

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BUDGET WORKSHOP

February 17, 2026

DATE: 2/17/26

TIME: 5:00 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

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

No attendees

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

BUDGET OVERVIEW

- **General Fund** – The Mayor said that there will be another quarter of sales tax from Ontario County and the relieves that will add revenue before yearend.
- Art proposed a 3% wage increase. That will add about \$20,000 to the budget. The Board was agreeable to the increase.
- **Cemetery** - The Mayor suggested a new mower for the cemetery. It is a zero turn with a rear deck. The cost is \$20,000. Martin's Outdoor Equipment offered a \$2,000 trade. It was discussed to list the old mower on auction international. That might bring in a higher amount than trading it in.
- **Kyle's Wish List** – Art suggested to replace Chris' 2018 truck. It would be a 1 Ton Ford 4WD truck with a plow. State bid is \$59,780. His old truck has a value around \$20,000-\$25,000. There would not be CHIPS money available because those funds will be needed for road work in the Village.
- The board approved the salt barn for \$8,300.
- **Water** -Jeannie reviewed the revenue line for water sales. There is approximately \$31,000 of outstanding water bills through the 3rd quarter. There will be another quarter billing in April for approximately \$55,000.
- Art said that some valves and hydrants need to be replaced. He suggested adding money into next year's budget. A valve cost is around \$1,700 and a hydrant around \$3,500.
- Art suggested that water rates might have to be raised before the water plant upgrade is completed. Possibly increasing rates effective July 2026 with the October 2026 billing. There needs to be further discussion.
- Art also mentioned that there are no spare pumps for the water plant in the barn. It might be wise to look into purchasing one to have on hand.
- **Sewer** – Jeannie reviewed the sewer rents. There is approximately \$49,700 of outstanding sewer bills through the 3rd quarter. There will be another sewer billing in April for approximately \$62,000.
- Art said a spare pump is need.

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 unanimously passed. Board Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

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A motion to open the meeting at 6:08 pm was made by Trustee Doug Rigby. A second was received from Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton. The motion was unanimously passed.

Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton presented to the board a letter she drafted to the library requesting reimbursement to the Village for the legal fees associated with the conveyance of the property from the Village to the Library as a gift.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby to send a letter to the library to request reimbursement to the Village for the legal fees associated with the conveyance of the property and building from the Village to the Library as a gift. Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner made a second. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Doug Rigby. A second was received from Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer