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The Town Board Meeting was held on March 6, 2008 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Chipman	Councilwoman Archer	Councilman Cilenti
Councilwoman Michailescu	Councilman Spano	Attorney Christiana
Deputy Clerk Sergio		

Supervisor Chipman opened the meeting and Councilman Spano led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Carol Dennin, Youth Director & Community Director gave recommendations regarding background checks.

A resident asked that the Rondout Valley Girls Basketball team be congratulated for reaching Section Finals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Michailescu to approve the following minutes as submitted:

February 7, 2008	Town Board Meeting
February 21, 2008	Special Meeting w/Acting Assessor
February 27, 2008	Audit/Workshop Meeting

Seconded by: Councilwoman Archer Unanimously approved

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Filed with the Town Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE: Filed with the Supervisor.

RESIGNATION:

Supervisor Chipman read the resignation received from Nadine Carney, Planning Board Member. She was a valuable member and will be missed.

A thank you was received from the Senior Group for the Town's donation.

LEGAL MATTERS: No report.

LIAISON REPORTS:

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

CREATION OF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Resolution #56-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti that the Town Board of the Town of Rochester create the Commercial Development & Support Committee. This Committee is charged with the responsibility of assisting perspective businesses interested in establishing themselves within the Town of Rochester by guiding them through the regulatory interactive process with local government deemed necessary for such establishment. The Commercial Development and Support Committee is also further charged with assisting established businesses within the Town of Rochester with the interaction of the local government necessary for continued operation and expansion within the Town. The intent of the creation of this committee is not to replace the roll of the local Chamber of Commerce, but to create an intermediary between local government as well as the local Chamber of Commerce for business enterprises to support commercial development within the Town. This committee shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Town Board as prescribed as per the guidelines for selection of boards and commissions. This commission shall serve as long as deemed necessary by the Town Board. The Town Board may expand this committee at any time to add new members.

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Seconded by: Councilwoman Michailescu

Discussion: Councilwoman Archer asked if this is a directional for businesses? Supervisor Chipman said it will help developers and businesses. Councilman Spano asked if this is going to cost money for commercial businesses. He was told this would be a complimentary service for the people.

Unanimously approved

CREATION OF BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Resolution #57-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Spano that the Town Board of the Town of Rochester create the Budget Review Committee. This committee is charged with the responsibility of assisting the Town Board in making the budget reports and budget process more understandable to local taxpayers, via its recommendations to the Town Board. It is not the intent of the creation of this committee to lessen or replace the responsibility of the Budget Officer, but to advise the Town Board in its efforts to inform the tax paying public. Budget development is the responsibility of the Supervisor, who is the Budget Officer, with the budget approval, the responsibility of the Town Board. This committee shall consist of up to five (5) members, appointed by the Town Board as prescribed by the guidelines set forth per selection of members of boards and commissions. This committee shall serve as long as deemed necessary by the Town Board. The Town Board may expand this committee at any time to add new members. Seconded by: Councilwoman Michailescu

Discussion: Councilwoman Archer asked if this is being used as a communication tool to help understand budget process. She was told yes.

Unanimously approved

OLD BUSINESS:

SPECIAL PROSECUTOR APPOINTMENT:

Resolution #58-2008

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Archer that the Town Board appoint Philip Cataldi, Special Prosecutor for the Town of Rochester Town Court at the rate of \$150.00 per hour.

Seconded by: Councilman Cilenti Unanimously approved

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING/ZONING CODE & MAP TASK FORCE COMMITTEE APPTS:

Resolution #59-2008

Each Councilperson submitted two names to be considered for this committee:

Councilwoman Archer	Jeff Davis & Martha Tardibuono
Councilman Cilenti	David O'Halloran & Frank Kortright
Councilwoman Michailescu	Alonzo Grace & Gerry Fornino
Councilman Spano	Robert Rominger & Michael Baden
Supervisor Chipman	Imre Beke, Jr. & Diana Puglisi

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti that the following be the members of the Comprehensive Planning/Zoning Code & Map Task Force Committee: Jeff Davis, Martha Tardibuono, David O'Halloran, Frank Kortright, Alonzo Grace, Gerry Fornino, Robert Rominger, Michael Baden, Imre Beke, Jr. & Diana Puglisi. Also included as non voting members are the Code Enforcement Officer, CEO Secretary and DCO. The Committee to determine Chair and Vice Chair.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Michailescu Unanimously approved

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APPOINTMENTS TO YOUTH COMMISSION:

After a lengthy discussion regarding background checks, pro and con, the following was adopted.

Resolution #60-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti that background checks for volunteers be done by Criminal Watchdog, an internet service paid for by the Town.

Seconded by: Supervisor Chipman

Motion carried 4-0
Spano - nay

Resolution #61-2008

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Michailescu that the Board appoint Pamela Stocking and Toni Sindone to the Youth Commission Board.

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

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED/PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #1-2008 - VETERANS EXEMPTION: Resolution #62-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Spano that a public hearing be scheduled on April 3, 2008 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall regarding: A Local Law amending Chapter 128 of the Code of the Town of Rochester (Taxation) increasing the maximum Veteran's Exemption pursuant to Section 458-A of the Real Property Tax Law, and further authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise same.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Archer Motion carried 4-0
Cilenti - recused himself

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED/PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2-2008 - BOARD OF ETHICS:

Resolution #63-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Spano that a public hearing be scheduled on April 3, 2008 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall regarding: A Local Law re: Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Rochester Board of Ethics. This hearing will immediately follow the public hearing re: Veteran's Exemptions at 7:00pm, and further authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise same.

Seconded by: Councilman Cilenti Unanimously approved

NEW BUSINESS:

CREATION OF BUILDING & GROUNDS ASSESSMENT TASK FORCE COMMITTEE:

Resolution #64-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti to create a Building and Grounds Assessment Task Force Committee with a membership of three to five members, and further authorize the Town Clerk to advertise same.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Archer Unanimously approved

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OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY, INC. AGREEMENT W/DOMINO FARMS:

Resolution #65-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Rochester and O.S.C. Inc. for Conservation Easement on the Domino Farm as per the NYS Department of Agriculture protection program.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano Unanimously approved

CREATION OF COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE:

Resolution #66-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti that the Board create a Communication Committee with a minimum of five members, with additional members added at the will of the Board.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Archer Unanimously approved

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED:

Resolution #67-2008

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Archer that Michael Baden be appointed to fill vacancy on the Planning Board, the term to expire 12/31/2008.

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

Resolution #68-2008

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti that Leon Smith be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board, the term to expire 12/31/2011.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Michailescu

Councilwoman Archer	nay
Councilman Cilenti	aye
Councilwoman Michailescu	aye
Councilman Spano	aye
Supervisor Chipman	aye
Motion carried	4-1

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

The new Youth Commission members thanked the Board for their appointments, and questioned the Background check procedures.

Clarification was given regarding the Veteran's Exemption proposed local law.

An Accord resident thinks the Town should stick with the market value price of the scrap metal.

Also asked was that the Commercial Development Committee take in account the water resources in our Town.

A resident asked when a new Assessor will be appointed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti to enter into executive session at 9:00pm to discuss hiring of a new Assessor.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Archer Unanimously approved

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RECONVENED:

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti to reconvene the meeting at 9:20pm with the Supervisor reporting no action was taken nor monies expended.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano Unanimously approved

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Councilman Cilenti to adjourn the meeting at 9:21pm.
Seconded by: Councilman Spano Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica I. Sommer
Town Clerk/RMC