

Rush deserves Functional, Effective and Transparent town government.

Town government should work collaboratively, understand NYS Town Law, manage public money responsibly and listen to residents. The actions of our current Supervisor raise serious questions about whether Rush has that leadership.

Members of the Supervisors Political Party Are Raising Concerns Too

Concern about the Supervisor's performance is not limited to Republicans. **A Rush Democrat and former supervisor in another Monroe County town** sought the Democratic nomination for Supervisor, and ran a Democratic primary. She stated residents had been disappointed with the Supervisor's performance, citing poor communication with fellow Board members, tension and staff turnover at Town Hall, disjointed meetings and promises that had not been fulfilled.

Former Democratic Board member Jeanne Morelli endorsed the Supervisor's primary opponent, citing concerns about transparency in town finances and decisions made without Board involvement or public input.

Current Democratic Board member David McGlashon also endorsed the opponent, stating the town needed transparency and a Board that receives the information required to serve residents responsibly.

Leadership is Lacking Under Supervisor Hankins – Numerous examples follow (*) -

Pickleball Court - A community supported Grant was applied for and accepted by the previous Town Board in 2025.

Hankins Primary Opponent stated, "The pickleball court was generously paid for by the Rochester Area Foundation with a matching grant. The Town Board could have generously accepted the GRANT and met the requirements to place it. This could have already been completed. Instead, the Supervisor used it as drama and let it drag on."

The situation dragged on and the Town was in jeopardy of losing the grant funds due to non-performance. At the March 11 Meeting (*), five residents spoke in favor (none opposed) and presented a petition collected by 8 residents and signed by over 100 Rush pickleball players requesting the Board move forward immediately to meet the grant requirements.

When a Board member asked the Recreation Supervisor to address questions, **Supervisor Hankins refused to allow her to speak (*)**. When it was evident one Democratic board member was going to join two Republicans in voting to move forward, Hankins criticizes that board member stating "people of Rush don't want what you are telling us." The vote to move forward passed with the two Republicans and one Democrat **voting yes** and Hankins and Rizzo **voting No**.

A subsequent Hankins political mailing termed the pickleball support as "**political gamesmanship**" and stated "there was no urgency" and the speakers and petition, "was not random. It had been orchestrated by my opponents on and off the Board." Residents who support a community project deserve a fair hearing and timely decisions—especially when grant funding has deadlines. Why would the Supervisor want to turn down grant funding for recreational facilities?

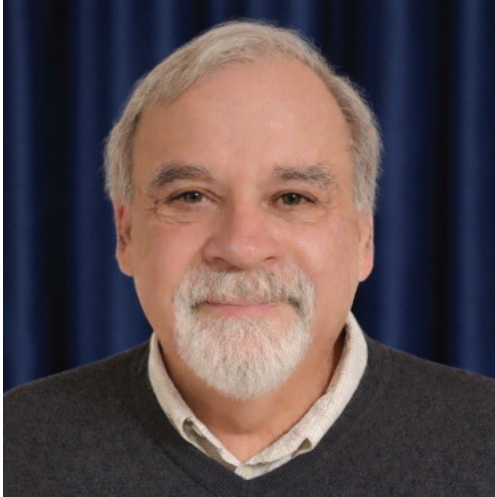
Supervisor Hankins Abruptly Walks Out - At the April 8, 2026 Town Board meeting the Deputy Supervisor had to step in to Chair the meeting when Hankins after a disagreement, abruptly picked up his papers and walked out. (*)

Deputy Supervisor Situation - At the March 11, 2026 meeting Deputy McGlashon stated he has to act in the best interest of the Town and votes with the Republicans in support of the pickleball courts, receiving strong criticism from Hankins. At the April 8, 2026 meeting the Deputy steps in to complete the Town Board meeting when Hankins walks out. At the April 22 Board meeting, Hankins announces McGlashon has been terminated as Deputy and plans to appoint another individual (*). That individual is seated with the Town Board until Hankins learns he does not have the legal authority to appoint a new Deputy. Rush currently does not have a Deputy Supervisor leaving the Town at risk.

Town Budget - The 09/24 Meeting Agenda included the Supervisor's plan to present the preliminary budget and schedule a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget. It was pointed out that NYS law has a required order and timeline for budget review and approval and that the Town must review the tentative budget, agree upon and publish a preliminary budget for Board and public review as part of scheduling the Public Budget Hearing. The Public Hearing approval was therefore delayed until October. To understand the state of our current administration, please view the October 14th meeting video (*). For 1 ½ hours, the Supervisor leads the budget discussion with constant confusion, proposals for new items to be added, admitting no knowledge of the cost, clarification provided by the Town attorney of what the Preliminary and Tentative Budget are and what NYS requirements for passage actually are. Board members ask for information in support of the budget and note items that were supposed to have been provided have not been. The Board agrees to pass a tentative budget for publication **with virtually all items "yet to be reviewed"** in order to meet State timing requirements for town budgets. **This is not how an effective budget process works.**

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Town Legal Fees - The Town Supervisor has been very concerned about exploding and over budget Town legal fees. **Did you know that in 2026 for the first time anyone can remember, the Town Supervisor changed the Towns legal contract from a retainer-based agreement to a per hour agreement in belief this would save money.** Virtually every Town operates on an attorney retainer basis, whereby they are billed a fixed amount monthly for all standard legal services. Switching to billing by the hour for every phone call, question or request of assistance increases legal fees.

At the February 11, 2026 meeting, with 2026 legal costs already significantly over budget, the Supervisor proposed a resolution stating in part, Only the Town Supervisor, shall be authorized to initiate direct contact with the Town Attorney on behalf of the Town and any Board member (or others) wishing to seek legal advice from the Town Attorney shall submit the request to the Town Supervisor for consideration ... and approval at the next meeting.

In opposition a Board member noted she had contacted the attorney when she disagreed with the Supervisor on a legal issue and questioned whether he would have approved her attorney contact. The Town attorney discussed issues where the Town Dog Control Officer or a Justice might need immediate advice that can't wait a month for Supervisor approval.

Rush faces many ongoing legal issues and Board and appropriate staff need informed legal support. Rush needs a cost-conscious approach that protects the Town rather than creating avoidable legal risk. A past Democrat Board member stated at the meeting, your attorney is your friend, **you should be looking at the contract you negotiated (*)**.

Protecting Confidentiality of Town Information - At the June 24, 2026 Board Meeting a Town Board member "raised concern regarding the confidentiality of the Town Supervisor's emails being answered by those other than Town Employees indicating a possible data breach." Most Board Members agreed "access to the Town Supervisors emails should solely be by himself or the secretary to the supervisor." A bi-partisan resolution establishing that policy passed. **BUT stunningly, Hankins and Councilperson Rizzo Voted NO.** As of the 09/17 Meeting the Supervisor had not acknowledged the policy. Would your workplace allow spouses or others to access and respond to confidential e-mails?

These issues show the need for a Town Supervisor who will work constructively with the entire Board, communicate openly, prepare carefully, understand NYS Town law, respects residents' voices, manage public funds responsibly and protect the Town's interests. **Frank Tasber is committed to those objectives.**

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(*) go to **Rushgop.org** or **Rushgop Facebook** for video excerpts from these specific meeting sections or go to Rush YouTube link on the Town website to view entire meetings.