

RUSH TOWN BOARD
Minutes of July 11, 2012
Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Rush Town Board, County of Monroe, was called to order by Supervisor Richard Anderson at 7:00 PM on July 11, 2012, at the Rush Town Hall, Rush, New York. Everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:	Richard Anderson	-----	Supervisor
	William Riepe	-----	Councilman, Deputy Town Supervisor
	Lisa Sluberski	-----	Councilwoman
	Kathryn Steiner	-----	Councilwoman
	Daniel Woolaver	-----	Councilman
	Pamela Bucci	-----	Town Clerk
	John Mancuso, Esq.	-----	Town Attorney

OTHERS

PRESENT:	Carol Barnett	-----	Resident
	Mark David	-----	Highway Superintendent, Resident

I. OPEN FORUM

Supervisor Anderson opened the meeting, recited a few guidelines including asking all those speaking to state their name and address for the record. The Town Board would either respond immediately or on a future date.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #114-2012

Councilwoman Sluberski moved to approve the Minutes of June 27, 2012, as written by the Town Clerk. Councilman Riepe seconded the motion.

Roll:

Councilman Riepe	aye	
Councilwoman Sluberski	aye	
Councilwoman Steiner	aye	
Councilman Woolaver	abstained	
Supervisor Anderson	aye	carried.

Councilman Woolaver was excused from the June 27, 2012, meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

A transfer of Funds is not required at this time.

RESOLUTION # 115-2012

Councilwoman Sluberski moved, Be It Resolved, that having audited all the claims against the funds listed on Abstract #7-1, for vouchers #695 through #754, that they be allowed in the amount of \$59,391.45. Councilman Riepe seconded the motion.

Roll:

Councilman Riepe	aye	
Councilwoman Sluberski	aye	
Councilwoman Steiner	aye	
Councilman Woolaver	aye	
Supervisor Anderson	aye	carried.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Monroe County Fair at Henrietta – Supervisor Anderson received correspondence from Senator James Alesi announcing that the Fair would take place from Wednesday, July 11 through Sunday, July 15. The Fair was founded by the Monroe Agricultural Society showcasing the importance of New York State's #1 industry, agriculture. Rides, music and the usual attractions will also be available.

V. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Councilman Riepe had no report.

Councilwoman Sluberski stated that a Zoning Board meeting is scheduled where an application for setback variances will be heard for property located at 34 Aprille Lane.

Councilwoman Steiner attended the Library Board of Trustees meeting. The preliminary budget is being reviewed, a profit of \$158 was made on the Vera Bradley fund raiser, and the specifics of a library sign are be reviewed. Lighting of the sign was also discussed.

Supervisor Anderson stated that pursuant to flag etiquette, if a flag is lit it may remain standing through the night and lowered on the appropriate days. Once the final library sign is presented for Board approval, lighting of it will also be established.

Councilman Woolaver had no report.

Superintendent Mark David stated that Boulder Creek paving had been completed. The flag pole in front of the town hall has been installed and the flag light in Veterans Park has been restored by the Highway crew.

Town Clerk Bucci stated that both she and Deputy Town Clerk Palmer completed the 5 hour required NYS Department of Environmental Conservation training in order to be reinstated. Both passed the test and will continue to be agents of the state authorized to sell hunting and fishing licenses.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Town Hall Fire Update-Mechanical – Supervisor Anderson reported that the air-conditioning and humidification units are fully activated. The Town may now move to Phase II of restoring the records to the Town Hall Records Vault.

B. Town Hall Fire Update-Records - Town Clerk Bucci stated that Phase II information has been supplied to Document Reprocessors including files to be digitized. Within Phase II comes submission of proposed expenses to be approved by the insurance company. A main goal is to keep costs down while creating a more efficient way of storing records.

C. Mr. Chase's Letter – Procedures – Attorney John Mancuso has supplied procedures of Home Rule Law in amending a local law, handing of petitions and requirements of referendums. Amending a code requires the Town Board to propose it in a public hearing. A petition must be submitted to the Town Board with recommendations of amendment or introduction thereof. The Board then takes it under advisement, however, is under no obligation to present it to the public for a hearing. In changing or proposing a local law of zoning or planning, a referendum is not required.

Supervisor Anderson stated that he would reply to both Mr. Chase's and Mr. Bock's letters regarding steps to be taken in order to petition for a change in the town code. Reference will also be made regarding accusations addressed in both letters.

Councilman Riepe added that the inaccuracies in the letters regarding variances granted should also be addressed.

Supervisor Anderson stated that he would also address thoroughly the percentage of zoning variance approvals and denials voted upon in the past as well as referencing the law and the allowed uses of commercial properties.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Court Appointment of Charles Book and Raymond Pipitone – Supervisor Anderson stated the Court has advertised, interviewed and identified candidates they are appointing as Court Attendants.

RESOLUTION #116-2012

Councilwoman Sluberski moved to approve the Court's recommendation of appointing both Charles Book and Raymond Pipitone as Court Attendants effective June 19, 2012, and June 10, 2012, respectively. Councilwoman Steiner seconded the motion.

Roll:

Councilman Riepe	aye	
Councilwoman Sluberski	aye	
Councilwoman Steiner	aye	
Councilman Woolaver	aye	
Supervisor Anderson	aye	carried.

B. Betsy Hallock Manuscript – Path Forward – Supervisor Anderson stated that in the archives of the historian's office Historian Margie Kirch discovered a 206 page onion skin manuscript written by former historian Betsy Hallock in 1960. The town attorneys have prepared a release for the known estate heirs in order to release it for publication. The release, in its entirety, was read aloud. After approval, the manuscript will be reformatted and put into print. Supervisor Anderson requests that the Town Board approve funds not to exceed \$500 for the publishing of 4 copies for the library, 2 copies for the historian and a few copies for sale through the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTION #117-2012

Councilwoman Sluberski moved to allow the Supervisor spend funds not to exceed \$500 from account 1220.4A for the reproduction of the Betsy Hallock manuscript, Here on this Hilltop. Councilman Woolaver seconded the motion.

Roll:

Councilman Riepe	aye	
Councilwoman Sluberski	aye	
Councilwoman Steiner	aye	
Councilman Woolaver	aye	
Supervisor Anderson	aye	carried.

Councilwoman Steiner asked of the heirs of the book. Supervisor responded that two of the three are Ralph Keyes and Emily Keyes.

VIII. OPEN FORUM

Supervisor Anderson opened the floor to all wishing to address the Town Board.

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Anderson at 7:20 PM and approved by common consent of all councilpersons present.

Respectively submitted,

Pamela J. Bucci
Town Clerk