

RUSH TOWN BOARD
Minutes of September 26, 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 September 26, 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
	Frank Pavia, Esq.	-----	Town Attorney

OTHERS

PRESENT:	Carol Barnett	-----	Resident
	Ansgar Schmid	-----	Resident
	Dave Sluberski	-----	Resident
	Mark David	-----	Highway Superintendent, Resident
	John Steiner	-----	Resident
	Don Eichenauer	-----	Resident

I. OPEN FORUM

Supervisor Anderson opened the meeting and explained the open forum process. The Town Board would either respond immediately to questions or topics presented during the meeting or respond to them at a future date.

Resident Dave Sluberski, as Rush Democratic town leader and on behalf of that committee, thanked Councilwoman Lisa Sluberski for her service to the town over the past 7 years.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Steiner wished to correct the record by stating that the Rush Public Library would be celebrating their 100th year in 2014.

Supervisor Anderson made corrections to Page 2, 1st paragraph. Change the date from August 8 to August 22. Also, a correction is warranted for Page 7, Paragraph 8. Add the words "or older" after age.

RESOLUTION #137-2012

Councilwoman Steiner moved to approve the Minutes of September 12, 2012, as amended by the Town Clerk. Councilman Woolaver seconded the motion.

Roll:

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

Councilwoman Sluberski was excused from the September 12, 2012, meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

A Transfer of Funds is not required at this time.

RESOLUTION # 138-2012

Councilwoman Sluberski moved, Be It Resolved, that having audited all the claims against the funds listed on Abstract #9-2, for vouchers #1024 through #1073, that they be allowed in the amount of \$21,180.09. Supervisor Anderson seconded the motion.

Roll:

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

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Anderson reported on the following:

NYS Department of Transportation Re-opening – Supervisor Anderson received notification from NYSDOT that the Avon ramps feeding Route 390 were re-opened. The town website has been updated.

Monroe Community College Rush Rifle Range Schedule - The schedule has been posted to the town website.

Monroe County Sheriff's Department – Supervisor Anderson received a report from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department with no Rush detail to report.

Senator James Alesi – Supervisor Anderson received an e-mail from Senator James Alesi reminding all that Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th. There are

only 2 more weeks to register to vote. The deadline is October 12th. The information will be posted to the town website.

Town Clerk Bucci added that applications for absentee ballots must be received by the Monroe County Board of Elections by October 30th. Voter Registration Days is again scheduled throughout Monroe County on October 11th and 13th at all town halls and city public libraries. Information has been posted in the town newsletter and website.

V. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Councilman Riepe attended the Fire Commissioners meeting.

Councilman Riepe attended the Board-appointed Hydrofracking Committee meeting. The Hydrofracking Committee has inquired whether or not the town can defend itself based on the Town Code provisions from the gas company and whether or not the town roads are able to withstand the weight of hydrofracking equipment. Attorney Pavia asked for specific questions related to the Town Code. Councilman Riepe will seek both Planning and Zoning Board's input of hydrofracking as it relates to the Town Code. Highway Superintendent Mark David stated that the town roads would not support the load of heavy equipment used for hydrofracking.

Councilwoman Sluberski had no report. Councilman Woolaver substituted as the liaison to the Zoning Board.

Councilwoman Sluberski took a moment to thank the present and previous Boards for working together over issues during the last 7 years. She also thanked the residents for their continued support.

Councilman Woolaver attended the Zoning Board meeting where they discussed applications for 6101 East Henrietta Road, Rush. The Zoning Board will be holding a public hearing on October 11th. He suggested the Board review the zoning status of properties throughout the hamlet area. Supervisor Anderson invited Councilman Woolaver to review multiple use districts. Multiple use districts were used previously on the Route 15 corridor by Interstate 390.

Highway Superintendent Mark David noted that resident Bill Meister performed work on the veteran's sign at Veteran's Park on East Henrietta Road at no charge.

Supervisor Anderson attended a Community Assistance Workshop relating to attaining disaster FEMA monies. Previously, in order for a town to receive a FEMA declaration, a town had to prove at least \$1M in damages. Currently, in

order to achieve a declaration from the federal government, New York State requires damages in excess of \$26M. Monroe County must prove a per capital threshold of \$2.5M in damages; Livingston County's threshold is \$221,000. As Highway Superintendent David may attest to, Monroe County works diligently when a strong storm is encountered to capture every dollar and add it to the statewide damages. The State Emergency Management Office provides all forms required in order to submit FEMA damages. Supervisor Anderson has obtained a regulation guide.

Supervisor Anderson and Finance Director Don Reynolds will be attending a webinar on state audit and accounting primarily related to unexpended balance and town budget.

Code Enforcement Officer Gerry Kusse reported that Town Clerk Bucci invited him to attend a District Town Clerk presentation provided by General Code on ECode360 and the advancements of technology available in order to assist towns in daily operations; he was thoroughly impressed with both their technology and customer service.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Town Hall Fire Update (Records Division) – Supervisor Anderson reported that a settlement has been reached with the insurance company. Agreements have been reached for the return of documents.

B. Bessie Hallock Manuscript Progress – Supervisor Anderson stated that the manuscript will be sent to the publisher and a book presented in approximately 5 weeks.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Contract between General Code and Town of Rush – Supervisor Anderson stated that the General Code agreements provide for software, document imaging and scanning services that relate directly to the records room fire of March 5, 2012. The contract costs are included in the insurance settlement.

RESOLUTION #139-2012

Councilman Riepe moved to allow the Supervisor to enter into an Enterprise Content Management Services Contract with General Code in the amount of \$6,050.00. The cost of the contract is included in the insurance settlement. Councilwoman Sluberski seconded the motion.

Roll:

Councilman Riepe	aye
Councilwoman Sluberski	aye
Councilwoman Steiner	aye

Councilman Woolaver	aye	
Supervisor Anderson	aye	carried.

RESOLUTION #140-2012

Councilman Riepe moved to allow the Supervisor to enter into a Document Imaging and Scanning Services Agreement with General Code in the amount of \$7,000.00. The cost is included in the insurance settlement. Councilwoman Sluberski seconded the motion.

Roll:

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

B. Assessor Dan Stanford Informational Presentation - Assessor Stanford will be presenting a workshop on October 29th at 5 PM in the Town Hall meeting room on real property exemptions of agricultural, veterans, school tax assessment relief (STAR) and low income senior exemption. There are 265 exemption categories in New York State. If anyone is interested in attending, they may sign up in the Assessor's office.

Supervisor Anderson opened the audience to questions. Assessor Stanford stated that definitions of exemptions will be provided at the workshop.

C. Advertise for Open Town Board Position – Supervisor Anderson thanked Councilwoman Sluberski for her service to the community and work on the town board during her term of office covering the past 7 years. A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Councilwoman Sluberski.

RESOLUTION #141-2012

Supervisor Anderson moved that the Town Clerk post an advertisement for the unexpired town board position with a return date of October 20, 2012. Councilwoman Steiner seconded the motion.

Roll:

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

Supervisor Anderson explained that the Town Board has in their possession an inter-municipal agreement which will be on the agenda of the next meeting.

The auditors suggested a formal agreement for fuel be filed. Supervisor Anderson suggested that the annual agreement be included as part of the organizational meeting proceedings.

VIII. OPEN FORUM

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

Resident Dave Sluberski requested that the Town Board keep an open mind when selecting a town board member including selecting a person who will cast the town's vote and serve the entire community.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Anderson at 7:25 PM and approved by common consent of all councilpersons present.

Respectively submitted,

Pamela J. Bucci
Town Clerk