

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND VILLAGE BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2026

DATE: 2/9/26

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 #1 of 2026 entitled "A Local Law To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C"

- No one spoke at the public hearing

A motion to adjourn the public hearing was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton. The motion was unanimously carried. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

The Mayor called the Board Meeting to order at 7:03 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 January 12, 2026 meeting. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a motion to approve the January 12, 2026 with one correction. Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner 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 January 15, 2026 emergency meeting. There being no corrections, Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a motion to approve the January 15, 2026 minutes. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2nd to the motion. Trustee Chandra Gilman abstained. The motion carried.

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had any corrections to the board minutes from the January 27, 2026 meeting. There was one correction. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a motion to approve the January 27, 2026 minutes. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2nd to the motion. Trustee Chandra Gilman abstained. The motion carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- Dave Bradshaw asked if there was a boil water advisory. Art said that there was a major water leak and it only affected the south end of the Village. Notifications were hung up around the

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village and distributed to the affected homeowners. Dave asked if the village could have notified residents through FB. Art said Jeannie has established a FB page for the village. Also, Art said residents were notified through the Yates County NIXLE system. It is a communication platform for public safety agencies. It allows agencies to send message via text, email and social media. Residents register with the county they reside in. Dave Bradshaw also asked what the procedure was to lift the boil water advisory. Art said after the water leak is fixed and the water is turned back on; the village has to do two days of water sampling and testing. The test results have to be submitted to DOH in Geneva. DOH then directs the village how to proceed with lifting the boil water advisory.

RE: Resolution 4-2026 Authorizing Adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2026 Entitled “A Local Law To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C”

- Mayor Art Rilands offered the above resolution. Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to Adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2026 entitled “A Local Law To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C”. Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner made a second.

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:

- Art asked the board if they had any questions about the budget.
- The guys have been working pretty hard on these water main problems. The boil water advisory has been lifted.
- It hasn’t been a very good start to winter for the guys with water problems and all the snow plowing.
- There will be a pre-construction meeting on February 17th at the Village at 2:00 pm.
- There has been a lot of gossip going around about Documents, but we don’t see any action there. They had a couple of water breaks in the building, so the water is shut off to the whole building including the fire sprinkler system. We sent a letter to them advising of the water problem.
- Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton asked if the DOT would fix the culvert where the water leak occurred. Art said the quickest fix is to have the guys fix the culvert.
- Art asked the board their opinion on the fire hall rental structure. The rental application goes to the president and he is responsible for opening and locking up the fire house when it is rented. The Village keeps the rental fee. The firehouse membership would like the Village to be in charge of rentals. It was suggested that the Village buy a programmable lock and it could be locked and unlocked via a phone app. The code could be changed each time

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it is rented. It was also discussed that the rental would be carry in/carry policy. Art asked the board to come to the next meeting with their thoughts on this.

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- None

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Streets:

- Trying to keep up with snow removal, ice and drifts. We will need to make repairs on site where the water main leak was.

Water:

- Major water main lead. The repairs have been made. We will need to polish up some things in the spring. Cemetery had a broken frozen water line. It has been shut off. Repairs will be made in the spring.
- I'm going to keep a close eye on further leaks with the temperatures shifting. It may cause freezing lines or breaks.
- I want to compliment all the guys who helped for stepping up and handling the situation like professionals. I sent out thank notes to Gorham and Middlesex for their assistance.
- Due to the leak, we established a boil water advisory per guide lines, and has since been lifted. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton asked about the leak by M. Block's house. Kyle said it has been temporarily fixed and will be permanently fixed this spring.

Sewer:

- Sewer plant is running normal.

Cemetery:

- Scheduled an ash burial today, ground was too frozen. The ashes were placed in the vault until a later date.
- A full burial will be placed in the vault next week until conditions permit a burial to take place.

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
- Watched webinar for energy changes pertaining to new codes

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RE: Clerk:

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 \$15,203.07. 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 Cemetery bills in the amount of \$466.13. 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 \$6,932.03. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$12,817.37. The motion unanimously carried.

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 \$6,897.76. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting and to go into Executive Session for a legal matter was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton. The motion was unanimously passed. Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

A motion to open the meeting at 8:03 pm was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously carried.

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 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer