

# THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

## July 10, 2023

DATE: 7/10/23

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman, Trustee Doug Rigby, Trustee Mark Fargo, Trustee Karen Gorton, Clerk Jeannie Kesel, Code Officer Tim Pagel, DPW Art Rilands, Neal Curtis, Temporary Public Works Supervisor, Reading Center Director Dodie Baker, Fire Chief Jim Adams – Mayor David LeClair was absent

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

The Deputy Mayor called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**RE: Salute to the Flag:**

The Deputy Mayor asked everyone to rise and join in the Pledge to the Flag.

**RE: Approval of Minutes:**

The Deputy Mayor asked the Trustees if they had any corrections to the board minutes from the June 12, 2023 meeting. Trustee Mark Fargo made a motion to approve the June 12, 2023 minutes. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

**RE: Public Comments:**

- Darren Dann from 2 Union Street has concerns regarding the runoff water on Union Street. There has been a noticeable increase of drainage water on his property. The timing might be coincidental to the ditch on the east side that was covered over with underground pipe. There have been some improvements to that pipe in the last couple of weeks. The water is coming from the neighbor's property uphill and I'm uncertain how the water is getting to that property. I have concerns and feel that this issue needs to be addressed because it is causing a lot of problems and stress to our house foundation. Darren is asking for some help from the Village to help identify where the water is coming from. Trustee Mark Fargo asked Darren how long did he think this problem has been going on. Darren said for the past 3 months. Trustee Mark Fargo mentioned that the Village has had 10 inches of rain the last month. The worst storm was in April. Trustee Mark Fargo said that anyone downstream from Darren is probably experiencing a similar situation. Bill Button from 49 Gilbert Street said his backyard is withstanding a lot more water in the 30 years he has lived there. He feels that nothing has changed other than capping the ditch. Bill wanted to know why the Village took a working ditch and cap it off? It was built to take runoff and has done well for the past 50 years. Art Rilands said it was capped because it was an eye sore, hard to maintain and people complained about having a hard time backing out of their driveways. Art said that they have made some changes from the original design and plan on making more. Jerry Lazarus from 45 Gilbert Street said he has lived there since 1965. He has never experienced this kind of water runoff. He does not know what has gone on 2 and 3 houses above him, but never have had water running through his shed out back. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman thanked the residents for bringing it to the Board's attention and will look into what measures the Village can take to correct this problem. Bill Button had another

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concern. The closest fire hydrant to his property is on Water Street which currently has a garbage bag over it, why? Art said there are some valving issues and he can't shut the water off. Bill asked if it was a working hydrant. Art said no. There is another one across the street from Bill. Bill asked Art what the time frame for getting the hydrant fixed. Art said it could get expensive and if he can't get the valves shut off, the water would have to be shut off to the Valley School part of Gilbert Street and the Town of Middlesex. Bill feels that the hydrant is there for a reason. Bill's other concern is just west of him the Village has a "Welcome to Rushville" sign that is covered with weeds. It was discussed that there are four Rushville signs. Bill was hoping the Village could put these signs on a yearly maintenance list.

## **RE: Resolution 19-2023 Bond Resolution for the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade**

Because this resolution was not advertised in the paper, Tim McGill's office said this had to be tabled. A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo for a Public Hearing on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm to vote on this resolution. Trustee Doug Rigby made a second. The motion unanimously carried.

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

- The Mayor included a memo regarding the purchase of a used Pickup truck. Two years ago, the board approved \$35,000 for the purchase of a new truck. The Village has been on the list to purchase a new truck, but no prospect in site and the cost has gone up \$10K. The Mayor felt that this was unreasonable and unacceptable. For these reasons, the Mayor authorized the purchase of a lightly used 2021 Chevy Silverado truck with 18,000 miles with almost a full warranty still in effect. At a cost of \$32,900 the Mayor feels this truck is a good choice at a reasonable cost. We expect to get between \$10K-\$15K for the truck we have now. Approximately \$5,750.00 will be expensed across 4 budget lines (general, water, sewer and cemetery). Neal is picking up the truck Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Mark Fargo suggested that the Village list the old truck for sale. The Board tabled the sale for now.

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

- No Report

## **RE: Watershed Commission Report – Trustee Mark Fargo:**

- No Report

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

### **Streets:**

- The guys are still working on Union Street drainage. We've upsized some of the inlets. Probably will add another two. We've also had 10 inches of rain since June 9<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Mark Fargo said the Village should address the pipe situation on Union Street soon.
- There have been some water problems on Chapel Street and Douglas Drive. We probably need to start looking at some new drainage work in these areas.

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## **Sewer:**

- Sewer flows are way high because of all of the rain. And of course, we've had some problems with Pump Station #1 pumps. The electrician was out to check them out.
- We had to replace some UV bulbs at the sewer plant.
- We washed the distribution pipes in both beds. This needs to be done twice a year.

## **RE: Fire Report:**

- Chief Adams said they responded to 12 calls for service in the month of June. Three were fire calls, four were motor vehicle accidents with injuries, four were emergency medical incidents, and one was a water rescue call on Canandaigua Lake.
- The hose company conducted two training sessions, had an evening of truck and equipment checks and maintenance, had our monthly meeting. We had one work detail for our upcoming cash raffle fundraiser event and provided an escort for the Marcus Whitman High School graduating class. The training topics covered fire apparatus driver training, and attack hose line advancement, use and repacking.
- We had eight members assist with the truck and equipment checks and maintenance. We had 19 members attend our monthly meeting.
- I spent a couple of days working on repairs on the fire apparatus, and we had Engine 2311 at a truck repair facility in Palmyra diagnosing and rectifying a "check engine" light. The problem ended up being a faulty throttle position sensor.
- The hose company has been hosting a county training class on fire Pump Operations. The class runs through the end of July. There are firefighters from several county fire departments participating in the class, including 6 from Rushville.
- Trustee Mark Fargo asked about future grants. Jim will work with Jim Santee on grant applications.

## **RE: Reading Center Director:**

- We are now a New Chartered Library, as of June 13, 2023!
- We are almost done barcoding all of our library items. Still doing DVD's
- Dawn and I are training with Mandy from STLS on the Work Flows Program and we hope to go live with our new barcoded library cards by September.
- You may start coming in to get your new library cards.
- Summer Fun Program starts July 11<sup>th</sup>. Programs will be Tuesday mornings, 10:00-11:30am, July 11, 18, 25 & August 1<sup>st</sup>. Three age groups – pre-K, K-3 and 4-6 grade. July 18<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30am Wildlife Rock Stars! (If it rains, program will be at the Methodist Church)
- We continue to plan for the Party in the Park on August 26<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for donations of kids' backpacks. Now through August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- We have New Large Print books, Young Adult, Juvenile books in every month.
- The library is closing for the day on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be having our "All together Now Summer Program at the Moody Trail." (in case of rain – will be held at the Methodist Church).

## **RE: Code Enforcement Officer:**

- Issue Permits

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- Attend CEO meeting
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Mosaic project
- Working with contractor on Foster house
- On-going inspections of Foster, Bay and Matcham projects
- Webinar training
- Working on getting dumpsters for Clean-up Days

### RE: Public Comments:

- Legislature, Terry Button – Bicentennial is this year. The County Highway Department has gone around and put up 41-47 signs around the county with historical points of interest.
- Yates County has hired 3 full time and 3 part time paramedics
- September is the County Waste Day – it will be held at the Yates County Fair Grounds

### RE: Clerk:

- NYSCCLASS earned \$5,657.67 of interest for the month of June, YTD - \$26,020.81.
- Trustee Mark Fargo asked Jeannie is she could look into what banks are currently offering on deposits. Maybe they would match the 5% interest that NYCLASS is paying.

### RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$9,151.22. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$13.91. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$22,981.92. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$6,487.89. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Mark Fargo to authorize payment of the Library bills in the amount of \$404.81. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Mark Fargo and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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