

RUSH TOWN BOARD
Minutes of March 11, 2009
Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Rush Town Board, County of Monroe, was called to order by Supervisor Udicious at 7:00 PM on March 11, 2009, at the Rush Town Offices, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York. Everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Donald Knab ---- Councilman, Deputy Town Supervisor
Richard Anderson ---- Councilman
Lisa Sluberski ---- Councilwoman
William Udicious ---- Supervisor
Pamela Bucci ---- Town Clerk
Charles Steinman ---- Attorney for the Town

EXCUSED: Thomas Doupe ---- Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Riepe ---- Resident
Adam McGovern ---- Resident
Donna McGovern ---- Resident

I. OPEN FORUM – Supervisor Udicious offered the floor to anyone wishing to address the board.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 25, 2009

RESOLUTION #92-09

Councilman Knab made a motion to approve the February 25, 2009, Minutes as written. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion.

Roll:

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

III. APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

RESOLUTION #93-09

Councilman Anderson moved Be It Resolved, that having audited all the claims against the funds listed on Abstract #3-1 in the amount of \$28,662.39 be allowed for vouchers #238 through #293. Councilwoman Sluberski seconded the motion.

Roll:

Councilman Knab aye
Councilman Anderson aye

Councilwoman Sluberski aye
Supervisor Udicious aye carried.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. All Town Board members are invited to attend a budget discussion meeting with the Rush-Henrietta School Board regarding their upcoming budget. The meeting will take place on March 24, 2009.

B. Majed El Rayess, of El Rayess Architects, has responded with deliverables for the feasibility study of the Steven-Connors American Legion Post.

V. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

A. Quality Communities Grant Meeting - Councilman Anderson announced that a community meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 2009, both a morning and evening session to discuss future development opportunities, recreation, and conservation along Honeoye Creek including the Hamlet of Rush, Village of Honeoye Falls and the Lehigh Valley Trail. The plan for review will be available on the town website. A press release will be forwarded to the newspaper.

B. Fourth Annual Fishing Derby – Councilwoman Sluberski stated that Recreation Supervisor Patricia Stephens is again forming an annual fishing derby which will take place on June 27, 2009.

C. Parks Workforce – Seasonal parks workforce costs including fuel and equipment have increased over the past years. With assistance from the Finance Director Don Reynolds, Mr. Udicious will be investigating the option of contracting with a local landscaper versus continuing our current parks operation. A bidding proposal will be assembled.

D. Energy Conservation – Supervisor Udicious stated that the Town would be taking advantage of having an energy audit done at the Town Hall, Library and Highway. More details will be furnished at a later date.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Grants for Dam Repairs – Supervisor Udicious has been assured by Assemblywoman Susan John that the town's grant money is in route. Albany has also been contacted regarding delivery of our receivables. Councilman Anderson added that the town continues to seek additional monies for a permanent repair of the dam.

B. Court Audit – Councilmen Knab and Doupe are coordinating an audit date with the court, possibly by the end of March. Supervisor Udicious provided a copy of suggested comptroller's audit procedures to both councilmen.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Earth Day – Resident Hans Schmittenhener, along with Boy Scout Troop #334, will again organize and coordinate Earth Day in the town. Earth Day is scheduled on April 25th.

B. Rush Market & Deli Property Development – Details of a closing date are not yet available although imminent. Demolition activity will occur shortly thereafter.

In order to assist the potential Rush Market & Deli property owners, Councilman Anderson contacted Albany regarding becoming part of the Restore New York program. All properties were eligible for either demolition support, environmental remediation and/or construction. Although expeditious attempts were made, a developer could not be identified by the letter of intent deadline. Mr. Udicious has aligned the potential new owner and Monroe County for COMIDA support. A town board resolution will be required in the future.

C. County Assessment Administration – New York State has awarded Monroe County grant money to conduct a study to find ways to improve assessment administration throughout the County of Monroe.

Councilman Knab stated that although Monroe County is conducting a study of improving the assessment administration, it is not associated with the Rush's current assessor conducting an Office of Real Properties re-assessment. Consolidating positions within the County will remove the town's home rule ability.

D. Assessment Review Board opening – A letter of interest for the Board of Assessment Review position has been received. Training is scheduled for April 16.

Resolution #94-09

Supervisor Udicious made a motion to appoint William A. Riepe to the Assessment Review Board to fill the unexpired term of Brian McFertrige commencing March 12, 2009 and expiring through September 30, 2009. Councilwoman Sluberski seconded the motion.

Roll:

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

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Both Board of Assessment Review Chairperson Karen Hopkins and the Office of Real Properties will be notified of the appointment.

VIII. OPEN FORUM – Supervisor Udicious offered the floor for those present to address the board. A copy of Town Board meeting procedures is available at the sign in table.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Udicious made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:35 PM to discuss a possible acquisition of property.

On the motion of Supervisor Udicious, the meeting was returned to regular session at 7:45 PM.

There being no further business, Councilman Knab motioned to close the meeting and it was adjourned at 7:46 PM by common consent of all councilpersons present.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Bucci
Town Clerk