

RUSH TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 27, 2011

A regular meeting of the Rush Town Board, County of Monroe, was called to order by Supervisor William Udicious at 7:00 PM on May 27, 2011, at the Rush Town Offices, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York. Everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Richard Anderson ----- Councilman, Deputy Town Supervisor
William Riepe ----- Councilman
Alexander Simon ----- Councilman
William Udicious ----- Town Supervisor
Pamela Bucci ----- Town Clerk/Collector
John Mancuso, Esq. ----- Attorney for the Town

EXCUSED

ABSENCE: Lisa Sluberski ----- Councilwoman

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mark David ----- Highway Superintendent, Resident
Kathryn Cappella-Hankins----- Resident
Douglas Mitchell ----- Attendee, G-Gauge Model RR Club
Joseph Murrer, Jr. ----- Attendee, G-Gauge Model RR Club
David Abell ----- Attendee, G-Gauge Model RR Club
Mary Hutchins ----- Attendee, G-Gauge Model RR Club
Keith Conrad ----- Attendee, G-Gauge Model RR Club
David Spinks ----- Attendee, G-Gauge Model RR Club

1. OPEN FORUM

Supervisor Udicious opened the floor to anyone wishing to address the board.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #90-2011

Councilman Anderson moved to approve the Minutes of May 11, 2011, as presented by the Town Clerk. Councilman Riepe seconded the motion.

Roll:

Councilman Anderson	aye	
Councilman Riepe	aye	
Councilman Simon	aye	
Supervisor Udicious	aye	carried.

II. APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

RESOLUTION #91-2011

Councilman Anderson moved, Be It Resolved, that having audited all the claims against the funds listed on Abstract #5-2, for vouchers #530 through #597, they be allowed in the amount of \$29,130.86. Councilman Riepe seconded the motion.

Roll:

Councilman Anderson	aye	
Councilman Riepe	aye	
Councilman Simon	aye	
Supervisor Udicious	aye	carried.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Monroe County 1st Quarter Sales Tax Distribution - Supervisor Udicious reported that the town has received a \$67,562.32 check from Monroe County which comparatively was \$13,300.00 more than the 1st quarter of 2010. Because a sales revenue is hard to predict, the Town Board budgets conservatively.

IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Councilman Anderson discussed further his findings of his walk of the Railroad Museum located on Route 251. As an update, there is a new set of concerns. Highway Superintendent Mark David reported that Monroe County Pure Waters (MCPW) has a forced sanitary main underneath the property that the Railroad may be starting to fill on. The fill has been ceased and research is taking place on who is owner of the right of way; either MCPW or New York State. Further investigation is needed to determine the exact location and if an easement exists.

Councilman Anderson added that if an easement exists for MCPW, digging through additional 15 feet of soil is not acceptable. Farmer Steve Stein discovered an unusual amount of water in the area. Highway Superintendent David stated that the pump located inside the vault had failed. Supervisor Udicious will contact Monroe County regarding easement rights. Attorney John Mancuso will also research the deed for easement rights.

Councilman Riepe attended the Fire Commissioners meeting and the Planning Board had no applicants; the meeting was cancelled.

Councilman Simon attended the May 12 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

Highway Superintendent David is starting work on the Honeoye Falls No. 6 Road culvert. Route 15A has been swept for the Memorial Day parade. Mr. David

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also informed the Board of his weather-dependent work detail over the next few weeks.

Town Clerk Pamela Bucci requested that those farmland owners or renters who have not yet completed a Farmland Protection Grant questionnaires to please send them in. The questionnaire is available on the town web site and is a valuable tool in gauging the needs of our community in protecting its farmland.

The NYS DEC is offering its annual Free-Fishing Days on June 25th and June 26th where a NYS license is not required for any age to fish.

Credit and debit cards are now being accepted in the Town Clerk's Office.

A Free Electronic Recycling Day is scheduled for July 9th, 9 AM to 1 PM at the Rush Highway Garage. Items from televisions to cable wires will be accepted.

Councilman Anderson asked about NYS Dog licensing in regards to change of dog status. Clerk Bucci responded that once a dog is neutered or spayed and/or has its rabies vaccination renewed a change in status occurs.

Supervisor Udicious met with department heads to investigate the security system of the town building. Day Automation, who supplies the town camera security, has been contacted regarding additional camera installation. An additional department head meeting will be held to review Day Automation's proposal.

Supervisor Udicious was approached by David Spink of G-Gauge knowing that the Town was going to become the owners of approximately 220 acre parcel on East River Road. The Deed for transfer of property has been signed and the town is awaiting its filing for final ownership.

PRESENTATION: By David Spink and Genesee G Gauge Model Railroad Society

Mr. Spink introduced members of the Genesee G Gauge Club and distributed information and pictures of the modules of the Genesee G Gauge Railway Society. The train layout is a large scale model railroad, approximately 24 x 60 foot which was previously housed at the Ridge Road Railroad.

The Club wishes to house their train layout in one of the BOCES property buildings (possibly hay barn) and provide an educational and recreational venue for the public including schools, scouts, seniors, etc. Allowing use of a building would prevent vandalism and vacancy on the property as well as offer

a tourist attraction and revive interest tin railroads as a way of transportation in this country.

Supervisor Udicious stated that once the property is owned, Mr. Spink will be contacted. The town is awaiting a utility map and Attorney Mancuso stated that the final closing and filing will occur shortly.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Acquisition of BOCES Property – Signing of the transfer of property has occurred and a closing is scheduled.

B. Citizens' Historical Committee Update - Councilman Riepe, Sue Mee, Kathryn Cappella-Hankins, Karen Hopkins, and Supervisor Udicious met to review and exchange documentation provided that relates to the historical items in question. The Town Board asked the Citizens Committee to report back to the them as close to June 8 as possible. Recommendations will be forthcoming.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Cyclical Reassessment Aid – The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Office of Real Properties provides aid for every parcel (1,745) located in Rush for keeping its equitable assessments at 100%. It amounts to approximately \$7,076.66 back to the town.

B. Continued Membership in Monroe County's Consolidated Plan Consortium – This Plan is carries a three-year renewal that offers qualification to Community Development Block Grant monies through the County. The membership also helps in obtaining consolidated planning for other grants. For almost the past 8 years, block grant monies have been received. Renewal of the plan will occur.

C. Youth Service Grant of \$1,208 for a Summer Program – Supervisor Udicious noted that the Grant is now received and the Summer Program will remain free to all Rush resident participants.

D. Accession/De-Accession Guidelines from Historian – Historian Kirch provided suggestions for Guidelines in record keeping of items. Because, to Mrs. Kirch's knowledge, Rush is not a chartered museum, she has requested the removal of the museum sign to be replaced with a history room sign. Supervisor Udicious requested verification of the sign change from Attorney Mancuso.

Councilman Riepe motioned to accept the Accession/De-Accession Guidelines as presented by Town Historian Marjorie Kirch as submitted. Councilman Anderson questioned whether or not the state had an adopted

guide. Councilman Riepe withdrew his motion until a scheduled meeting took place between Mrs. Kirch and a NYS Archives representative.

B. Animal Control Contract – Other than costs increasing slightly, the contract with Suburban Animal Hospital is unchanged. It provides the Rush Dog Control Officer (DCO) a facility to house dogs at large for an agreed period of time. All fees are paid by the dog owner.

VII. OPEN FORUM

Supervisor Udicious opened the floor to anyone wishing to address the board.

Resident David Spinks asked whether or not Rush Henrietta Town Line Road will be surface treated this year. Highway Superintendent David explained the road surface process, maintenance and the responsible parties. He added that Rush Henrietta Town Line Road would be treated possibly at the end of July.

Resident David Spink also commented that the trees that have been cut along the Monroe County Reservoir, while they are working to replace the liner, were dead.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Supervisor Udicious motioned to adjourn. There being no additional town business, the meeting was ended at 7:55 PM which was approved by common consent of all councilpersons present.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Bucci
Town Clerk