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The Town Board Meeting was held on February 7, 2008 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Chipman	Councilwoman Archer	Councilman Cilenti
Councilwoman Michailescu	Councilman Spano	Town Clerk Sommer
Attorney Christiana		

Supervisor Chipman opened the meeting and Councilwoman Michailescu led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Chipman asked for a moment of silence for Patti Kershaw, wife of Wayne Kershaw, our Transfer Station Attendant.

PRESENTATIONS:

Rondout Valley Central School Representative, Mike Redmond gave a presentation regarding the upcoming building expansion vote on March 11, 2008.

Town of Rochester Justice Babcock gave a presentation on the needs of the Court, eg: security, size, lighting, etc.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Resident, Mike Miszko presented a proposal to the Board to enact a local law to increase the Veteran's Exemptions.

Resident, Michael Baden said he can help the Board with the background checks and procedures with a time line.

A Resident suggested grants available for the Courthouse.

A Resident said our Town was turned down from Cabela's since we are in a red line district, meaning we're losing our value due to businesses leaving the area. We need jobs and industry he said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

January 3, 2008	Organizational Meeting
January 3, 2008	Town Board Meeting
January 24, 2008	Special Town Board Meeting re: Assessor's position
January 24, 2008	Interviews & Audit/Workshop Meeting

Seconded by: Councilwoman Michailescu Unanimously approved

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Filed with the Town Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE: Filed with the Supervisor.

LEGAL MATTERS: Attorney Christiana reported that the case of Singh against the Town has been withdrawn.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Supervisor Chipman and the Councilpersons shared the highlights of the meetings they attended as liaisons and committee members.

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NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS:

DISSOLUTION OF COMMITTEES:  
Resolution #35-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti that the following Standing Committees be dissolved:

Zone Code Task Force  
Building Development Committee  
Rural Character Committee  
Planning & Zoning Committee  
Economic Development Commission  
Telecommunications Advisory Committee  
Property Tax Committee

Seconded by: Councilwoman Michailescu

Discussion: Councilman Spano & Councilwoman Archer expressed their feelings against the dissolution of these committees, especially the Zone Code Task Force. Councilman Cilenti expressed his views as to why the changes should go forth.

Motion carried 3-2  
Archer - nay  
Spano - nay

CODE TASK FORCE COMMITTEE:

Resolution #36 - 2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Spano that the Code Task Force Committee not be dissolved as he feels it is a disservice to the Town.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Archer  
Councilwoman Archer        nay  
Councilman Cilenti         aye  
Councilwoman Michailescu aye  
Councilman Spano            nay  
Supervisor Chipman        aye  
Motion not carried         3-2

VETERANS EXEMPTION DISCUSSION:

Attorney Christiana said work has to be done on the proposed local law before a public hearing can be scheduled.

FIRE SAFETY & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE:

Resolution #37-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti that the fee for all fire safety and property maintenance inspections are \$50.00, effective immediately.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano        Unanimously approved

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Archer to enter into executive session at 8:10pm to discuss pending board vacancies.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano        Unanimously approved

RECONVENED:

A Motion was made by Councilman Spano to reconvene the meeting at 8:50pm with the Supervisor reporting no action was taken nor monies expended.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Michailescu    Unanimously approved

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Resolution #38-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Spano to appoint William Collier and Jeanne Greene to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Seconded by: Councilman Cilenti Unanimously approved

RESOLUTION #39-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Spano to appoint Alice Cross, Chairperson and Jeanne Greene, Vice Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Seconded by: Councilman Cilenti Unanimously approved

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

RESOLUTION #40-2008

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Michailescu to appoint Lillian Green to the ECC.

Seconded by: Councilman Cilenti Unanimously approved

RESOLUTION #41-2008

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Archer to appoint Laura Finestone to the ECC.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano  
Councilwoman Archer aye  
Councilman Cilenti nay  
Councilwoman Michailescu nay  
Councilman Spano aye  
Supervisor Chipman nay  
Motion not carried 3-2

RESOLUTION #42-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti to appoint Wendy Monk to the ECC.  
Seconded by: Councilman Spano Motion carried 4-0 Michailescu -  
abstained

RESOLUTION #43-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti that Michael Callen be Chairman and Kristin Marcel, Vice Chair of the ECC.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Archer Unanimously approved

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

RESOLUTION #44-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti to appoint Brian Drabkin to the ZBA.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Michailescu

Councilwoman Archer	nay
Councilman Cilenti	aye
Councilwoman Michailescu	aye
Councilman Spano	nay
Supervisor Chipman	aye
Motion carried	3-2

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RESOLUTION #45-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti to appoint Brian Drabkin Chair and Beatrice Haugen DePuy Vice Chair to the ZBA.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Michailescu

Councilwoman Archer	nay
Councilman Cilenti	aye
Councilwoman Michailescu	aye
Councilman Spano	nay
Supervisor Chipman	aye
Motion carried	3-2

PLANNING BOARD:

RESOLUTION #46-2008

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Archer to appoint Michael Baden to the Planning Board.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano

Councilwoman Archer	aye
Councilman Cilenti	nay
Councilwoman Michailescu	nay
Councilman Spano	aye
Supervisor Chipman	nay
Motion not carried	3-2



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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ZONING CODE & MAP TASK FORCE:

RESOLUTION #50-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti that each Councilperson submit the names of two persons of their choice to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Zoning Code & Map Task Force.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Michalescu Unanimously approved

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & EVENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #51-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti to establish a committee of volunteers to work on the Memorial Day Parade and other events.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Michalescu Unanimously approved

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT COMMITTEE:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Michalescu to develop a committee to bring business to our area.

Seconded by: Councilman Cilenti

Discussion: Councilman Cilenti feels we would be duplicating the charge of the Chamber of Commerce. We should support them, not duplicate. Councilwoman Archer feels we need parameters before we pursue this.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Michalescu to rescind the previous motion until such time a charge is written and presented by the Supervisor.

Seconded by: Councilman Cilenti Unanimously approved

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Supervisor Chipman explained he wants a committee to help explain the budget, etc. Tabled.

ETHICS COMMITTEE:

Supervisor Chipman requested that Attorney Christiana write an amendment increasing the Ethics Board from 3 to 5 members.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR VOLUNTEER:

RESOLUTION #52-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti that the Board advertise for a volunteer Emergency Management Director and further authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise same.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano Unanimously approved

ATTENDANCE RECORDS SUBMITTED:

RESOLUTION #53-2008

A Motion was made by Supervisor Chipman that all Boards and Commissions be required to submit attendance records on a yearly basis to the Town Board.

Seconded by: Councilman Cilenti Unanimously approved

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

A Resident volunteered to help with the Memorial Day Parade, and stated that the Chamber of Commerce supports the Town of Rochester businesses, we didn't receive much support from the former Board. It was suggested a liaison would be very helpful for the Chamber and the Board.

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A Resident said the time line for the proposed local law is 3/1/08 and suggested the Town amend according to the State Law for the Veterans exemptions.

It was suggested by a resident that the Veterans Park needs to be expedited, cut through the red tape and get it done.

A Resident feels we should build upon our own local and business economy. The Board was commended for keeping up the website by providing information to local business owners. We need community development and the Board was commended for finding committees, find the best and not stack.

A Resident was disappointed in the liaison report re: the Fire Company.

It was suggested that Jerry Davis and especially Brenda Striano of the Code Enforcement Office be included in the Code committee since they were very valuable members of the former committee.

Supervisor Chipman said they are working as quickly as possible to find a new planner for the Town since Chazen withdrew their services.

Another resident volunteered for the Parade Committee and offered to teach parents and residents about gang awareness.

A Resident encouraged the new committee members to help community development and suggested streamlining ideas to the Board.

Another resident said gangs are already in our Town and we need to know how to protect our families.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion was made by Councilman Spano to enter into executive session at 9:50pm regarding the Assessor's position.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Michalescu Unanimously approved

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti to reconvene the meeting at 10:24pm with the Supervisor reporting no action was taken nor monies expended.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano Unanimously approved

ASSESSOR MATTERS:

RESOLUTION #54-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti that the Assessor Aide's probation be extended 6 months.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Archer Motion carried 4-0 Michalescu - abstained

RESOLUTION #55-2008

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Archer that the Board advertise for Sole Assessor as per the guidelines of ORPS, and further authorize the Town Clerk to advertise same.

Seconded by: Councilman Cilenti Unanimously approved

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ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti to adjourn the meeting at 10:27pm.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica I. Sommer  
Town Clerk/RMC