

TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Supervisor McDonough at the Rosendale Community Center with the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor McDonough asked those present to remain standing for a moment of silence in remembrance of Burt Johnson a long time dog warden and volunteer with the Town of Rosendale who died recently.

PRESENT: Councilman Kenneth Cluen
Councilwoman Manna Jo Greene
Supervisor Patrick McDonough

EXCUSED: Councilman Robert Gallagher
Councilman Richard Minissali

ALSO PRESENT: Fred Greitzer, Planning Board; Ken Hassett, Deputy Fire Marshall;
Ken Oldehoff, Economic Development; no public.

PETITIONS: No petitions were presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments presented.

COMMUNITY EVENTS: Listed at the end of agenda as Dates to Remember.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS: A motion was made by Councilwoman Greene to accept the November minutes as presented; seconded by Councilman Cluen. Roll Vote: 3 Yeses, 2 Excused.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Cluen reported that all is fine at the Transfer Station. The Youth Dept. is trying to adjust to budget cuts for 2009; he also reported that Kathy Wade will be staying on as Youth Director. Kathy had taken the tests and interviewed for a Correction Officer position but has decided to remain with the Town. Supervisor McDonough stated that he believes the Youth Dept. will be okay as far as budget is concerned; Kathy has always come through. Councilman Cluen also reported that the Environmental Commission is planning for their annual "Earth Fest" for the day prior to Mother's Day and it will be called "Mother Earth Fest".

Councilwoman Greene reported that the Planning Board has been reviewing subdivisions; they also have been discussing the AT&T tower in Maple Hill.

Councilwoman Greene noted that the tower is out of compliance with Code and also with the FCC because navigational lights are out on the tower. AT&T is seeking to renovate the tower but must become compliant before they can proceed with any application.

Councilwoman Greene also stated that the tanker truck at a Route 32 commercial property is not compliant with Code; it is against Code to such an expanse of impervious surface; Ulster County Planning Board has never reviewed the project; a second curb cut was made but not authorized. It was stated that Tom Fiore, Building Inspector, issued a permit for work which should have been only a driveway. Supervisor McDonough stated

that he did not believe that Tom Fiore would issue a permit to pave the entire lot; this was probably a presumption on the part of the owner; an attorney for the Town is looking into the matter.

Councilwoman Greene also reported that the ZRC Committee is making progress; they have started to interview consultants; it's going to be a hard decision because they received so many (10) exceptionally qualified proposals; they hope by a week from Thursday to have a recommendation to bring to the Town Board. The Committee negotiating the Police contract is still meeting; eight (8) grievances were filed in on the same day which is hindering the negotiations. Supervisor McDonough has made recommendations to Chief DiBattista to maintain adequate night coverage; Ken Hassett asked about the Police budget; Supervisor McDonough said that when you total "personnel services", "contractual expenses", and then factor in health benefits and insurance which are lumped together for all Town employees, the figure is close to \$600,000. Comment was made that the tax payers need to know that some people may be using the union for personal gain; it seems like retaliation. Supervisor McDonough said that when the contract negotiations started, the grievances started. The question was asked, "are we getting the bang for our buck"; Councilwoman Greene said that if the Officers know the community, they should know that we are "maxed out".

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence on file.

SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT: Supervisor McDonough read the end balances for November 2008; the reports are on file with the Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION 12-2008-#3. A motion was made by Supervisor McDonough to adopt the resolution authorizing a travel allowance of \$180.00 each for those attending the Association of Towns Annual Conference and Schools in NY City, February 15-18, 2009; seconded by Councilwoman Greene. Roll Vote:

Councilman Cluen	Yes
Councilman Gallagher	Excused
Councilwoman Greene	Yes
Councilman Minissali	Excused
Supervisor McDonough	Yes

RESOLUTION 12-2008-#4. A motion was made by Supervisor McDonough to adopt the resolution authorizing bus transportation to the Association of Towns Annual Conference and Schools in NY City, February 15-18, 2009; seconded by Councilman Cluen. Roll Vote:

Councilman Cluen	Yes
Councilman Gallagher	Excused
Councilwoman Greene	Yes
Councilman Minissali	Excused
Supervisor McDonough	Yes

RESOLUTION 12-2008-#5. A motion was made by Supervisor McDonough to adopt the resolution to appoint the Official Delegates to the NYS Association of Towns; seconded by Councilman Cluen. Roll Vote:

Councilman Cluen	Yes
Councilman Gallagher	Excused
Councilwoman Greene	Yes
Councilman Minissali	Excused
Supervisor McDonough	Yes

RESOLUTION 12-2008-#6. A motion was made by Supervisor McDonough to adopt the resolution setting the fee schedule for the Recreation Center and Facilities; seconded by Councilman Cluen.

A discussion took place regarding the fee schedule; in particular holding wedding and the accompanying fees were discussed at length. After much discussion back and forth it was felt that the wedding issue should be removed and revisited by the Recreation Commission and that the other fees should be allowed to be implemented.

A motion was made by Supervisor McDonough to amend the fee schedule to remove all provisions for weddings at this time and refer them back to the Recreation Commission for further study; seconded by Councilman Cluen. Roll Vote: 3 Yeses, 2 Excused.

Roll Vote on the resolution:

Councilman Cluen	Yes
Councilman Gallagher	Excused
Councilwoman Greene	Yes
Councilman Minissali	Excused
Supervisor McDonough	Yes

RESOLUTION 12-2008-#7. Budgetary Transfers. A motion was made by Supervisor McDonough to adopt the resolution authorizing the following budgetary transfers:

GENERAL FUND – Transfer the sum of:

1. \$1,624.27 from Independent Aud. CE (A1320.4) to Tax Coll. PS (A1330.1)
2. \$4,300.00 from Police Eq. (A3120.2) to Police PS (A3120.1)
3. \$12,000.00 from Supervisor PS (A1220.1) to Police PS (A3120.1)
4. 12,000.00 from Recreation PS (A7140.1) to Police CE (A3120.4)
5. \$4,600.00 from Recreation PS (A7140.1) to Dog Control CE (A3510.4)
6. \$350.00 from Recreation PS (A7140.1) to Supt. Highways CE (A5010.4)
7. \$1,600.00 from ZBA PS (A8010.1) to Planning PS (A8020.1)
8. \$5,000.00 from Elections CE (A1450.4) to Planning CE (A8020.4)
9. \$2,000.00 from Schools of Inst. CE (3660.4) to Planning CE (A8020.4)
10. \$5,000.00 from Recreation CE (A7140.4) to Planning CE (A8020.4)
11. \$5,000.00 from Youth Summer Camp CE (A7320.4) to Planning CE (A8020.4)
12. \$8,000.00 Landfill CE(8710.4) to Planning CE (A8020.4)
13. \$15,000.00 from Medical Contractual (A9060.8) to Planning CE (A8020.4)

HIGHWAY FUND –Transfer the sum of:

1. \$\$10,000.00 from Maint. PS (DA5111.1) to General Repairs CE (DA5110.4)
2. \$\$1,000.00 from Maint. Eq. (DA5111.2) to Maint. CE (DA5111.4)
3. \$7,300.00 Snow Removal PS (DA5142.1) to Machinery PS (DA5130.1)

4. \$5,000.00 Unemployment (DA9055.8) to Services to Others (DA5148.5)
 SEWER FUND – Transfer the sum of:
 1. \$2,500.00 from Administration PS (SS8110.1) to Treatment CE (SS8130.4)
 WATER FUND – Transfer the sum of:
 1. \$7,500.00 from Transm./Distr. Eq. (SW8340.2) to Source of Supply (PS (SW8320.1)
 2. \$2,000.00 from Purification Eq. (SW8330.2) to Source of Supply CE (SW8320.4)

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Greene. Roll Vote:

Councilman Cluen	Yes
Councilman Gallagher	Excused
Councilwoman Greene	Yes
Councilman Minissali	Excused
Supervisor McDonough	Yes

DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. Thurs., Dec. 11 – Joint Town Board Mtg. with Marbletown for High Falls Water Dist. Rates
2. Thurs., Dec. 25 & Fri., Dec. 26 – TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
3. Thurs., Jan. 1 & Fri., Jan 2 – TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
4. Wed., Jan. 7 – Town Board Workshop & Organizational Meeting, 7:30 pm at Rec. Center
5. Wed., Jan. 14 – Town Board Meeting, 7:30 pm at Rec. Center.
6. Mon., Jan. 19 – Town Board Annual Audit Meeting, 7:00 pm at Town Hall

AUDIT OF BILLS:

GENERAL FUND VOUCHER'S # 1190-1218	TOTALING	\$14,215.07
HIGHWAY FUND	" # 283-290	" \$ 2,425.70
SEWER FUND	" # 195-202	" \$ 3,707.47
WATER FUND	" # 188-196	" \$ 3,083.82
SHAWNGUNK PART	" # 5	" \$ 136.52

A motion was made by Councilwoman Greene to pay the bills; seconded by Councilman Cluen. Roll Vote: 3 Yeses, 2 Excused.

A motion was made by Councilman Cluen to adjourn at 8:55 pm; seconded by Councilwoman Greene Roll Vote: 3 Yeses, 2 Excused.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan S. Jordan
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 Town Clerk