

# THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BUDGET WORKSHOP

January 27, 2026

DATE: 1/27/26

TIME: 5:00 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

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

Other Residents in attendance: Jamie Landcastle

The Mayor called the Budget Workshop to order at 5:00 pm

## **BUDGET OVERVIEW**

- **Library** – The Mayor said that the Deed for the library has been recorded. The gift is complete
- **Review Current Budget** - The Mayor reviewed the Statement of Activity with the Board. He explained many of the line items on revenue and expense variances. He said that the budget appears to be inline.
- **Ideas for Next Year's Budget** – Kyle Kuhner, DPW Supervisor presented a few ideas for his budget for next year.
  - o \$59,780 for a 1 Ton Ford 4WD truck with a plow to replace Chris's 2018 truck. It has 61,000 miles and thinks trade in value about \$20,000-\$25,000.
  - o \$44,000 for a ½ T Ford truck with no plow to replace the 2021 Chevy truck. It has 48,000 miles and thinks trade in value about \$18,000-\$23,000.
  - o \$5,500 for 2 garage door openers. They are commercial grade, installed.
  - o \$8,300 for a Salt Barn – metal top building, top only – 16' wide by 11" tall. Currently the salt is stored under a tarp.
  - o New mower for the Cemetery for \$20,000. \$3,200 deducted for bid assist. Trade the 2017 for \$2,000. The board felt it wasn't worth trading it in.
  - o A new gator -enclosed cab and plow – could be used for meter reading. Small gator - \$27,100 – 600 cc motor. Bigger gator - \$31,300 – 845 cc motor.
  - o Art wanted to increase the fire department budget because the Air Pac 10-year warranty expires this year. The fire department has 14 air pacs and the annual inspection cost is \$3,000-\$5,000. The cost of 1 new air pac is roughly \$7,000-\$8,000. Trustee Chandra Gilman and Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton asked if an extended warranty could be purchased. Art will look into this.
  - o There was a discussion on cell policy and use for employees.
- **Date for New Budget Workshop** – Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting and to go into Executive Session for a legal matter and a personnel matter was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was passed. Trustee Chandra Gilman voted no. Board Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.

A motion to open the meeting at 6:25 pm was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton. A second was received from Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed.

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A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner to have Erica Mansler, our attorney, to file a Deficiency Notice. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a second. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton. A second was received from Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer