

**Regular Town Board Meeting
October 15, 2003**

Call to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Raymond Zajac

Present Roll Call: Councilman David Kaiser
Councilman S. William Ritchie
Councilman Robert Gerlach
Councilman S. William Ritchie
Supervisor Raymond Zajac

Others present: Town Clerk Terry Smith
Highway Superintendent Jim Williamson
Zoning Code Enforcement Officer Lee Hoaglan
Planning Board Chair Walter Mittermeyer
Neil Chaffee, Ovid Gazette
2 residents

Pledge of Allegiance, followed by moment of silence.

Public Hearing

- a. Adopt the Town of Romulus Budget for 2004 – no discussions
Motion: Councilman David Kaiser
Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach
- b. Accept the changes made to the Zoning Laws – Walter Mittermeyer passed out reviews. No further discussion.
Motion: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Petitioners to the Board: Keith Ashby, County Manager will be at the November 30, 2003 meeting due to a heavy schedule.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting, September 17, 2003
Motedioned by: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Communications to be Filed:

- a. Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day – attached
- b. Letter Regarding Youth Firearm Education & Range Development – attached.
Good program and would like our support. Run through this board and there is a resolution tonight for consideration.
- c. Town of Romulus Justice Court Receives Grant -- attached

Zoning Board's Report: See attached.

- a. Letter of Resignation from Cameron Hosmer -- attached

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: See attached

Will try and go through the court system with town lawyer on property on Route 96A. Supervisor Zajac offered to sit in with Mr. Hoaglan and the lawyer. Houses need to be taken care of as they are a health hazard as well as dangerous. Kids are going there and could possibly start a fire or get hurt because floors are caving in as well as front porch on one building has fallen off

Planning Board Report: See attached.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

- a. Put sealer on Blaine Road and Yarnell Road
- b. Started the ditch stabilization by Mr. Hoyt's down on Poplar Beach from Route 89 to Mr. Hoyt's is all done. Going about 500 feet up Swick Road on the south side. As soon as that is done, will move down to Elm Beach by Mr. Anderson's and do that from Route 89 down to the Lake Road.

Dog Control Officer's Report: See attached.

Assessor's Report: No report this month.

Water Commissioner's Report: Making progress at the infrastructure at the base. We did have a water break in Willard, but nothing major

Bookkeeper's Report: See attached.

Supervisor's Report: Last Monday, I met with member of the village and the fire department in Ovid to try some numbers. They are planning to go ahead and try to build this new building and fire department. They've got some preliminary architectural designs. The proposal was to raise the fire contract \$.17 per thousand which is again money in there to cover construction costs. What they are doing is what we have discussed in the last few years is kind of going up on a gradual basis till they get to that point where they can handle the bond indebtedness out of the contract. They have 60 or 80 thousand dollars in a special fund which is money that we have raised the last 3 years. Each town has raised \$10,000 extra and from the information that I can get is that they spent roughly \$50,000 on the design and the engineering plans and that type of stuff. I did plug the \$.17 into the budget so that all the numbers would come out. I didn't feel that you guys were going to have any problem with it but if you do speak up now and we will go back to Ovid. That is kind of a done deal. There are a lot of complaints about the location of the new fire hall, but there is nothing we can do about that. The figure for the new fire hall is approximately \$500,000.

The conservation areas have been deeded over to the IDA and there will be some special provisions in them and we will keep you aware of what is going on. Possibly will still end up DEC's hands. Still about 800 acres classified as dirty in there.

Indians have purchased a gas station on Route 89 in Seneca Falls, NY along with a convenience store. Obviously, people in the Land Claim area are up in arms about it. They are planning a picket on Saturday, from 10 a.m. till noon. I probably will go up there but it will be a non-violent protest just meant to be people voicing their opinions. The Indians can't believe that these people just can't accept them but they are trying to evict 21,000 people. I believe some people will be hurt from all this. This is a peaceful deal.

Clean Air Health Act – the Board of Supervisors passed a bill authorizing the county health committee to start accepting applications for waivers which is not going to be an easy job. Some of the counties are not looking at it at all. We have an obligation to at least listen to the tavern owners and at least hear if it is really affecting their businesses.

The Lake Shore Landing Road down there, I am in consultation with Jack and Jim and a committee down there. I understand that they want to leave that road private and now they are corresponding back to us that there are drainage problems that they want us to fix and cuts in the road and who is going to be responsible and this and that so to make you aware of what we are doing, we set up a schedule of what we are going to do down there which is only replace the cuts in the road that we did for the sewer connections. We decided to make the last connections that we would need before the building lots were even developed, which is 3 or 4. And that will be done before the end of November. I think those people think we are going to pave that road and we are not going to. Then they questioned that we offered to redo that road for \$60,000 and then the last quote we gave them was for \$125,000 and they said why so much. Well at that time we had secured a grant that we were going to apply toward taking over that road, but right now that grant is gone so that price of us taking that road will probably be a little bit more now. We are going to make them aware of all those things in writing and we are going to bring it to the board and have this board ratify it by resolution so that we will have something on record so if they come in a year from now and say you never did this or you never did that. It will then be in the official minutes, so what we will do is draft a letter, get it critiqued and get it to you people for your approval and then the next meeting we will send it out as a final step on that road because as far as Jim is concerned they want it to remain private and we are not going in on private land because we are not allowed to. That is where we are at right now.

The last piece I have is there is quite an uproar on the closing of the VA hospital in Canandaigua. Obviously, Shumer and Clinton are involved in it. I feel that this board should take a position on that and support them so I drafted a resolution in which the language needs to be changed a little bit. It needs to be geared to the Federal Agency that is having the public hearings on Monday and get us to fax it to them. There will be another resolve that will be sent to another person who is in charge of this hearing. Will fax this to their offices so they will have it. It is not fair to take this away from our veterans and make them drive all the way to Syracuse or Rochester.

Committee Meetings:

- a. Hernon Park – next meeting scheduled for September 22, 2003 at 6 p.m. A request has been made to the NY Troopers to please patrol the area more as well as the Seneca County Sheriff's Dept. There are small children being bullied by older children. More members are needed to be on the committee.
- b. Willard/Five Points Facility – nothing to report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Resolutions:

- #69-03 Accept Zoning Law Amendments
- Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach
- Second: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

#70-03 Authorize Zoning/Planning Members to Attend Conference
Motion: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

#71-03 Accept Resignation from Zoning Board Member
Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Second: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

#72-03 Letter of Support
Motion: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

#73-03 Verification of Payables
Motion: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

#74-03 Budget Transfers – Appropriations
Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Second: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

#75-03 Town of Romulus Opposes the Closing of the Veterans Facility
Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Second: Ralph Walborn, Jr.

#76-03 Adoption of 2004 Budget
Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Second: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Robert Gerlach	Yea
Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Yea
Councilman S. William Ritchie	Nay
Councilman David Kaiser	Yea

Town Clerk's Report: See attached

The Next board meeting will be November 19, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting:

8:25 p.m.

Motion: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach