

The Town Board Meeting was held on August 2, 2007 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Duke	Councilman Gray	Councilman Miller
Councilman Spano	Town Clerk Sommer	

ABSENT:

Councilman Santosky

Supervisor Duke opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

A resident asked the Town Board when will audio video equipment be purchased as it is in the budget. The Board will discuss this at the Audit/Workshop meeting.

A Boodle Hole resident spoke to tires thrown on his property and asked if the Town would absorb the cost. A lengthy discussion was held regarding this problem with other residents suggesting solutions. Also requested was a Fall amnesty day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

- July 5, 2007 Town Board Meeting
- July 25, 2007 Audit/Workshop Meeting

Seconded by: Councilman Spano	Motion carried 4-0
	Santosky - absent

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Filed with the Town Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE: Filed with the Supervisor.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE: See Audit/Workshop minutes of 7/25/07

LEGAL MATTERS: No report.

LIAISON & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Highlights were shared.

RESOLUTIONS:

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED:

Resolution #105-2007

A Motion was made by Councilman Miller that the Town Board schedule a Public Hearing on 8/23/07 at 7:00pm at the Accord Fire Hall to repeal Section 125 (Subdivision), Section 130 (Telecommunications), and Section 140 (Zoning) of the Code of the Town of Rochester in their entirety and create a new Section 125 (Subdivision) and Section 140 (Zoning) of the Code of the Town of Rochester and to repeal the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Rochester and to create a new Zoning Map of the Town of Rochester, and further authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise same.

Seconded by: Councilman Gray

Motion carried 4-0
Santosky - absent

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SCENIC BYWAY CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Resolution #106-2007

A Motion was made by Councilman Gray, seconded by Councilman Spano that

WHEREAS, the New York State Towns of Crawford, Gardiner, Marbletown, Montgomery, New Paltz, Rochester, Rosendale, Shawangunk and Wawarsing and the villages of Ellenville and New Paltz have been working together since early 2000, first as a steering committee and then as the Shawangunk Mountains Regional Partnership, and;

WHEREAS, this intermunicipal partnership has created the Shawangunk Mountains Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan, which has led to the official designation of the Shawangunk Mountains Scenic Byway by the State of New York, with the Partnership as the management entity for this important section of the State Scenic Byway System, and;

WHEREAS, the challenges and opportunities facing the region are significant and that by working together from a regional perspective, a common agenda for the conservation and enhanced management of the resources of the region can be advanced in a way that supplements but does not supplant local municipal action, and;

WHEREAS, under Article 5-G Section 119-0 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, municipalities have the authority to enter into intermunicipal agreements and jointly perform services regarding subjects each separately has the power to perform, and;

WHEREAS, any financial commitment of any member of the partnership will only be authorized through a resolution adopted by the governing body of the respective municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE that the Supervisor of the Town of Rochester is hereby authorized to execute the intermunicipal agreement establishing the Shawangunk Mountains Regional Partnership.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Gray	aye	
Councilman Miller	aye	
Councilman Santosky	absent	
Councilman Spano	aye	
Supervisor Duke	aye	Motion carried 4-0

FEMA/REQUEST FOR TRANSFER:

Resolution #107-2007

A Motion was made by Councilman Miller that the Town Board at the request of the Highway Superintendent the Town Board increase the budget by \$74,182.79 line DA 4960 (FEMA) and DA 5110.4 General Repairs (Roads) for work on Lang Road, \$7,585.45 Baker Road, Schwabie Tpk. \$5918.77, Stonykill Road \$6,585.77, Boodle Hole Road \$3,564.35, Waterfalls Road \$2,710.75, Lawrence Road \$1,753.67, Whitfield Road \$2929.01, Whitfield Road to Lower Whitfield Road - Store Road to Mettacahonts Road (Detour Roads) \$11,274.35, Berme Road \$16,720.88, DeWitt Road \$3,588.84, Rochester A-01 Town wide cleanup \$5,294.00, Rochester B-01 Town wide cleanup \$3,302.66 from the severe storms and flooding in April, 2005.

Seconded by: Councilman Gray Motion carried 4-0
Santosky - absent

TRANSFER STATION:

A Motion was made & withdrawn regarding adjustment of fees for appliances due to the newly approved scrap metal contract.

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Stony Road - to be discussed further in executive session at the Highway Superintendents request.

HIGHWAY BOOSTER PUMP:

Resolution #108-2007

A Motion was made by Councilman Spano that the Board approve the purchase of a new booster pump for the Highway Department, not to exceed \$500 to be taken from Contingency line 1990.4.

Seconded by: Councilman Miller Motion carried 4-0
Santosky - absent

ASSESSOR AIDE POSITION:

Eight candidates for this position were interviewed for this position.
Councilman Gray nominated Ruthann Rabuffo, seconded by Councilman Spano.
Resolution #109-2007

A Motion was made by Councilman Gray that Ruthann Rabuffo be appointed to serve as the Assessor Aide effective 8/13/07 at \$13.66 per hour.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano
Motion carried 3-0
Miller - abstained
Santosky - absent

INDIGENT BURIAL COSTS:

The law states that when an indigent person dies it is the responsibility of the Town in which he dies to cover the burial costs of that individual.

Resolution #110-2007

A Motion was made by Councilman Gray that the Town pay the County for the burial of an indigent of the Town, not to exceed \$3000 to be taken from Contingency line 1990.4 after proper paperwork is received from the County.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano
Motion carried 4-0
Santosky - absent

EXTENSION OF LEAVE REQUESTED:

Due to medical concerns of his new born child, Eric Eck, Jr. requested an extension of his leave until 9/10/07. This is in accordance with the Highway Labor Contract.

Resolution #111-2007

A Motion was made by Councilman Miller that the Town Board approve Eric Eck, Jr's request for an extension of his leave of absence from the Highway Department until 9/10/07 due to the medical conditions of his new born child.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano
Motion carried 4-0
Santosky - absent

OLD BUSINESS:

There was discussion regarding how to handle donations; Employed staff on Commissions and Committees; a request that all employees and officials attend a CPR & Defib course. (13 employees have already been trained)

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Duke reported that she met with Dan Ahouse, aide to Congressman Hinchey and three other Supervisors to discuss solutions to the flooding of the Rondout Creek. Development of a plan and implementation will be discussed at a meeting next month.

Self-Appraisal Forms have been handed out and need to be completed by 8/15/07 to begin the review process for the staff. A meeting with Mike Richardson has been scheduled for 9/8/07 at 9:00am at the Town Hall.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Tom Shepstone was thanked for his work on the Code Task Force.

A resident asked about the Hamlet signage.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion was made by Councilman Gray to enter into executive session at 8:45pm regarding a Workers Compensation Case, the Assessor Position and inviting Highway Superintendent Kelder regarding a road issue.

Seconded by: Councilman Miller Motion carried 4-0
Santosky - absent

A Motion was made by Councilman Miller at 9:20pm to reconvene the meeting, with the Supervisor reporting no action was taken nor monies expended.

Seconded by Councilman Gray Motion carried 4-0
Santosky - absent

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Councilman Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm.

Seconded by: Councilman Gray Motion carried 4-0
Santosky - absent

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica I. Sommer
Town Clerk/RMC