

Rush Town Board  
April 26, 2006

A regular meeting of the Rush Town Board was held on April 26, 2006, at the Rush Town Offices, 5977 East Henrietta Road and was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilman Donald Knab  
Councilman Thomas Doupe  
Councilwoman Lisa Sluberski  
Supervisor William Udicious

Absent: Councilman Luther Keyes, excused, work

Others: Frank Pavia, Attorney for the Town of Rush  
Gerald Kusse, Code Enforcement  
Charles Rinere, Fire Marshal  
Patricia Stephens, Recreation Supervisor  
Cheryl Rouleau, Recreation  
Jeno Osze, HF Five Points Road  
Fredric Calev, 2516 Rush Mendon Road  
Nate Czerwinski  
Meg Greco  
Emma Swiader

#### I Open Forum

Fredric Calev, 2516 Rush Mendon Road, stated that he had attended the Planning Board meeting the previous week. Mr. Calev learned that Mr. Stevens's barn contains bathrooms, sinks and insecticide storage all without obtaining any permits from the town. He questioned how these activities could continue without any tickets for violations being issued. He asked how this business can be allowed continue without being issued any tickets while others had to observe the rules and regulations of the town.

#### II Minutes

##### **RESOLUTION #101**

Supervisor Udicious made a motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2006 meeting with the correction on page 2 changing JS to GIS. Councilman Doupe seconded the motion.

Roll: Councilman Knab aye  
Councilman Doupe aye  
Councilwoman Sluberski aye  
Supervisor Udicious aye carried.

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### III Approval of Abstract

#### **RESOLUTION #102**

Supervisor Udicious moved BE IT RESOLVED, that having audited all the claims against the funds listed on the abstract, I move that all claims in the amount of \$11,914.26 be allowed for vouchers #396 through #445. Councilman Knab seconded the motion.

Roll: Councilman Knab aye  
Councilman Doupe aye  
Councilwoman Sluberski aye  
Supervisor Udicious aye carried.

### IV Reports of Officers and Committees

1. Town Board - Councilwoman Sluberski reported on the Zoning Board of Appeals Workshop meeting of April 13, 2006.

She also reported on the Planning Board meeting of April 18, 2006 and the decisions made at that meeting.

2. Town Clerk Henry reported on her conference in Saratoga Springs and that of particular interest was the possibility of processing passport applications in the future.

3. Code Enforcement - Mr. Kusse stated that the work on grid #3 of the Osze property was progressing well. He also stated that there had been a near accident with a town resident digging on his property and hitting an underground power cable. He will be writing an article for the Town Newsletter addressing excavation projects.

4. Supervisor - Supervisor Udicious stated that the annual inspection of the sprinkler and fire system have been made and a small repair needed has been made.

### V Old Business

1. Hart's Field Plan - Supervisor Udicious reviewed the history of the town obtaining the approval of New York State to sell the property known as Hart's Field and an adjacent parcel given to the town. He explained that cost of yearly maintaining the property and history of vandalism in that area combined with the under utilization of the parcel has made the sale seem prudent.

#### **RESOLUTION #103**

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Supervisor Udicious moved that the Town of Rush offer the 18.72 acres of land including Hart's Field for sale. The funds obtained from the sale to be placed in the Recreation Capital Fund for the development of recreation facilities on the 9 acres adjacent to the Town Hall/Library complex. This resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

Councilman Knab seconded the motion.

Roll:	Councilman Knab	aye
	Councilman Doupe	aye
	Councilwoman Sluberski	nay
	Supervisor Udicious	aye carried.

Mrs. Stephens asked if the fields would be usable at all this year and she was told that a single day usage was possible if the applicant provided insurance but no long term contracts would not be allowed.

2. Surveillance System - Supervisor Udicious stated that he was still obtaining estimates for the installation of surveillance cameras for the exterior of the building and library to help combat vandalism. Councilwoman Sluberski provided the name and number of the company used by the school district and stated that they have been pleased with the service. Attorney Pavia reminded the board of the need for competitive bidding if the dollar value exceeds the state set limits.

3. Employee Manual - Supervisor Udicious explained that the manual was created in the late 1990's and needed to be updated and corrected in a number of areas. Supervisor Udicious in particular stated he wished to see a change in the section dealing with benefits for part time employees and that he would have a draft for the board's review soon. Director of Finance Reynolds can give specific information on the cost of the health care based on the policies outlined in the manual. The Board was asked to review the proposed changes already given to them and asked if there were any others the board wished to see. A discussion of the changes will be held next month.

#### VI New Business

1. Tax Collectors Seminar - Town Clerk Henry asked for the Board's approval her attendance at the New York State Tax Collector and Receivers Association conference in June. The cost of this conference is included in her budget.

#### **RESOLUTION #104**

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Councilman Knab moved that the Town Clerk be authorized to attend the NYS Tax Collectors and Receivers Conference June 11 through 13<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Doupe seconded the motion.

Roll: Councilman Knab aye  
Councilman Doupe aye  
Councilwoman Sluberski aye  
Supervisor Udicious aye carried.

2. Recreation Programs - There was a discussion with the Recreation Supervisor of the board's concern over the cost of the programs offered and their cost to the town. Supervisor Udicious stressed the need to have the programs be self supporting and the need to bring their overall costs down.

Councilwoman Sluberski obtained information on the costs of three other area programs that offered services for after school programs with a cost per hour of \$3.00 or more. The current Rush After-school Program is charging only \$1.75 per hour with the Henrietta children in the program not paying an additional fee. She suggested a price increase and perhaps a monthly payment structure to make the increase cost more manageable.

The summer program, for which there is no charge because of the Monroe County Youth Bureau subsidy, also needs to be reviewed in terms of costs.

Mrs. Stephens expressed her concern that since she will be losing 16 of the participants at the end of this year that if the cost is too high she will not have the needed enrollment for the next year. Mrs. Stephens was asked to provide a budget analysis of her program for the board to review along with Councilwoman Sluberski's recommendations.

Mrs. Stephens also raised the question of garbage cans and it was determined that a carry in carry out policy was the most appropriate. The question of posting playground use regulations was discussed and Attorney Pavia will review and make a recommendation to the board.

The Rush Seniors' request to not pay the Fire District the \$500.00 for the building use this year has been referred to the seniors' president to direct to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

3. Bridge Replacement on Route 15 - Supervisor Udicious reported that he had received notice from the NYS DOT that

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the Route 15 bridge over the linear park will be replaced starting in the fall of 2006 and to be completed by early summer 2007.

Executive Session

Councilman Knab made a motion that the Board move into Executive Session for a discussion of pending litigation. Councilman Doupe seconded the motion and the board was all in agreement.

Time: 7:55 p.m.

The board returned to regular session and adjourned with the consent of all the board.

Time: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda G. Henry, Town Clerk