

RUSH TOWN BOARD
Minutes of August 14, 2013
Budget Meeting

A Budget meeting of the Rush Town Board, County of Monroe, was called to order by Supervisor Richard Anderson at 7:30 PM on August 14, 2013, following the scheduled Town Board meeting at the Rush Town Hall, Rush, New York.

PRESENT:	Richard Anderson	-----	Supervisor
	William Riepe	-----	Councilperson, Deputy Town Supervisor
	Kathryn Steiner	-----	Councilperson
	Daniel Woolaver	-----	Councilperson
	Cathleen Frank	-----	Councilperson
	Pamela Bucci	-----	Town Clerk

OTHERS

PRESENT:	Mark David	-----	Highway Superintendent, Resident
	Ansgar Schmid	-----	Resident
	Gerald Kusse	-----	Building Inspector, Resident
	Carol Barnett	-----	Resident
	Rita McCarthy	-----	Resident
	Kirsten Flass	-----	Library Director, Resident
	Michael Czora	-----	Dog Control Officer, Resident

I. OPEN FORUM

Supervisor Anderson opened the meeting and explained that although open to the public, the meeting was specifically for the departmental reports of their budgets for 2013.

The following department heads reported their budget and provided information relative to line items including explanation of increase or decrease from previous years:

Assessor Daniel Stanford presented for the Assessor's Department including replacing a computer which is the last town computer in rotation. Dan explained contractual legal fees as well as requested a merit increase for his clerk.

Councilperson Riepe discussed legal fees associated with assessments and taxes. Assessor Stanford stated that although he suggested, if debates were to occur in the future, resolved negotiations with the homeowners prior to a commencing an action would provide a less costly outcome for both parties.

Judge Thomas Doupe presented for the Court Department and explained in oral and written detail the request for live training. Conservative court revenue was projected.

Dog Control Office Michael Czora presented no change in his budget. The actual levels appeared low and will be reviewed by the Budget Officer. The Town Board saw little mileage reimbursement submitted and asked for a more accurate figure in the future. Town Clerk Bucci, licensing agent stated that she had seen an increase in revenues due to cycle of correspondence to residents and Mike's work in informing residents with unlicensed dogs to follow the law.

Budget Officer Donald Reynolds presented in the absence of Town Historian Marjorie Kirch, who was out ill. Historian's budget has been reduced by \$300.00. Supervisor Anderson added that the History Room has shown progress and the Historian gets a variety of history items, visitors and requests.

Library Director Kirsten Flass presented for the Library and thanked Budget Office Don Reynolds for his budgeting assistance. Kirsten explained line items in detail as well as provided budget notes for increase and decreases within or out of her control.

Councilperson Riepe asked for an explanation of Real Property taxes. Budget Officer Reynolds noted that unexpended balance is expected about \$38,000; 2010 was \$57,000. Unexpended balance is placed under real property tax. 2011 is not valid because the fund balance was higher than what it needed to be and the town used some funds to reduce the taxes in 2011. \$155,000 is a baseline to be used. Kirsten leaves the real property tax line and unexpended balance to Don's discretion. Supervisor Anderson asked if there was any benefit from the state for being open Saturdays, as additional hours. Kirsten replied that additional fines and fees may be collected on those days, however, grants do not apply. It cost the town approximately \$762 to open on Saturdays and those days offer the stay more time to restock

Highway Superintendent Mark David explained the Parks and Highway Department budgets with specific detail in numerous areas. The Highway Department budgets for a portion of the Pavilion including utility use and grounds maintenance. The Recreation Department supervises the rental side of the pavilion. Because the Highway Department maintains the pavilion grounds, revenue sources for the pavilion are included in the Highway Department's budget. An upgrade of the septic will be done including filtration and a leach field to reduce costs of septic pumping. Supervisor Anderson added that the

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Pavilion is booked continually morning and afternoons. The septic tank is pumped frequently.

Councilperson Frank requested an explanation of Capital Funding Plan for the highway. Finance Director Reynolds explained that the capital budget and capital reserve cycles through purchases and transfers of funds on a yearly basis.

Budget Officer Donald Reynolds made relative points for departments for when appropriate as well as explained the necessity of having assets in the beginning of the calendar year in order to pay town bills.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no unresolved and having no further business, Supervisor Anderson moved to adjourn the budget workshop meeting at 9:10 PM. Meeting adjournment was approved by common consent of all councilpersons present.

Respectively submitted,

Pamela J. Bucci
Town Clerk