The Town Board Meeting was held on January 3, 2008 at 7:52pm, immediately following the Organizational Meeting.

PRESENT:

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

PLEDGE:

Councilman Cilenti lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

A Rock Hill Road resident was concerned about the ice on that road.

A Kerhonkson resident explained to those present that Cabelas' is looking for a 23 acre track of land in the Northeast to establish a new location. He will keep us posted.

The Board was congratulated and admired for their friendly tone.

An Accord resident, questioned the sand situation.

A resident questioned the $7.00 per hour for election reps.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

December 10, 2007 Cont. Public hearing LL #4 & 5
December 10, 2007 Town Board Meeting
December 19, 2007 Audit/Workshop Meeting

Seconded by: Councilman Cilenti Unanimously approved

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Filed with the Town Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Letter from Arthur Snyder, UC Emergency Management

Letter from State of NY Dept. Ag & Mkts., re: Development rights on Domino Farms
Letter from Arthur Snyder, re: UC Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
Letter from Sprague & Killeen re: Ins. Renewal for Selective Ins. Group. Premium is $47,811.16 - coverage has increased, however, is $600 less.

Letter from William Farrell, District Chief Accord Fire Dept., re: large grove of Pine trees on Towpath Road.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE: No report at this time.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Spano discussed the labeling of all Town Trucks.

RESOLUTIONS:

Vehicle Identification:

Resolution # -2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Spano that all Town owned vehicles be labeled with the Town Seal for proper identification purposes. Councilman Spano rescinded his motion until discussion at the audit/workshop meeting.

BOARDS & COMMISSION VACANCIES & PROCEDURES:

Resolution #26-2007

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti that the Town Board set forth procedures for appointments to boards and commissions and shall amend such Section 2(C) Review Process to read as follows:

The Town Board shall review all applications and letters of intent in executive session. After such review, the Town Board may select candidates for interviews. Interviews of selected candidates shall be held at open meeting, unless a candidate requests that his or her interview be conducted in executive session.

If interviews are conducted, the Town Board may again discuss the applications in Executive Session. The vote to select any candidate shall, however, be taken at a public meeting of the Town Board. The Town Board may decide not to appoint or reappoint any of the candidates and instead direct the Town Clerk to re-advertise for applications or letters of intent, setting forth a deadline for same. The Town Board may, in it discretion, retain prior letters for reconsideration at later dates for subsequent vacancies.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano Unanimously approved

ADVERTISE FOR INTERVIEWS:

Resolution #27-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti that the Town Board authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for vacancies on the following Boards and Commissions. ECC 3 members, 1 adult and 2 youths; Historic Preservation Commission, 2 members, Planning Board, 1 member, Youth Commission, up to 4 members 14 years of and older, ZBA, 1 member. Letters of intent to be received by 1/22/08, interviews will be held on 1/30/08.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano Unanimously approved

HAZARD MITIGATION

Resolution #28-2008

All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

A Resolution was made by Councilman Cilenti that the Town of Rochester is participating in development of the Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. By this resolution the Township has committed to participating in development of a county-wide, multi-jurisdictional natural hazard mitigation plan. Our entity has authorized the following two individuals: Carl Chipman and Wayne F. Kelder ("Representative and "Alternate", respectively) to have direct access to the All Natural Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee and to advise and on municipal concerns.

We understand that our entity will be required to name its own local hazard mitigation planning committee ("Jurisdictional Assessment Team") if it has not already done so. The Local Emergency Planning Committee may be able to serve in this capacity.

At the end of the project, it is understood that our entity will need to pass a resolution formally adopting the final plan if they are in agreement with said plan and wish to apply for future funding for mitigation projects. This resolution will be provided immediately to UCECEM for submittal to FEMA, who requires the resolution on file.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano Unanimously approved

SAND FOR RESIDENTS:

Resolution #29-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti that the Town Board authorize the Highway Superintendent to have sand available for residents, (one or two buckets). Supervisor Chipman and Highway Superintendent Kelder to finalize the procedure with the Highway Department.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano
After lengthy discussion a vote was taken

Unanimously approved

ADVERTISE FOR SOLE ASSESSOR:

Resolution #30-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Spano that the Town Board advertise for resumes for the position of Sole Assessor for the Town. Resumes to be sent to the Supervisor on or before 1/22/08, interviews will be held on 1/30/08, and further authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise same.

Seconded by: Councilman Cilenti   Unanimously approved

RESOLUTION RESCINDED:

RESOLUTION #31-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti that the motion made on 12/10/07 stating that the Assessor present a report to the Town Board within 90 days be rescinded since that Assessor has since resigned his position with the Town.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano   Unanimously approved

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Spano said that $12,000 was in the 2008 budget so that the Town Board could hire a special prosecutor for the Town Court. This will be discussed at the Audit/Workshop meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

A resident suggested more than one time and place be offered for prospective members to boards and commissions and when selections are made, all applicants notified as to their success or not.

Supervisor Chipman said nothing will be perfect as far as scheduling goes.

There was also lengthy discussion regarding the By-laws of the Youth Commission. Councilwoman Michailescu will work with the Youth Director to find a solution.

A resident shed some light on the Youth Commission, he said t was never officially created and therefore the by-laws amended in March, 2007.

The new Board was welcomed and asked to follow up with the website and advertisements.

A resident suggested a stencil be used for the town owned trucks.

A resident said have faith in your employees, you can't legislate good manners and good sense. The Board should defer to those individuals in matters that concern them.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Archer Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica I. Sommer
Town Clerk/RMC