zone each one individually.
- Options for re-zoning annexed property, multifamily, mixed. After Board discussion it was decided to zone annexed property to multi-family versus mixed use. If necessary, down the road, a special use permit could be issued for a special project.

A motion to zone the annexed property to multi-family versus mixed use was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton. The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Clerk:

- Jeannie presented some budget transfers.

A motion to accept the Budget Transfers as allocated on the spreadsheet was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner. The motion carried.

RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner to authorize the payment of the General bills in the amount of \$21,317.01. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton to authorize the payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$259.99. The motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton to authorize the payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$12,880.36. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$2,171.06. The motion was unanimously carried.

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A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner to authorize the payment of the HH Fund bills in the amount of \$10,668.23. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton to authorize the payment of the TE Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00. The motion was unanimously carried.

There was lengthy discussion on Art's hours that were paid out. Trustee Doug Rigby and Trustee Chandra Gilman were concerned how Art accumulated his hours. Clerk Jeannie said that the board passed a motion in August to cover the void after Neal left until the position could be filled. Art's hours were cumulative during September, when the Village was without a DPW Supervisor.

A motion to adjourn the meeting and to go into Executive Session for a legal matter was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer