

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING July 13, 2026

DATE: 7/13/26

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Art Rilands, Trustee Doug Rigby, Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton, Trustee David Bradshaw, 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 Board Meeting to order at 7:02 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 June 8, 2026 meeting. Trustee Doug Rigby made a motion to approve the June 8, 2026 board meeting minutes. Deputy Mayor Karen Gorton made a 2nd to the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Public Comments:

- Dave LeClair presented the park playground equipment proposal from Rocking Horse Woodcraft. The cost is \$12,898 for a 4-foot deck. The board discussed and agreed that the 5-foot deck is the best choice. That will add an additional \$600. Dave also would like to add a \$240 picnic table to the order. The board agreed. Dave suggested that a sign be made saying "Made Possible by Lyons National Bank." The bank donated \$10,000 for this project.
- Chad Burton offered to have a movie night in the park this Friday. He has equipment which he would like to test.
- Bill Button wanted to know the status of the Martin building. Art said the foreclosure is completed and the Village has received the funds. Bill also wanted to bring to the board's attention that the "Welcome to Rushville" sign on Gilbert Street had weeds growing up around it. Art said he would have the guys address it this week.
- Win Harper spoke on the Yates County Veteran Memorial Park which is going to be put in the Lakeview Cemetery in Penn Yan. They donated the land. This Memorial Park is to honor all the veterans from all the wars. There is a committee, the same one that did the Wall of Honor; Doug Gibbs is the treasurer; Herbie Snyder is the president and Jody Tyler from the Chamber of Commerce. There is a meeting this Thursday at the American Legion. They are looking for local input from everyone. It is basically a blank sheet right now. This project is a 501c3, so they can accept donations. This will be a 2–3-year project. There is a 4th year architect student from Cornell University, Ray Wang, who is helping with this project. Win said he had a press release and a survey, which can be filled out online. Win spoke about the "Wreaths Across America". 144 wreaths were placed on veteran's graves this past December. These wreaths honor those

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that have missed the holidays. This is a nationwide program. Win had flyers for Wreaths Across America.

RE: Resolution 8-2026 Authorizing Scheduling a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law 3 of 2026:

There was a motion made by Trustee Chandra Gilman to schedule a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law 3 of 2026 to repeal Local Law 1 of 2002 Entitled "A local law to provide for enforcement of and penalties for violation of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the New York State Uniform Property Maintenance Code in the Village of Rushville, Ontario and Yates Counties, New York" and Repealing Local Law 1 of 2008 Entitled "A local Law Providing for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code" and Adopting a New Local Law Providing for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code. Trustee Doug Rigby made a second.

There was a rollcall vote –

Art Rilands, Mayor	Yes
Karen Gorton, Deputy Mayor	Yes
David Bradshaw, Trustee	Yes
Chandra Gilman, Trustee	Yes
Doug Rigby, Trustee	Yes

The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Resolution 9-2026 Authorizing the Village of Rushville Support for the Application of the Lyons National Bank for the Establishment of a New York State Department of Financial Services Business Development District (BDD):

- Mayor Art Rilands offered the following resolution on Monday, July 13, 2026 at the Village Board meeting. The question of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote upon rollcall as follows:

Art Rilands, Mayor	Yes
Karen Gorton, Deputy Mayor	Yes
David Bradshaw, Trustee	Yes
Chandra Gilman, Trustee	Yes
Doug Rigby, Trustee	Yes

The motion unanimously carried.

RE: Mayor's Report:

- The new fire alarm system was installed last week at the fire house.
- No updates on law suits against the village

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- Lyons National Bank removed the shed on the back of the village hall. The back wall does not look great. The guys are going to paint the back wall.
- The board needs to make a decision on what to do with water rates. If we would do a 10% rate hike, it would take the base fee from \$52.56 to \$57.82 on the first 6,000 gallons. The per 1,000-gallon rate would go from \$8.76 to \$9.64. Art suggested the village to up the minimum gallon usage to 7,000 gallons. After discussion, it was agreed to keep the minimum to 6,000. As of July, our water account has a balance of \$7,000. The water rate increase would add approximately \$20,000 to the Water Budget. The board agreed to the 10% rate increase with a 6,000-gallon minimum and will pass a resolution at the August meeting.
- Art said the sewer collection I & I study is not progressing very fast. The engineer is supposed to be here tomorrow. Their first attempt failed. They are going to do some more inspections tomorrow because it is dry. They will come back after it rains to see if they can identify any issues. Larson is working on having a final report. DEC has a time frame and we are working on it and they are pretty content. Trustee David Bradshaw ask if there was a schedule the village needed to follow. Art said it was pretty loose. The village had to have a plan in place by the end of last year or the beginning of this year. The village has an engineer and they are supposed to have a plan and DEC has been ok. at the latest, by the beginning of the year and have a plan in place. This seems to satisfy the DEC. Art said DEC gave a loose schedule – by 2028.
- Art met with the watershed inspector, Keven Olvaney, there are a few erosion problems in the creek next to the water plant. Kyle cleaned the debris in the creek and Liddiard's are going to cut a tree that is in the middle of the creek. Then the watershed is going to come in and help stabilize the banks. The homeowner that lives next door to the north of the creek voiced some concern and sent Kevin Olvaney an email a couple of weeks ago and got the ball rolling.

RE: Deputy Mayor's Report:

- The Watershed meetings are the 1st Wednesday at 9:00 am of the even months. She will be going to the August meeting.

RE: Public Works Supervisor:

Streets/Park:

- Nothing new to report on streets
- The park is underway with clearing out the entry for better visibility. The culvert should be here tomorrow to expand the entrance. Also, trimming the brush along the stream for a more inviting atmosphere.
- New hitch and rail were installed. Thanks to Adam Mincer for donating the materials.

Water:

- The plant is running as it should. The guys and myself have started clearing the shrubs
- The construction has stalled the past few weeks, but the walls are up and ready for the doorway to be made connecting the two buildings.

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Sewer:

- The plant is running well. Chris and I have been putting in extra time cleaning up the solids in the clarifier and the scum skimmer pit.
- Started cleaning up the sewer beds and debris caused by the rain.

Cemetery:

- Rich and I have been cleaning out the back tree line. It was way over grown. By cleaning it up, it will be easier to mow and we discovered a few stones that were on the edge forgotten.

Miscellaneous:

- Chris's new truck should be here in 4 weeks
- The salt barn was delivered

RE: Fire Report:

- Chief Adams' report is attached.
- Jim thanked the DPW Department for the upkeep of the fire department grounds.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer:

- Issue Permits
- Inspection of projects in progress
- Monitoring Clean up at 9 Chapel St
- Working with LNB on building addition
- Working with Mosaic Health for the horse shelter
- Work with MRB regarding demo/footer construction on LNB project
- Should we change our current Local Law for re-inspection fees to \$200.00 per inspection or should we escalate the fine after 3rd inspection to \$200.00 per day/week/inspection?

RE: Clerk:

- No report

RE: Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee David Bradshaw to authorize payment of the General bills in the amount of \$27,074.40. 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 \$309.28. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Depuy Mayor Karen Gorton to authorize the payment of the Water bills in the amount of \$9,145.47. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee David Bradshaw and seconded by Trustee Doug Rigby to authorize the payment of the Sewer bills in the amount of \$4,419.48. The motion unanimously carried.

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A motion was made by Trustee Doug Rigby and seconded by Trustee David Bradshaw to authorize the payment of the HH Fund bills in the amount of \$156,364.20. 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 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer