

Regular Town Board Meeting
August 15, 2007

The regular Town Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Supervisor David Kaiser.

Roll Call:

Supervisor David Kaiser	Present
Councilman Robert Gerlach	Present
Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Present
Councilwoman Barbara McCall	Present
Councilman Kyle Collinsworth	Present

Others Present:

- Town Clerk, Terry Smith
- Code Enforcement Officer, David Hayes
- Water Commissioner, Jack Holley
- Planning Board Chairman, Barry Roach
- Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson
- Dog Control Officer, Aaron Covert
- Finger Lakes Times, Paulette Likoudis
- Ovid Gazette, Neil Chaffee
- Residents 2

Pledge of Allegiance: Followed by moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. July 25, 2007 – Regular Town Board Meeting
Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

Petitioners to the Board: None

Communications to be filed:

- a. Renewal of Post Office Lease for a Five-Year Term Cost \$6000/year - See attached.
- b. State of NY Real Property Services Equalization Rate @ 100 Percent – See attached.
- c. Seneca County rabies Clinic, September 8, 2007 @ 1:30 P.M. in Seneca Falls
See attached.
- d. Blue Choice Notification our plan no longer available – some changes made to policy. Blue Choice High Option has been cancelled and in its place is Blue Choice Value as per attached.
- e. Department of State Health Insurance Incentive – See attached
- f. Empire State Restore NY Round 2 Grant Notification - See attached
- g. Wind Energy in New York State – See attached

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer

- a. Permits issued to date – See attached

Planning Board's Report

- a. Minutes Attached
- b. Information for Town Board Review – attached

Docks & Moorings – We have been in touch with Harriet Haynes and she is recommending to do docks and moorings. There are several lakes west of us that have already done it. The population is moving this way from Rochester & Syracuse. We have to get ahead when we start to see a lot of changes coming and have the regulations in place so that when the people come they won't build 100 foot docks for parties etc. The Army Corp of Engineers that had regulated the lakes before, still have a role in this. They really don't exercise a strong control and that is why the other lakes have adopted their own regulations. We need to engage a consultant and do so with the partnership with other towns such as Ovid and Varick. I have talked to the other supervisors and there is a willingness to do this. The grant process to do this comes out in September. When it comes out, the wording will help us formulate a resolution that will be brought before the Town Board. We will have to start out with what we have right now, and the census. There is focus groups and data gathering on what we want. When the grant comes out, we will get the final wording on what they want to see and Barry Roach will bring it forward and then find out if we can get the other towns to participate with us. Right now the Town has to designate a lead person from the Town. I would like to ask the Board to appoint Sue Ellen Balluff to be the lead person for this project. The Board was asked for their approval and the board all gave their approval. Letter to surrounding towns sent by Chairman Barry Roach is attached.

ii. Outdoor Wood-burning Furnaces – The Planning Board has been receiving a lot of complaints and phone calls about these Outdoor Wood Burning Boilers. The Boilers can be regulated but it is going to take the Board some time to get their act together to see what we can do and under what circumstances. The owners of the furnaces tend not only to burn wood but other things such as plastic, garbage combustible items. It causes up noxious odors and a lot of smoke. Kate Sinicropi and Barry Roach thought they should bring it to the Board's attention. There is attached a copy of the law that was passed by the Town of Marcellus. I also have a copy of the law that Geneva passed. I spoke also, to the Town Clerk in the Town of Waterloo, who felt that they could come up with a law for presentation. Supervisor David Kaiser felt that he should review the above with the Town Attorney before any action is taken concerning the Wood Burning Furnaces.

Carol Richardson, a resident of the Town of Romulus, spoke to the Board about her concerns about the wood burning furnaces near her home in

Romulus. She wants to be pro-active in this issue. She would like these furnaces banned altogether.

Zoning Board Report

- a. No meeting this month

Highway Superintendent's Report

- a. Report Attached – We finished Swick Road Today. Next week we will be starting the storm sewers in Willard.

Dog Control Officer's Report

- a. Report Attached

Water Commissioner's Report

We are finishing up our services on the new water main here in the Hamlet of Willard. We have Pleasant St. left to go. Next week we will be working with the Highway Dept. to put the storm drains in so that the paving can then be done. We will be moving to Second St. and Third St. next with new water mains this year. If possible, we will be paving the part of Prospect Street near the residence of Tom Jackson where they had a water blowout.

Bookkeeper's Report

- a. Report Attached

Supervisor's Report

Saturday, August 11, 2007, we had our annual Town of Romulus Block Party. We had perfect weather for the party. This was the first year the Block Party was held at the Hernon Park. I would like the Board to consider doing it again next year. I would like to get a committee of people to plan the Party next year different from the ones that did it this year.

This year we had a design the t-shirt contest and 2 designs were chosen. The town presented each winner with a \$25.00 award. The winners of the contest were Kaitlyn Steger & Peggy Ellsworth for the clown and the balloons and Norma Luther for the sailboats on the lake design.

This year we decided to start a property beautification design. This award went to John & Debra Zimmers received a \$100.00 Gift Card. There were five nominations received. The businesses that donated toward that prize were: The Golden Buck, The Thirsty Owl Winery and Bistro, The Ovid Hardware, Hosmer's Winery, and the Prouty Farm Supply.

We had many area businesses donate prizes for various events. They are as follows:

Prouty's Farm Supply, Prindle's Auto Parts, The Amish Market on Route 89, Sally T's, Hosmer's Winery, Marks Pizzeria, Swedish Hill Winery, The New Dragon Chinese Restaurant, Knapp Winery, Nugent's Hardware, David Hayes – resident of the Town, Ovid Hardware, Jim & Georgia's Diner, The Thirsty Owl, Newhardt's Store, McDonalds, Fastrac, N.R. Boyce.

The County back in April of this year authorized to sign a contract with a company called Proact, Inc. to institute a prescriptions drug card program for county residents. Last night, the county Board of Supervisors approved a design for the informational pamphlet to be made public. (See Attached) This pamphlet will answer your questions i.e. how does this plan work etc. There is no cost for any resident in the county for this program. There is not a need based criteria to be able to participate. Every county resident get to have a card if they would like. It does not require any private information. No membership fees. It may not be used with other insurance.

The County Board on 8/14/07 approved the appointment process for the Seneca County IDA Board. We had one vacancy due to a resignation. New York State, at the request of the Supervisors passed legislation recently in Albany, to allow for the Seneca County IDA Board to be comprised of 9 members up from 7 members. As of this time, we have 3 vacancies to fill on the County IDA Board. Supervisor Kaiser then asked the public if they have any names of any Romulus residents who would be of value with this committee and who would like to serve on this committee. If so, please let me know so that we may submit their name for consideration for one of these three vacancies. I feel we need to have representation on this Board from the Southern end of this county.

The sidewalk in the Hamlet of Romulus had a slight delay this summer due to illness in the family of the contractor. Things have improved on that matter and the family member is doing very well now. The progress has resumed on the sidewalk project.

Last night the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution that said the county Board would approve a Cayuga Casino in Sullivan County if no land will be taken in Seneca County. On 8/16/07, myself and the other County Board Supervisors will be traveling to Syracuse to meet with State Representatives from the Governor's Office. We will be having a County Board Meeting in Syracuse.

The Indian Creek Bridge on County Road 132 has been red flagged by the State. Not knowing exactly what that meant, I called the State Parks to get their permission to use the Park's roads on the lower end for emergency vehicles. At this time they will not allow public vehicles. The state has not sent any particulars to the county regarding this situation. It may be just that we would have to put a weight limit on the bridge or adding a few more beams to the infrastructure.

The Board got notice of the Round 2 for the Restore New York State Grant program. I finalize out letter of intent today. It will be going out in the mail tomorrow and the town will be asking for funds for a variety of Depot projects. We will be asking for \$9,500,000.00. The estimated total cost \$185,000,000.00.

Committees Report

a. Herson Park

i. Minutes Attached

1. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 9:00

AM.

Old Business Councilman Robert Gerlach said “Thank you “ to Jim Williamson for changing the sign on the Lower Lake Road in Poplar Beach.

New Business None

Resolutions:

- a. 60-07 Budget Appropriation Transfers
Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

- b. 61-07 Verification of Payables
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk’s Report

- a. Monthly Report
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting will be September 19, 2007 at 7:30 PM.

Resolution Omitted from the Regular Meeting:

- C. #62-07 Approve & Sign Application for Tompkins Water & Sewer Hookup Permit #1-07
Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinworth
Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously