

Postscript to comments: Docket PI2010-1 (Rector, PA post office suspended 2005), mailed 2-12-2010

P.S.--Two sets of relevant questions--

1. First I ask myself, as the local newspaper reporter asked me, what is the reason that I have continued into the fifth year to work to save our hundred year old village post office-store? Of course, I want to save the post office in memory of my husband Mario and for our son and family, friends, and the community; but more than that, I strongly feel that our U.S. Constitution Article 1, Section 8 [7], giving Congress the power to establish post offices and post roads, has been compromised when the U.S. Postal Service management has been allowed to arbitrarily close and move a post office to a neighboring town for going on five years while denying a public hearing to the community.
2. My second question is why was the post office closed by the USPS Pittsburgh district management? Some think it was for financial reasons, but the comments by our former postmaster clearly show that Rector post office was continually ahead of the revenue goals set for it and ahead of other post offices in its class in revenue goals set for it and ahead of other post offices in its class in revenue while keeping expenses below the budget—in other words a profitable business station—and the suspension took place well before the current economic downturn so should not be considered in response to August 2005 questions. USPS management never gave reasons for breaking the verbal contract with the local store owner Pat Flaherty where all the requirements for handicap access, off-highway parking, and other lease requirements which the old landlord could not meet were being met. No other facility was existent in Rector so what were the alternatives being considered? Was there some problem—something our community members had done to receive such punitive treatment from USPS? Please advise us so that we can try to make amends and save the focal point of our community—the post office and the store!

Thank you,

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