

RUSH TOWN BOARD MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 15, 2017

A special meeting of the Rush Town Board, County of Monroe, was called to order by Town Supervisor Cathleen Frank at 7:00 PM on June 15, 2017, at the Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York. Everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Daniel Woolaver	-----	Councilperson
Rita McCarthy	-----	Deputy Town Supervisor
Gerald Kusse	-----	Councilperson
Cathleen Frank	-----	Supervisor
Pamela Bucci	-----	Town Clerk
John Mancuso, Esq.	-----	Attorneys for the Town
Todd Ewell of CHA	-----	Engineer for the Town

EXCUSED: Jillian Coffey ----- Councilperson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Pat Kraus	-----	Resident
Cecil Palmer	-----	Resident
Phil Daggar	-----	Resident

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Frank opened the floor inviting anyone wishing to address the Town Board to come forward. All those wishing to speak to the Town Board were asked, if able, to stand at the podium and to state their name and address for record keeping purposes.

Resident Pat Kraus and member of the Conservation Board asked why an additional meeting was warranted the day after a scheduled Town Board meeting.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Application and Intermunicipal Agreement for Clean Water Initiative Grant with the Town of Henrietta - Attorney John Mancuso explained that the Towns of Henrietta and Rush are desirous in submitting a grant to the State of New York Department of Health Environmental Facilities Corporation to connect two dead end water mains spanning about one mile between Henrietta, north of Telephone Road, and Rush, south of Martin Road, in order to connect services to properties along East River Road. The timing in getting all the documentation submitted to New York State on June 23 no later than 5 PM requires additional meetings. The grant is a joint submittal that will have both towns entering into an Intermunicipal agreement. An environmental and substantive document review is required. The grant is under the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act. Rush will be the lead agency, having more

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to cover. The two towns must enter into an intramunicipal agreement denoting who is responsible for what items. Before it can be considered, SEQRA must be completed. The SEQRA form has been circulated to all involved agencies, MCDOT, Town of Henrietta, MCDOT, MCWA Monroe County Farmland Protection Board, NYSDOH, NYS Ag & Markets, NYSDEC, and NYS Historic Preservation Office. Consultation has occurred between both town attorney and engineering offices. Rush is awaiting feedback from MCDOT, Town of Henrietta, Monroe County Farmland Protection Board and the Historic Preservation. An action cannot be taken on the significance of the SEQRA but the Board can go through the Part I and II of the Full Environmental Assessment Form preliminarily. Questions can be revisited at a later date.

All sections of Part I (Project and Settings) and Part II (Identification of Potential Project Impacts) of the SEQRA form were reviewed and discussed thoroughly with definitions reviewed when requested. For accuracy, many of the items in the SEQRA are automatically placed in answers from the NYSDEC Mapper database. Areas adjacent to the site in the Phase I assessments were already done with connection with a Henrietta subdivision and SHIPO (State Historic Preservation Office) has already been involved.

Engineer Ewell had a different calculation that would be reviewed with Engineer Cornwall.

Councilperson Kusse asked about the placement of the main due to the depth of the ditches. Supervisor stated that the main will be placed further to the west because of the depth of the ditch.

Attorney Mancuso stated that once the Town becomes the lead agency, a determination can be made. The engineer prepared application can then be approved.

Scheduling additional special meetings were discussed to include a meeting on June 20th at 7 PM and tentatively June 22 at noon to the extent that it is needed. Once Rush is determined to be the lead agency, Part III can be completed in order to determine a negative or positive declaration. The Intermunicipal Agreement and Grant application can then be completed.

Town Clerk Bucci will publish the meetings to the extent practicable.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Frank opened the floor for comments to the Town Board.

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Resident Pat Kraus again questioned why this town business was not conducted at the previous evening's town board meeting and is concerned about the public's awareness of town business.

Supervisor Frank stated that given the environmental significance, separating the reviews were essential to cast out confusion and provide ample time for careful review before the grant deadline.

Resident Cecil Palmer praised the Town Board for joining the Town of Henrietta for a water main connection grant.

Resident Phil Daggart is in favor of submitting a grant for the water main connection and providing water to those residents currently on wells.

Resident Kraus was concerned about the depositing of 1/3 of the soil that would be removed in installing a water main.

Supervisor Frank stated that it is up to the contractor and will be determined at a later date.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Frank moved, having no further town business to conduct, adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM. The meeting was adjourned by common consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Bucci
Town Clerk