

RUSH TOWN BOARD
Minutes of April 23, 2014

A regular meeting of the Rush Town Board, County of Monroe, was called to order by Supervisor Richard Anderson at 7:00 PM on April 23, 2014, at the Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York. Everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:	Richard Anderson	-----	Supervisor
	Kathryn Steiner	-----	Councilperson
	Daniel Woolaver	-----	Councilperson
	Cathleen Frank	-----	Councilperson, Deputy Town Supervisor
	Rita McCarthy	-----	Councilperson
	Pamela Bucci	-----	Town Clerk
	John Mancuso, Esq.	-----	Attorney for the Town

OTHERS PRESENT:

	Mark David	-----	Highway Superintendent, Resident
	Carol Barnett	-----	Resident
	Al Sweet	-----	Resident
	Kirsten Flass	-----	Resident
	David Flass	-----	Resident
	Jim Bucci	-----	Resident
	Gerry Kusse	-----	Code Enforcement Officer, Resident

I. OPEN FORUM

Supervisor Anderson welcomed all to the meeting and opened the floor to anyone wishing to address the Town Board. If an answer is readily available, it will be addressed. Those requiring research will be answered at a later date.

Resident Carol Barnett stated that she forwarded correspondence to the Town Board with the emphasis on the importance of taking a pledge to be a climate smart community. The Town of Brighton has taken the pledge which is helping them to obtain funding for cleaner, greener communities which might help in updating the Comprehensive Plan.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #88-2014

Councilperson Steiner moved to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2014, as submitted by Town Clerk Pamela Bucci. Councilperson Woolaver seconded the motion.

Roll:

Councilperson Woolaver aye

Councilperson Steiner	aye	
Councilperson Frank	aye	
Councilperson McCarthy	aye	
Supervisor Anderson	aye	carried.

III. APPROVAL OF TRANSFER

A transfer of funds is unnecessary at this time.

IV. APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

RESOLUTION #89-2014

Councilperson Steiner moved Be It Resolved that having audited all the claims against the funds listed on Abstract #8 for vouchers #2014 424 through #2014 470 are allowed for payment in the amount of \$19,820.89. Councilperson McCarthy seconded the motion.

Roll:

Councilperson Woolaver	aye	
Councilperson Steiner	aye	
Councilperson Frank	aye	
Councilperson McCarthy	aye	
Supervisor Anderson	aye	carried.

Supervisor Anderson spoke with the New York State Comptroller's representative that has been working in the town offices since November. An improved procedure of two alternating councilpersons auditing the vouchers before Town Board approval has been implemented.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Emails Received - Supervisor Anderson received an email from Resident Carol Barnett regarding pledging to be a clean, green community.

An email was also received from National Grid regarding an update of utility bills. April bills are due to be approximately 40% lower than March bills. Information will be posted on the town website.

Resident Norman Miller, officer of the Steven Connor American Legion Post 1330 inviting the Supervisor and all Town Board members to participate in the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26th at 9:00 AM. All will be meeting at the Rush Fireman's Parking lot located on East Henrietta Road. Change in gathering is due to ease of traffic flow. A grave marker has been secured in the Pine Hill Cemetery to represent all those unmarked buried veterans. A civil war ceremony will commence along with the dedication of the headstone of Jacob Stull Gallentine.

Resident Stevenson has sent a letter of request for tennis courts in the town.

Highway Superintendent stated that although the basketball court will be doubled with a possible ice skating rink, a tennis court would require another placement.

Monroe County Sheriff's Office – Zone B – The March Sheriff Department was received with the usual mischievous and vandalism except for one unusual report. A business in Henrietta was phoned and a request for a transfer of monies was requested and performed, however, it amounted to a scam and a large loss of money.

VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Councilperson Woolaver stated that the Zoning Board meeting was cancelled; there were no applicants. The Recreational Agricultural Citizens Committee met. They have requested a regular meeting at the Town Hall. They have a wish list of items to be taken care of and it will be presented at the next Town Board meeting.

Councilperson Steiner had no report.

Councilperson Frank, liaison to the Fire Commissioner and Planning Board, attended both meetings. The Planning Board discussed informally the change of use from an antique barn to an event pavilion as well as a change of use from retail to restaurant, both on commercial property.

Councilperson McCarthy had no report.

Highway Superintendent Mark David has finished storing the snow fencing and will be starting brush pickup April 21st.

Attorney Mancuso had no report.

Town Clerk Bucci stated the town's bank, JPMorgan Chase Bank, has installed an additional mechanism, much like using a fob key, for security for all government banking users.

Town Clerk Bucci stated that she has interviewed candidates for the gardener position and would request approval to hire Doreen Benschop at Step 1.

RESOLUTION #90-2014

Supervisor Anderson moved to acknowledge and approve the Town Clerk's seasonal appointment of Doreen Benschop as Gardener at Step 1 effective April 9, 2014. Councilperson Frank seconded the motion.

Roll:

Councilperson Woolaver	aye	
Councilperson Steiner	aye	
Councilperson Frank	aye	
Councilperson McCarthy	aye	
Supervisor Anderson	aye	carried.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Gerry Kusse had no report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. NYS Museum of Transportation – Rush Scottsville Road Update – Supervisor Anderson reported that the town engineer will be assessing the property for possible wetlands. Attorney Pavia will prepare a letter outlining the Town's legal obligations and the codicils of that the property.

B. Background Check Update – Supervisor Anderson stated that the town attorneys are consulting with personnel division for specific wording to be included in the Employee Manual.

VIII: NEW BUSINESS

A. Agreement to Spend Highway Funds – Supervisor Anderson read aloud an Agreement between the Town of Rush and the Rush Highway Department which includes general repairs and improvements to be done on specified roads (Biondo Court, Delia Trail, Stull Road, Perry Hill Road and Nelson Parkway) in town. Monies for the work is combined levied and collected funds as well as state aid.

Highway Superintendent David stated that the road work qualified for C.H.I.P.S. funding amounting to \$58,000.00.

RESOLUTION #91-2014

Supervisor Anderson moved to approve the Agreement between the Town and Highway Department pursuant to provision of Section 284 of the Highway Law. Monies in the amount of \$58,000.00 have been allocated for repairs upon 22.33 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or renewals thereof from account A5110.4. Councilperson Steiner seconded the motion.

Roll:

Councilperson Woolaver	aye
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Councilperson Steiner	aye	
Councilperson Frank	aye	
Councilperson McCarthy	aye	
Supervisor Anderson	aye	carried.

B. Approval to Work Outside of Right of Way on Town-wide Drainage – Superintendent David stated that there is an existing Town-wide Drainage Easement between parcels 15 and 25 Delia Trail for a permanent sanitary force main sewer. The subdivision was built with the knowledge of wet areas, however, the trees have encroached and are blocking the catch basin drains.

RESOLUTION #92-2014

Councilperson Steiner moved to authorize the Highway Department to perform work outside of the Right of Way in the area between parcels 15 and 25 Delia Trail pursuant to the Town-wide Drainage Easement. Councilperson Frank seconded the motion.

Roll:

Councilperson Woolaver	aye	
Councilperson Steiner	aye	
Councilperson Frank	aye	
Councilperson McCarthy	aye	
Supervisor Anderson	aye	carried.

IX. OPEN FORUM

Councilperson Woolaver mentioned that a hike, sponsored by the Conservation Board, is scheduled for May 3, 2014, at 10 AM at the town-owned BOCES property, 6565 East River Road. All are invited.

Fire Commissioner Alvin Sweet reported that a new pumper has been purchased by the Rush Fire District and a final inspection is scheduled and the pumper will be delivered for the Open House on Sunday, April 27th from 1 PM to 4 PM.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Anderson at 7:27 PM and approved by common consent of all councilpersons present.

Respectively submitted,

Pamela J. Bucci
Town Clerk