

**Regular Town Board Meeting  
May 19, 2004**

**Call to order at 7:30 p.m.**

<b>Present Roll Call:</b>	Councilman Ritchie	Present
	Councilwoman Galipeau	Present
	Councilman Gerlach	Present
	Councilman Walborn	Present
	Supervisor Kaiser	Present

**Approval of Minutes:**

April 21, 2004 Regular Board Meeting  
Motioned by: Councilman S. William Ritchie  
Seconded by: Councilwoman Judy Galipeau  
Carried Unanimously

April 29, 2004 Special Meeting  
Motioned by: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Seconded by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.  
Carried Unanimously

**Petitioners to the board:**

Bill Bowen addressed the board regarding proper procedures for executive sessions. He provided a newspaper article that explained reasons for executive sessions and procedures. He explained this article was taken from the Ovid Gazette and he would like to share this information with the board.

**Communications to be filed:**

See attached correspondences

**Zoning Officer's Report:**

Monthly Report is attached. In addition to the report, Lee advised the board of numerous complaints he has received with reference to sheds blocking the neighbors' lake view in the Poplar Beach area. These sheds are under the size that requires a zoning permit; therefore there is nothing the town can do about this.

George Dickens property has become a safety hazard. We need to address this immediately and include in a letter the deadline to remove his personal items and so we may have these houses burned down before someone is seriously injured.

Mr. Diltz was sent a letter from the Town of Romulus and also a letter from the county requiring he take steps to clean up his property. There has been some progress, but not enough to satisfy this request.

There was an issue that Lee was discussing at the Lakewood area and the final decision is both parties need to refer to their attorneys, as property line disputes are not part of the town's jurisdiction.

**Planning Board Report:**

Minutes were provided at the meeting. The Iron Bridge Road sub-division was approved. There will be a public hearing on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:05 p.m. for the purpose of a special use permit for Swarey.

**Zoning Board Report:**

Minutes are attached. There are two variances that will be discussed on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:**

See attached report.

**Dog Control Officer's Report:**

See attached report.

**Assessor's Report:**

No report was submitted.

**Water Commissioner's Report:**

They have started their summer work, such as replacing and repairing hydrants.

**Bookkeeper's Report:**

See attached report

**Supervisor's Report:**

Romulus Central School made the news as a "success story"; the author of the article was David Broder. The town supervisor would like the board to send a letter to the school congratulating them on their recognition of a job well done. He would also like them to know how much our town appreciates their efforts to do such a great job.

Romulus will soon have a historical society. The documents have been signed for a charter. The first meeting of the Romulus historical society will be held June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. here at the Romulus Town Hall in Willard.

The end of First Street is a very dark area and not safe for an entrance into a park. We have inspected the area and found the need for four streetlights, which amounts to pennies on the Willard Light District taxpayers tax bill. David explained that he has a resolution that covers this issue and will be looking for board approval on this.

All have been provided with the town employee contract for their review. The nepotism clause has been removed from the draft copy of the contract. David spoke with Jim Gabriel to obtain his advise on the nepotism clause. David strongly feels that the town, although operates as a business, is a form of government and thereby making our situation different from a business. David believes all residents should be granted the opportunity to apply for positions that become available at the town and that they should be chosen based on qualifications. David feels that not allowing a taxpayer, who may have the best qualifications, to have a chance at the position, in his mind, would be considered discrimination.

Recently, the county approved up to \$50,000.00 to be applied toward improvements on building 103 for the transportation busing service that will soon be going in to this location on the base.

**Committees Reports:**

**Hernon Park:** See attached report. There will be a chicken and biscuits dinner to be held at the Ovid VFW on Saturday, May 22, 2004 to raise money to put in a softball field this year. Also, the committee is selling raffle tickets for the amount of \$5.00 each. These

tickets provide ticket holders with the chance to win one of twenty-four prizes. The next park meeting will be held June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. We will also be drawing the prizewinners at that meeting.

**Old Business:**

Someone inquired about the Bi-Centennial Banner the Town Of Romulus was suppose to receive. Dave said that he has not heard anything further on this, but that he would contact the county and find out if and when we will receive our banner.

**Resolutions:**

- 43-04 Authorize Machine Custodian to Attend School  
Moted by: Councilman S. William Ritchie  
Secoded by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.  
Carried Unanimously
- 44-04 Authorize Town Clerk to Attend Conference  
Moted by: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Secoded by: Councilman S. William Ritchie  
Carried Unanimously
- 45-04 Adopt the Employee Contract  
Moted by: Supervisor Kaiser  
Secoded by:  
\*\* This resolution did not pass
- 46-04 Authorize NYSEG to Install Street Lights  
Moted by: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Secoded by: Councilwoman Judy Galipeau  
Carried Unanimously
- 47-04 Budget Appropriation Transfers  
Moted by: Councilman S. William Ritchie  
Secoded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Carried Unanimously
- 48-04 Support for the Records Management Grant  
Moted by: Councilman S. William Ritchie  
Secoded by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.  
Carried Unanimously
- 49-04 Verification of Payables  
Moted by: Councilman S. William Ritchie  
Secoded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Carried Unanimously

**Town Clerk's Report:**

Town Clerk's Report: Moted by: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Secoded by: Councilwoman Judy Galipeau  
Carried Unanimously

Workshop was set up for Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> @4:30. This meeting has since been changed to Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 4:30 p.m.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

8:00 p.m.

Motioned by: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

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Angel J. Lawrence, Deputy Town Clerk