

The Town Board Meeting was held on January 4, 2007 at 7:36pm immediately following the public hearing re: proposed local law #1-2007.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Duke	Councilman Gray	Councilman Miller
Councilman Santosky	Councilman Spano	Town Clerk Sommer
Attorney Futerfas		

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Duke said the Assessor's appointments to be discussed at the next meeting.

Also mentioned was the update revaluation for 2008.

One resident spoke about library privileges beginning expanded for residents.

One resident said he supported the extension of the moratorium.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

December 7, 2006 Town Board Meeting
December 20, 2006 Audit/Workshop Meeting

Seconded by: Councilman Spano Unanimously approved

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Filed with the Town Clerk.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE: See Audit Meeting 12/20/06.

Supervisor Duke noted that Chris Kelder, Accord resident was noted in Governor Spitzer's inauguration address on January 1st. This comes from a long line of farmers and the Governor recognized him as representing one of our state's and our region's more important industries.

LIAISON & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Supervisor Duke and the Councilman shared the highlights of the meetings they attended as liaisons and committee members.

STAR CHECKS:

It was mentioned that anyone who did not receive their check has until 1/20/07 to submit an application. They must meet with the Assessor to complete the necessary form.

RESOLUTIONS:

The Hudsonia Biodiversity Assessment Training is offered to the ECC members and would enable the Town to become more familiar with resources in the Town and how to protect them.

Resolution #29-2007

A Motion was made by Councilman Miller that the Town Board supports those residents that would like to apply for and participate in the 10 month Hudsonia Biodiversity Assessment Training (BAT) which will be the first step in the NRI process of which they will learn how to interpret maps and existing information to predict important natural resources in the Town, to identify and assess those resources in the field, and to develop conservation strategies for land use planning and there is no cost to the Town.

Seconded by: Councilman Gray

Unanimously approved

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FUEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BIDS:

Resolution #30-2007

A Motion was made by Councilman Gray that the Town of Rochester is seeking bids to replace the Gasboy 1000 Fuel Management System. The new fuel management system must include the following: Island mounted site control terminal with numeric keypad and key reader; 4 line LCD display screen modem cables, power surge protector, 100-proximity keys, key encoder, software installation and training, 2 new fuel pumps for gas and diesel (each pump needs to have the following:) pulsar, lights, new hose and nozzle. Must be compatible with new fuel management system. Bid must include removal and disposal of two old pumps, installation of two new pumps and connection to new fuel management system. And further authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise same. Bids to be received on or before 1/14/07 at 10:00am at the Town Clerk's Office at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

Seconded by: Councilman Santosky

Unanimously approved

NO PARKING SIGN REQUEST:

Resolution #31-2007

A Motion was made by Councilman Gray that the Town Board authorize the Highway Department to install NO PARKING signs on Friedlander Drive as per the request from several residents living on that road.

Seconded by: Councilman Santosky

Unanimously approved

HANDICAP SIGN REQUEST:

Resolution #32-2007

A Motion was made by Councilman Spano that the Town Board authorize the Highway Department to install a Handicap Sign on Sheldon Drive as per the request of Lynn Churchill, mother of a paraplegic.

Seconded by: Councilman Gray

Unanimously approved

YOUTH COMMISSION:

Supervisor Duke reported that the Youth Commission Board will remain the same for January, until interviews of current and prospective members are conducted on 1/24/07.

Resolution #33-2007

A Motion was made by Councilman Gray that the Town Board request letters of intent for Youth Commission members until 1/22/07 and interviews for current and prospective members be conducted on 1/24/07 at 4:45pm at the Town Hall, and authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise same.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano . Unanimously approved

COALITION OF WATERSHED TOWNS:

Resolution #34-2007

A Motion was made by Councilman Gray that the Town Board nominate Robert Cross, Shandaken Supervisor and Bruce LaMonda, Olive Deputy Supervisor, to be members of the Coalition of Watershed Town's Executive Committee.

Seconded by: Councilman Miller . Unanimously approved

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2008 REVALUATION UPDATE:

Resolution #35-2007

A Resolution was made by Councilman Gray, seconded by Councilman Miller, that

WHEREAS, Section 305 of the Real Property Tax Law mandates uniform and equitable assessments and

WHEREAS, computer assisted mass appraisal systems, technical advice and financial assistance are available by cooperative agreement with the New York State Office of Real Property Services and the Ulster County Real Property Tax Service Agency; and

WHEREAS, the last town-wide assessment of our real property took place in 2005, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is convinced that a reassessment is necessary to comply with Section 305 of the New York State Real Property Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ROCHESTER that;

Section 1. That the Assessor of the Town of Rochester is authorized to undertake and implement a revaluation/update for the 2008 Assessment Roll.

Section 2. That the Town Board does hereby agree, in conjunction with the New York State Office of Real Property Services and the Ulster County Real Property Tax Service Agency, to support the Town's assessment staff in reassessment.

Section 3. That the Town Board and Assessor are authorized to enter into any necessary agreements to achieve this purpose. Any agreements resulting in an expenditure by the Town of Rochester must first be approved by the Town Board. Any agreement with a private contractor to provide services for this reassessment shall be entered into only upon review by the Town Attorney, the Assessor and a representative from the Office of Real Property Services.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Unanimously approved

NEW BUSINESS:

Jennifer Garofalini, Director of Land Protection at Monhonk Preserve is applying to the Land Trust Alliance for a grant to offer a one-day workshop on conservation options for land owners and municipal officials. She is requesting a letter to support her venture.

Al Baker, RVCS Principal, would like to donate 50-100 trees and have the school children plant them. Question is - where to plant??

TOWN PROPERTY TRANSFER REQUEST:

Resolution #36-2007

A Resolution was made by Councilman Santosky, seconded by Councilman Gray, that

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board agree to transfer to Stuart Warshawer of 10 Rochester Center Road, Accord, NY 12404, that portion of the former Town roadway, Rochester Center Road abandoned at the time the Town constructed the new portion of Queens Highway subject to a survey to be paid for by the property owner and to be approved by the Town Board.

This resolution is subject to a permissive referendum.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comments were made regarding the upcoming revaluation and time constraints.

It was also asked if terms will be established for the Youth Commission.

It was also noted that the Town received \$5.00 per parcel for the last revaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion was made by Councilman Gray to enter into executive session at 8:40pm with the Attorney for the Town re: Homeland Tower Lease, litigation with Giles Edwards and Charles & Annette Rose and appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Seconded by: Councilman Miller Unanimously approved

A Motion was made by Councilman Miller to reconvene the meeting at 9:40pm, with the Supervisor reporting no action was taken, nor monies expended.

Seconded by: Councilman Gray Unanimously approved

Letters of intent for three year appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission were received from Ruth Bendelius, Alice Schoonmaker, Manuela Mihailescu and Ward Mintz. After interviews with these people, the following appointments were made.

Resolution #37-2007

A Motion was made by Councilman Gray that the Town Board appoint Ruth Bendelius, Alice Schoonmaker and Ward Mintz to the Historic Preservation Commission, their terms to expire 12/31/2010. Alice Cross is appointed Chair of that Commission.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano

Unanimously approved

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Councilman Santosky to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm.

Seconded by: Councilman Gray

Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica I. Sommer
Town Clerk/RMC