

# THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

## September 22, 2025

DATE: 9/22/25

TIME: 5:03pm

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

1 person attended the meeting (sign in sheet available at the Village Office)

The Mayor called the Special Meeting to order at 5:03 pm

**RE: Salute to the Flag:**

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

**RE: Proposed Land Annexation:**

- The Mayor introduced the village's attorney, Jeff Graff to answer any questions on the annexation. The Town of Potter has completed their part of the annexation. They made a negative action under SEQR and because it was a coordinated action, that piece complies with and includes the Village's portion of that. That allows the Village to take action whether or not the Village wants to approve or disapprove the annexation. Potter has also let the Village know that they approved the annexation. They made the necessary findings and it is in the best interest of Potter, the Village and the school district and special districts. Now the Village has to decide if it is in the best interest of the Village, the town, the school district and the Village residents to approve the annexation. Jeff said next a resolution needs to be passed based on the Village's findings. Then there is a local law component. It does not require a public hearing. The Village just needs to approve the local law and then send it to NY State. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton asked if the use was to remain from the original intention. Jeff said that once the land is annexed the intended use would have to comply in accordance with the Village's zoning law. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton asked if the Village did not approve the annexation, could there be eminent domain? Jeff said that would only apply to public use purpose; not private development.
- The Mayor read the findings –
  - o The proposed annexation will have no adverse effect upon the territory sought to be annexed
  - o The proposed annexation will have no adverse effect upon the local government, namely, the Village of Rushville, to which the said lands are sought to be annexed.
  - o The proposed annexation will have no adverse effect upon the remaining area of the Town of Potter
  - o The proposed annexation will have no adverse effect upon any school district, public benefit corporation, fire protection district, fire district or other district corporation, fire alarm district or town or county improvement district, situated wholly or partly in such territory; and be it further

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- RESOLVED, that no separate agreement with the Town of Potter relating to the assumption of indebtedness and or liability, or apportionment of same, is necessary; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that it is in the over-all public interest to approve such proposed annexation

Jeff also said that if the Board approves the annexation, then the Order needs to be signed by each Board member.

Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to accept Resolution 8-2025 approving the land annexation of territory in the Town of Potter to the Village of Rushville. A second was made by 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 unanimously carried.

Jeff Graff said the Board members next needed to sign the Order. Next was the Local Law 3 of 2025 to formalize the annexation of certain territory to the Village of Rushville.

Art read – Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Rushville hereby adopts said Local Law 3 of 2025, entitled “A Local Law Annexing Certain Territory to the Village of Rushville”, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution, that it be resolved, that the Village Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Village of Rushville, and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of New York State.

Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to accept Resolution 9-2025 Authorizing Adoption by the Village Board of the Village of Rushville of Local Law 3 of 2025 entitled “A Local Law Annexing Certain Territory to the Village of Rushville. A second was made by Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton.

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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 unanimously carried.

Jeff Graff said once this is filed with the Department of the State the property is then annexed. He said the Village will have to work with the Town of Potter to have the land surveyed. He also recommended talking with the County Real Property Mapping Department because it was Jeff's understanding that they will typically assist municipalities with annexations with the revised mapping. Once the maps are complete, there has to be a full map done of the property to be annexed, a partial map of the new Town of Potter without that parcel and copies of the maps need to be filed in the Village of Rushville, the Town of Potter, the Yates County Clerk's Office and the Department of the State.

## RE: Jim Liebel Update:

- The Mayor said Erica Mansler, our attorney, has been communicating with the Yates County and they have gotten the deed back into Jim Liebel's name.
- Art received an email from the lawyer from Sugarman Law who is representing the Village for the Notice of Claim. He is working on sending Form 50H to Jim Liebel and his attorney.

## RE: Ribbon Cutting for the Park:

- The ribbon cutting for the park is Saturday at 11:30. Dave LeClair wants to give the people a tour around the park and share future plans for the park.

## RE: MRB Bidding Schedule:

- Art presented the board with the bidding schedule for the Water Treatment Project Upgrade.

## RE: New Hire:

- The Mayor said the Personnel Committee offered Kyle Kuhner the DPW Supervisor position at \$35.00 per hour. Kyle accepted the position and will be starting Monday, September 29, 2025.

## RE: Full Environmental Assessment Part I – SEQR for Zoning Law Update:

- SEQR has to be submitted to the Ontario County Planning Board. Yates County does not require this form.

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A motion to approved the full Environmental Assessment Part I, all 13 pages, was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed.

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 passed. Board Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

A motion to open back up the Board Meeting was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby at 5:40 pm. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby to increase Chris Ciancaglini's pay to \$30.00 per hour. A second was made by Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner and seconded by Trustee Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer