

**Regular Town Board Meeting
December 15, 2004**

The Town Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor David Kasier.

Roll Call:	Supervisor David Kaiser	Present
	Councilman Robert Gerlach	Present
	Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Absent
	Councilwoman Judy Galipeau	Present
	Councilman S. William Ritchie	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk, Terry Smith
Water Commissioner, Jack Holley
Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson
Vice Chairman Planning Board, David Hayes
Zoning Officer, Lee Hoagland
Dog Control Officer, Aaron Covert
Ovid Gazette, Neil Chaffee
Residents 11

Pledge of Allegiance – followed by moment of silence.

Public Hearing – The public hearing was opened at 7:33 pm by Supervisor David Kaiser. Supervisor Kaiser asked Mr. Hayes and Mr Hoagland to fill us in on the details of the public hearing. Some of the verbage has been changed on the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Romulus.

Article II - Definitions page 5 “Adult use” has been changed to “Adult Entertainment”.

Article IV – Section 1. Zoning District Uses

Change the General Uses heading on page 17 from “Sexually Oriented Business” to Adult Entertainment” and list in alphabetical order.

Article II - Definitions page 11 “Road Line”

Change the listing to “Road R. O. W. and change the description to read as follows. A Strip of land over which a public road is constructed and dedicated by deed or records. A typical County or Town road is normally a three rod road (1 rod = 16 1/2’) or 49 1/2’ in width. Therefore, a measurement of 24 ¾’ from the center line of the road would provide the perimeter of the road.

Article II - Definitions page 11 “Setback”

Change the first sentence to read “The distance between the road right of way perimeter and a building or structure is measured from the right of way perimeter to the nearest point of the building, structure or use at ground level.

Article II - Definitions page 8 “Junkyard”

Change A to read – two (2) or more junk vehicles.

Article VII - Signs page 27

Insert the following sentence under section 2: General Regulations f:

“Any sign for use on a NYS Highway and/or a designated NYS Scenic By Way must comply with the standards set forth by NYS Department of transportation. The permanent use of land or buildings for the public sale of goods to the highest bidder. For the purposes of this law, such use shall not include sales of livestock, and shall not be considered a “**retail store**”.

These have been reviewed and approved by the County.

No comments.

Motioned by Councilman Robert Gerlach to close the Public Hearing

Seconded by Councilwoman Judy Galipeau

Carried Unanimously:

The Public Hearing is now closed at 7:40 PM.

Petitioners to the Board: Mr. Stanley Legawiec who lives on East Lake Road, Romulus, NY, has not received a notice of any hearing on the sewer. Finally I just came to a point where I had to close up my land so to speak. Its like the horse ran away and now I am putting up a fence. I went and put some drainage in and more stone in the drive way, so when spring comes the water won't come down. Now, I am suppose to get the sewer in and the pump which I paid for. As of yet, it is not in. All this work is done and I have paid good money again. Supervisor Kaiser explained that last year we entered into an agreement with Varick Sewer District that came thru on the East Lake Road in Varick. As it came through to the Lake Shore Landing sewer line, they passed through 8 properties in the town of Romulus and they were made part of that district. The Town of Romulus got variances and we got different legal paperwork signed by the residents and we paid by agreement with the residents, \$550.00 to hook up. This is a Town of Varick District. The Town of Varick has had major problems this summer with their contractor and they have ended up firing the contractor. Because of the weather the new contractor that they have hired told us that they cannot hook up any more people until Spring. One of the residents said that they contractor was not fired and that he finished up the job. He is now gone. The town of Varick said that they have not received payment and that they are not obligated to finish anything. When the residents ask the Town of Varick they said that the Town of Romulus is responsible and when the residents ask the town of Romulus, they are told it is the Town of Varick's responsibility. Mr. Legawiec sold his water front property because he was being billed \$5700.00 more than what he was originally told. Jack Holley said that it was his understanding that the \$550.00 was to have the lateral tap put in the main with a valve so that the homeowner could put the pump in to go to his home. Mr. Legawiec said that he heard it was a pressurize system and that it was going to cost even more. Mr. Holley said that it has always been a pressurized system. The problem will be to hook up now that the system is up and running. It would have been a lot easier to hook the pump up without the system running. Supervisor Joan Tichenor told Supervisor Kaiser that because of the lateness of the year that they would not be able to hook anyone up till spring. The town of Varick own the line. It only goes through the Town of Romulus for those residents but Town of Varick own the line. The town of Romulus bought the 8 pumps so that our residents could get a discount on their pump. Residents for the Town of Varick get billed monthly for the water bill and annually for the meter for \$109.00. The Town of Varick is billing for the annual meter fee. Supervisor Kaiser and Water Commissioner Jack Holley will be

going to the Town of Varick Board Meeting. Supervisor Kaiser will call Supervisor Tichenor if it would be ok to move the pumps to a drier place. Bill Bower from Beaujon Road to get in touch with the old supervisor's to see exactly what the agreement was between the two towns concerning the water and sewer problems. Mrs. Lester wanted to know who to contact for the county highway department regarding the speed limit and Roy Gates was the name she was given.

Approval of Minutes:

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Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Carried Unanimously

Communications to be filed:

- a. Correspondences regarding local Justice Court Fines
We will still be getting a share of that Money.
- b. Additions/Alterations at Romulus Central School
- c. Medical Payments Claim for Mrs. Ursula Copeland
- d. Resignation of Barb McCall from the Planning Board and Zoning Board
- e. School Speed Limit – Forwarded to school to work together.
- f. Thank you from Seneca County Children's Committee to Sunshine Friends
- g. Thank you to New York State Police for Neighborhood Watch Program
- h. Thank you from Alan and Tania Miller to the Sunshine Friends

Zoning Board's Report: See attached: Variances Attached.

Zoning Officer's Report: See attached. The vehicles that were in question have been moved. Other letters have been written regarding other vehicles.

Planning Board - See Attached. The wind energy presentation will be in January 2005.

Highway Superintendent: See Attached

Dog Control Officer's Report: See attached. Finally quieted down.

Water Commissioner's Report: No emergencies. We have all the markers up and the fire hydrants are all drained for the winter. There is a hole in Romulus that we are watching. Still have done nothing on the tree on Prospect Street. Waiting for the work crews to come in.

Bookkeeper Report: See attached

Supervisor's Report: The office was down a few days recently as our computer system died on us. It really handicapped us. The company that we contracted with got us up and running just barely and enough to get us by. We scrambled a lot today to get this packet together for tonight's meeting. I want to make a reference to one of the communications

pertaining to the speed zone in front of the Romulus Central School. We did follow through as to the Board's recommendation last month to send a letter to request a speed zone to the engineers at DOT and received a letter in return from him. In order to institute a study, they would have to have a request from the school and that we should try working with the school ourselves. We have forwarded a copy of all the correspondence to the school and we are waiting for their response. The ambulance Corp declined to comply with any of our contract and we have dropped down to \$25.00 per Parcel charge for ambulance services. The county budget was adopted 12/14/04 and will show a 3-1/2% tax increase from last year. I was hoping to have a per/thousand of assessed value but I don't. I would like to request our Town Planning Board to investigate ways to tighten up our property maintenance provisions in our zoning. We had a resident that had lumber approximately 1 foot off the sidewalk that had nails sticking straight up posing a hazard for any one that walked on it. Our zoning doesn't have any way of making him responsible for that. Another complaint from a resident on Swick Road that has debris falling on his property from a trailer next door. I don't know what can be done through zoning that would prohibit trash from being dispersed on your property. Per Mr. Hayes on the Planning Board, it is on their agenda for next month.

Committee Meeting:

We have books for sale for a fund raiser. No meeting for Hernon Park till April 27, 2005 at 6:00PM.

Old Business : Mr. Bowen are the Dickens Houses at a stand still ? They are just stalling. The property has been condemned. They are suppose to advertise for some long lost heirs.

New Business: There is a quote from Priority Computer for our new computers. We got ahold of them last week to come out and take care of the computers. Approval was given by 3 board members not to exceed \$4500.00.

Resolution:

Verification of Payables

Resolution #82-04

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilwoman Judy Galipeu

Carried Unanimously

Budget Transfers – Appropriations

Resolution#83-04

Motioned: Councilwoman Judy Galipeau

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

Romulus Volunteer Fire Dept. Games of Chance License

Resolution #84-04

Motioned: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Seconded: Councilwoman Judy Galipeau
Carried Unanimously

Ovid VFW Post #6200 Bingo License

Resolution #85-04

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilwoman Judy Galipeau
Carried Unanimously

Romulus Volunteer Fire Dept. Bingo License

Resolution #86-04

Motioned: Councilwoman Judy Galipeau
Seconded: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Carried Unanimously

South Seneca Sportsman Club Games of Chance License

Resolution #87-04

Councilwoman Judy Galipeau
Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

Acceptance Zoning Changes

Resolution #88-04

Motioned: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

**Authorize Supervisor To Inform Seneca Memorial Association
Of the Town of Romulus' Support**

Resolution #89-04

Motioned: Councilwoman Judy Galipeau
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

**Accept Resignation From Barb McCall as Member of the Planning
Board and Zoning Board**

Resolution #90-04

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk's Report:

Town Clerk's Report
Motioned: Councilman S. Willard Ritchie
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

The next Town Board Meeting will be December 15, 2004 at 7:30PM

Christman Breakfast will be Thursday, December 23, 2004 @ 9:00 am. See Angel or Mary with yhour donation.

Closeout meeting – Thursday December 30. 2004 at 8:30 am

Reorganization meeting January 3, 2004 at 8:30AM

Supervisor Kaiser expressed his gratitude to Councilwoman Judy Galipeau for her dedicated service on the Town Board and also gave her a Plaque of Appreciation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Motioned: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously