

RUSH TOWN BOARD
Minutes of January 23, 2008
Regular Meeting

The meeting of the Rush Town Board was called to order by Supervisor William Udicious at 7:00 PM on January 23, 2008, at the Rush Town Offices, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York. Everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Donald Knab, Councilman
Richard Anderson, Councilman
Thomas Doupe, Councilman
Lisa Sluberski, Councilwoman
William Udicious, Supervisor
Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk

Others Present: Jim Rumsey, 1178 West Henrietta Road
Dave Meyer, 2147 Rush-Mendon Road
Richard Spencer, Rush-Mendon Road

I. OPEN FORUM

Mr. Richard Spencer requested an update on the Community Greenway Project workshop held on January 7, 2008, at the Rush Town Hall and would like to be notified when future meetings would occur. Councilman Anderson responded that members of the Steering and CitizensqCommittees were informed by e-mail of the workshop and the meeting date was posted on the town website under Government, Community Projects. Minutes of that meeting are being finalized and will be available on the town website.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES . January 9, 2008

RESOLUTION # 63

A motion was made by Councilman Knab and seconded by Councilman Doupe to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 9, 2008, as presented.

Roll:

Councilman Knab	aye	
Councilman Anderson	aye	
Councilman Doupe	aye	
Councilwoman Sluberski	aye	
Supervisor Udicious	aye	carried.

III. APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

RESOLUTION #64

Councilman Knab moved BE IT RESOLVED, that having audited all the claims against the funds listed on the abstract, in the amount of \$101,698.18 be allowed for vouchers #45 through #106. Councilman Doupe seconded the motion.

Councilman Anderson seconded the motion.

Roll:

Councilman Knab	aye	
Councilman Anderson	aye	
Councilman Doupe	aye	
Councilwoman Sluberski	aye	
Supervisor Udicious	aye	carried.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Udicious . Letter from Monroe County Office of Emergency Preparedness regarding windstorm damage countywide on January 9, 2008. The Count requested a damage submission for Rush. After conferring with Highway Superintendent Steven King an approximation of \$12,000 for partial brush pick-up would be needed. Councilman Anderson added that the usually a FEMA declaration occurs with these requests and one did not occur.

Public Hearing - Letter from the Monroe County Clerk of the Legislature announcing a public hearing on January 28, 2008, Pittsford Town Hall, regarding modifications to Agricultural District #6. Modifications include 3 parcels, one of which is in Rush, 57.71 acres at 2705 Pinnacle Road. Public Hearing notice is posted in the Town Hall.

Monroe County Board of Elections . Letter from Monroe County Board of Elections was received inviting town officials to attend and view new voting machines at the Medley Center, Irondequoit.

Public Hearing - Noticed of Public Hearing regarding COMIDA, uniform tax exemption policy, on February 14, 2008, at the Ebenezer Watts Building, South Fitzhugh Street. Hearing is posted in the Town Hall.

V. REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

A. Councilman Anderson . Both Pamela Bucci and Councilman Anderson attended the Association of Towns training for Newly Elected Officials in Rochester, New York on January 15-17, 2008.

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- B. Councilman Doupe wished to remind the community of the Rush Public Library's hosting of its annual Wine Tasting event at the Rabbit Room, Honeoye Falls, on Saturday, February 2, 2008, \$25.00 each/\$45.00 couple.
- C. Councilwoman Sluberski reported as liaison to Zoning Board of Appeals that comments on the planning unit development, (PUD) have been submitted to the Town Board.
- D. Code Enforcement Officer Kusse reported that the log jam on Honeoye Creek has been removed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Update on Quality Communities Project (re: Dam Study) - Councilman Richard Anderson reported that an underwater assessment was done as a precursor to an engineering study that needs to be completed. There is structural damage to the Dam and other conditions warrant attention. Supervisor Udicious forwarded the Larsen Engineering report and detailed engineering report to local and state officials. Request for funds to repair the Dam were previously submitted in 1996, 2000 and 2007 to no avail. Recent findings may elevate the Dam to a higher hazard classification.

Farmland Preservation - Councilman Anderson noted the 2005 recommendation of the Planning Board to adopt one of two processes to ensure farmland preservation. Options include tax abatement by public referendum or a rolling farmland trust which requires federal funding. Councilman Anderson recommended a tax abatement program. Currently, Rush has 370 acres that are protected. Councilman Anderson will respond to the Planning Board that the Town Board will further study the tax abatement option.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Proposal for Co-location on Cell Tower behind Town Hall (Verizon) - Supervisor Udicious stated that Verizon would like to locate within the hamlet of Rush and is proposing to co-locate on the cell tower behind the Town Hall.

Monroe County has enacted the amendment of local laws for Tax Exemptions for Persons Age 65 or Over, Persons with Social Security Classified Disabilities and a local law granting %Cold War VeteransqExemption+. The Cold War timeframe is September 2, 1945, through December 26, 1991. A public hearing date will be set for February 13, 2008, at 7:15 PM. Publication of legal notices will be done.

VIII. OPEN FORUM

Mr. Dave Meyers encouraged the Town Board to continue working on the creek and Dam. He also inquired the state on the Rush Deli and Market, which is private property.

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Supervisor Udicious stated that the Town is in constant contact with the realtor but final decisions have not been made. Mr. Meyers noted that farmland preservation is important to residents.

Mr. Richard Spencer commented that he was more interested in farmland he could see and drive by from the road than farmland in somebody else's backyard. He is not interested in preserving a way of life but preserving green space for an impact on the quality of life.

Mr. Richard Spencer requested better internet access in Rush. The southern part of Rush does not have broadband access.

Councilman Knab moved to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Anderson seconded it. The meeting was ended by common consent at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Bucci
Town Clerk