

TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
MARCH 2, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor McDonough at 7:36 pm at the Rosendale Community Center with the Pledge to the Flag.

PRESENT: Councilman Robert Gallagher
Councilwoman Manna Jo Greene (arrived 7:38 pm)
Councilman Kenneth Hassett
Supervisor Patrick McDonough

ABSENT: Councilman Richard Minissali

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Metzger, Deputy Supervisor; Billy Liggan,
Planning Chair; Perry Soule, Police Chief

PUBLIC INPUT: Edward Williams requested that the Town Board meeting agenda be available earlier; he stated that four hours prior to the meeting is not acceptable. He stated that he was at Town Hall twice this afternoon; on his second visit (3pm) a draft copy was made available; he just noticed that another item was added since he received the draft; he contends this does not give people enough time to consider the subject matter being presented. Billy Liggan reminded everyone that the Rosendale Farmer's Market will take place this Sunday, March 6th at the Rosendale Community Center.

RESIGNATIONS: Supervisor McDonough announced we have several resignations being tendered; perhaps we should vote on them separately. The resignations are: Betsy Tuel from the ZRC; Heidi Jewett as Recreation Director; Diane Bedell from the Recreation Commission. A motion was made by Councilman Hassett to accept the resignation of Betsy Tuel from the Zoning Review Commission with regret; seconded by Councilwoman Greene also with regret; Betsy was a very valuable presence. Roll Vote: 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

A motion was made by Supervisor McDonough to accept the resignation of Heidi Jewett as Recreation Director with regret; seconded by Councilwoman Greene also with regret. Councilman Hassett also expressed his regrets; it was time for a professional approach to be applied to the position after many years of dedicated guidance by a volunteer commission; Supervisor McDonough echoed the sentiments. Roll Vote: 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

A motion was made by Councilman Hassett to table accepting the resignation of Diane Bedell until next week; as liaison to the Recreation Commission he was not aware to her decision to resign and would like the opportunity to speak with her and also delay the appointment of Ezra Waltermaurer to the Recreation Commission until next week; seconded by Supervisor McDonough. Roll Vote: 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Councilwoman Greene to appoint Ron Parenti as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals upon recommendation by the ZBA members; seconded by Supervisor McDonough. Roll Vote: 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

1). DISCUSSION: Police Recruit Appointment. Supervisor McDonough stated that Chief Soule has requested the Town to again sponsor an area recruit (Woodstock) to fulfill requirements for the Police Academy. A brief discussion followed.

A motion was presented by Supervisor McDonough to hire Travis Wilber for one hundred sixty (160) hours at minimum wage; seconded by Councilman Hassett. Roll Vote: 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

2). DISCUSSION: Barton & Loguidice Application Requirement Changes. Supervisor McDonough stated that the additional charges stem from requirements that were added by USDA to the application process after we signed contracts with Barton & Loguidice; he added however that he was able to get them to reduce the charges from \$4,000 down to \$3,700 with the Town providing of the required information. It was restated that this is a revolving application process so we are not tied to a definitive application deadline, but we should move as quickly as possible; other sources of funding have been explored but the USDA is our best shot. Councilman Hassett reminded the Board that \$28,500 has already been advanced to the Sewer District from the General Fund and at some point payback will have to be made; he hopes this infusion will do the trick; "this is a problem that won't go away".

3). RESOLUTION 03-2011-#1 Authorizing Agreement for Additional Wastewater Facility Improvements.

A motion was made by Supervisor McDonough to authorize the Supervisor to enter into agreement with Barton & Loguidice for additional work required by USDA for application subsequent to the original agreement; the additional fees being \$3,700.00; seconded by Councilman Gallagher. Roll Vote:

Councilman Gallagher	Yes
Councilwoman Greene	Abstained
Councilman Hassett	Yes
Councilman Minissali	Absent
Supervisor McDonough	Yes

4). Agreement for Telephone Services. A resolution will be presented next week for a one year maintenance and service contract, March 1, 2011 to March 1, 2012, for the Assessor's Office, 371 Main Street, for the sum of \$400.00.

5). Agreement for SEQRA Compliance and Additional Services. A resolution will be presented next week for additional services regarding the upcoming SEQRA review process for proposed zoning amendment by Behan Planning and Design on an hourly services basis set forth in a contract.

6). Lease for Office Space at 371 Main Street for Assessors and Building Office and Planning Board, two offices, at \$700.00 per unit per month from Bill and Cathy Brooks. A resolution will be presented next week.

7). Schedule a Public Hearing to Consider Acquisition of Joppenburgh Property. Material was provided to Board members to review; a resolution to set a public hearing will be presented next week.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. Wed, Mar 9, 7:30 pm – Town Board Meeting, Rec. Center
2. Wed, Mar 16, 7:00 pm – Rosendale Chamber of commerce Business Roundtable, Rec Center
3. Wed, April 6, 7:30 pm – Town Board Workshop Meeting, Rec. Center
4. Sat, April 16, 8am to 2pm by appointment – Household Hazardous Waste Collection, UCRRA Flatbush Rd, Kingston

AUDIT OF BILLS: