

The Town Board Meeting was held on December 1, 2005 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Duke	Councilman Gray	Councilman Hornbeck
Councilman Ryan	Councilman Santosky	Town Clerk Sommer

Supervisor Duke called the meeting to order and Councilman Hornbeck led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Duke read the rules of procedure.

Public Comment:

Toni Sindone, on behalf of the Youth Department and Community Center thanked both Randy Hornbeck and Tom Ryan for all they have accomplished for them and the community during their four year terms as Councilman.

Carl Chipman spoke on behalf of Michael Callen regarding the vacancy on the ZBA. He has not yet sent a letter of intent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion was made by Councilman Ryan to approve the following minutes as submitted:

- November 10, 2005 Public Hearing re: 2006 Budget
- November 10, 2005 Town Board Meeting
- November 14, 2005 Adoption of 2006 Budget
- November 23, 2005 Audit/Workshop Meeting

Seconded by: Councilman Gray Unanimously approved

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Filed with the Town Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- 11/21/05 Letter from Steve Fornal re: his interest in an appointment to the Planning Board.
- 11/22/05 Letter from Marijane Knudsen requesting to continue to serve on the ZBA.
- 11/28/05 Letter from Leon Smith re: his interest in an appointment to the Planning Board.
- 11/29/05 Letter from Bill DeGraw requesting to continue to serve on the Planning Board.

Action on these vacancies will take place in January by the Town Board.

Supervisor's Update:

County Bridge #131, DeWitt Bridge will be closed to traffic effective Monday, November 28, 2005 until further notice.

Transfer Station Permits for 2006 are now on sale - \$25 residents - \$50 non-residents.

Audit/Workshop - End of Year Business Meeting 12/23/05 at 9:00am.

Liaison Reports:

Supervisor Duke, Councilman Hornbeck, Councilman Gray and Councilman Ryan shared the highlights of the November meeting they attended as liaisons.

Fire Company voting will be on 12/13/05 from 6-9pm at the Accord Fire Hall and Rochester #2 on Samsonville Road.

COMMITTEE & BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Grant Research & Writing Committee - Reviewing available NYS grants

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Ethics Board - no report

Planning/Zoning Committee: Supervisor Duke and Walter Levy shared highlights.

Old Business:

Tourism: A revised draft for B & B code will be developed. This draft will be based on one developed earlier by David O'Halloran. Ruth Bendelius B & B owner will also work on this.

Architectural review and site design: Discussion of this concern will be coordinated with the Historic Preservation Commission which is developing signage and proposals for historic districts.

New Business:

ECC member, Claude Suhl reported on development of a lighting code for the Town of Rochester. A draft of this code will be modeled on the Ulster County's code for commercial building and its recommendation for residential lighting.

Bill DeGraw reported on developing a conservation easement in the Town.

David O'Halloran and Al Baker have resigned from the committee. New members will be appointed.

Rural Character Sub-Committee:

Walter Levy reported that there will be another photo contest in May, 2006 - the general theme to be what we want in the way of rural character.

Economic Development Sub-Committee: No report.

Telecommunication Committee: - No meeting in November.

Cost of Community Services Study Report - No report.

Real Property Tax Committee - No report.

Business Development Committee - No report.

RESOLUTIONS:

2006 Organizational Meeting

Resolution #162-2005

A Motion was made by Councilman Ryan that the Organizational Meeting will be held on January 5, 2006 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. The Regular Town Board Meeting to immediately follow. Further authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise same.

Seconded by: Councilman Gray Unanimously approved

Transfer of Highway Funds

Resolution #163-2005

A Motion was made by Councilman Ryan that the Town Board approve the transfer of Highway funds of \$47,233.28 from DA3502 State Aid (FEMA) to DA5110.4 General Repairs contractual line and \$4000 from DA3501 State Aide (FEMA) to DA5130.4 Machinery contractual line.

Seconded by: Councilman Gray Unanimously approved

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on developing a joint training for members of the Planning & Zoning Boards with the possibility of other towns being able to participate.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Duke presented plaques to Councilman Hornbeck and Councilman Ryan thanking them for their four years as Councilman on the Town Board. Both Councilman spoke of what the past four years meant to them.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marijane Knudsen thanked Councilman Hornbeck for his years as Councilman. She also spoke to a promotion offered by Time Warner that Councilman Gray and committee with further investigate.

Carl Chipman asked why we are not exploring Verizon. He also asked if a resolution needs to be followed through since it appeared on the agenda. He was told no.

Shane Ricks jokingly commented that Councilman Hornbeck's last few words was the best speech in his four years.

Toni Sindone invited all to attend the Chamber of Commerce's first annual Christmas tree lighting at the Community Center on 12/9/2005 at 6:00pm and the Senior Holiday Brunch, also at the Community Center on 12/10/2005 from 10am to noon.

Richard Gelbhart commented on the spirit of the Board and all the participants at the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion was made by Councilman Hornbeck that the Town Board enter into executive session at 7:40pm regarding pending litigation regarding Giles Edwards, a Worker's Comp case, Patty Abezis and Charles & Annette Rose.

Seconded by: Councilman Gray Unanimously approved

A Motion was made by Councilman Gray to reconvene the meeting at 7:51pm with the Supervisor reporting no action was taken nor monies expended.

Seconded by: Councilman Hornbeck Unanimously approved

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Councilman Hornbeck to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm.

Seconded by: Councilman Santosky Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica I. Sommer
Town Clerk/RMC