

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING
April 15, 2024

DATE: 4/15/24

TIME: 6:00pm

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, Temporary Public Works Supervisor Neal Curtis, Fire Chief Jim Adams.

Approximately 20 people attended the meeting (sign in sheet available at the Village Office)

RE: Salute to the Flag:

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

The Mayor called the Public Hearing on the 2024/2025 Budget to order at 6:45 pm.

Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner pointed out that the salary for the deputy mayor needed to be changed to Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton. Jeannie also mentioned that the salary for Dawn LeMay needed to be adjusted to reflect 3 hours a month for a total of 39.0 hours annually for cleaning.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman. A 2nd was received from Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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

RE: Approval of Minutes:

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had any corrections to the board minutes from the March 11, 2024 meeting. There were a few corrections. Trustee Chandra Gilman made a motion to approve the March 11, 2024 minutes, as corrected. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2nd to the motion. The motion carried.

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had any corrections to the budget workshop minutes from the March 21, 2024 meeting. There was one correction. Trustee Chandra Gilman made a motion to approve the March 21, 2024 minutes, as corrected. Trustee Doug Rigby made a 2nd to the motion. The motion carried.

The Mayor asked the Trustees if they had any corrections to the tentative budget minutes from the March 28, 2024 meeting. Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner made a motion to approve the March 28, 2024 minutes. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a 2nd to the motion. The motion carried.

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RE: Public Comments:

- Win Harper was here to mention that The Vietnam Veterans Memorial – The Wall That Heals will be at Penn Yan Fireman’s Field from August 8-11, 2024. It is open 24 hours. You can volunteer by going to the website – Thewallthathealsyatescounty.com. This is the only site in New York to get this exhibit this year. You can donate through the Penn Yan Elks Club.
- Lyons Nation Bank – Tom Kime, President, wanted to update the Board. They have purchased the bank; the Martin property should close shortly. They will add a drive up ATM and a tube system for ease of banking. They will come back to a board meeting once the final drawings for the bank are approved. They hope to be open for business in a few months. They are a major sponsor for the Special Olympics at Marcus Whitman School this summer.
- Jeff Friend, Vice President, will have Tara Rago reach out to Jeannie to set up a meeting with Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton and Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner to initiate the process to move the village’s bank accounts to Lyons National Bank.

RE: Final Budget:

Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a motion to pass the 2024/2025 Budget. Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner made a second. The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Resolution 9-2024 Appreciation for and Acknowledgement of the Service, Dedication and Work of David LeClair, Mayor

- The Mayor read the resolution thanking David LeClair for his service as Mayor from September 2020 through April 1, 2024. All of the Board Members signed the resolution.

RE: Resolution 10-2024 Determining Village Owned Land to be Surplus

- The Mayor said that there is a small piece of land out back that Lyons National Bank would like to purchase. He said that currently there are water and sewer lines that run under that parcel. It has no building use.

The Mayor asked for a motion for Resolution 10-2024. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a motion to determine Village owner land to be surplus. Trustee Doug Rigby made a second.

There was a rollcall 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 carried unanimously.

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RE: Resolution 11-2024 Determining Value of Village Owned Land

- The Mayor said that Lyons National Bank had the land professionally appraised by Kenneth Harris of Century 21 Real Estate. In his professional opinion valued the land at \$1,500.00.
- The Mayor asked for a motion for Resolution 11-2024. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a motion to accept the appraised value of \$1,500.00 from Kenneth Harris for the Village owned land. A second was received from Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner.

There was a rollcall 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 carried unanimously.

RE: Resolution 12-2024 Authorizing Sale of Land to The Lyons National Bank

- The Mayor asked for a motion for Resolution 12-2024 Authorizing Sale of land to Lyons National Bank. A motion was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and was seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby.

There was a rollcall 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 carried unanimously.

RE: 13-2024 Authorizing Easement and Right of Way

- The Mayor asked for a motion Resolution 13-2024 Authorizing Easement and Right of Way. A motion was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby.

There was a rollcall vote –

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Trustee Doug Rigby	Yes
Trustee Karen Gorton	Yes
Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner	Yes
Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman	Yes
Mayor David LeClair	Yes

The motion carried.

RE: 2024/2025 Final Budget:

- The Mayor asked the Board if they had any questions on the 2024/2025 Final Budget. Being that there were no questions, a motion to pass the 2024/2025 Budget was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Cheryl Hildon-Vadner. The motion was unanimously carried.

RE: Mayor's Report:

- The Mayor asked if the Village would consider paying him for his time spent on the water main break on April 6th. There was no decision made.
- There is no news from the Office of the Comptroller on the library.
- The Mayor presented a proposal from Jeffrey D Graff, Attorney from Graff Law Office, PLLC. The Board discussed switching to a new Village Attorney. Attorney Graff will be invited to the May 13th Board Meeting.

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- None

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Water:

- As I am sure everyone knows by now, we had a leak in the water main last Saturday, April 6th. It was about 1/3 mile up into the woods from the plant. Given the nature of the leak and its location, we had to turn the plant off for more than 4 hours, which triggered the boil water advisory that was lifted on Monday the 8th after the required tests came back negative. I would like to thank Gorham water for their assistance with labor, as we are still a man down until Chris comes back next week. It was a great team effort to discover, locate and repair the leak in the time that we did. We were able to backfill and make repairs to the property, as needed, including a repair to the landowner's asphalt driveway the following Monday. We may want to have a survey done to locate the exact path of the main through this property for future reference.
- In coordination with Middlesex, we have completed, submitted, and posted the Annual Water Quality Report.

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Streets:

- We had one day that we needed to plow streets and sidewalks. We patched a few potholes

Sewer:

- We pumped a few tanks that were due. We have repaired a service line to a tank at 3 Bassett Street that was back pitched, causing some issues for the homeowner and was also a potential source of ground water infiltration. We believe we had something come through the plant that knocked out most of our "bugs." After some guidance from Aaron Bissell from MRB, we were able to slowly get the plant back to normal operations.

Cemetery:

- We continue to do cleanup of tree limbs, including one rather large one. We had a few burials. Started mowing today.

Miscellaneous:

- The Marcus Whitman historical marker has been removed and delivered to APEX Machinery where it was sand blasted and powder coated. I will get it to Polmanteer Auto Service to complete the painting in the next couple of days. The Lion's Club has graciously purchased new lids for the 3 trash cans around the village. They look much nicer and can hopefully stay that way for a long time. Finished up the winter maintenance on equipment, so we're ready to start mowing. A large tree came down in the park that I was able to get cleaned up before the library's eclipse event.
- There will be safety training in Benton next week.

RE: Fire Report:

- Chief Adams said they responded to 5 calls for service in the month of March
- There was a training drill towards CPR and AED certification. There are four members taking the Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations certification class.
- The Chief has ordered an AED (automated external defibrillator) for the firehouse.
- The fire company helped with traffic for the Mennonite funeral.
- Four sets of gear for \$4800 have been ordered. It takes about 1 year to arrive. In the grant, they have asked for 8 sets of gear. We will not know until late June or early July.
- Members were standing by at the firehouse on Monday, April 8th for the solar eclipse event.
- The Chief's report is attached.

RE: Reading Center Director:

- None

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RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Inspect Phase 4 of Mosaic project
- Look at potential uses for Gorham Road property
- Look at feasibility of growing cannabis in the Document building. He has applied for permits
- Training via webinars

RE: Public Comments:

- None

RE: Clerk:

- NYSCLASS (which includes Cemetery, Reading Center, History Room, Village Savings and Checking) earned \$7,245.29 of interest for the month of March - YTD - \$21,255.80.
- Jeannie presented the 2023/2024 Relevy Report - \$26,507.26 from Yates County and \$10,512.19 from Ontario County.

RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$90,595.74. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman to authorize payment of the Cemetery bills in the amount of \$48,100.51. 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 Water bills in the amount of \$5,423.95. The motion was unanimously 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 \$9,171.07. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting and to go into Executive Session was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

A motion to open back up the Board Meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby at 8:12 pm. The motion was unanimously passed.

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A motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton. A 2nd was received from Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer