

**Regular Town Board Meeting
April 20, 2005**

Call to order at 7:30 P.M.

Roll Call	Supervisor David Kaiser	Present
	Councilman Robert Gerlach	Present
	Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Present
	Councilwoman Barbara McCall	Present
	Councilman S. William Ritchie	Present

Others Present: Deputy Town Clerk, Angel Lawrence
Code Enforcement, Lee Hoaglan
Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson
Dog Control Officer, Aaron Covert
Residents: William Casey McDonald
Ralph Walborn, Sr.

Pledge of Allegiance followed by moment of silence:

Approval of Minutes:

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 18, 2004
Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Second: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

Petitioners to the Board:

- a. William Casey McDonald of 1960 Seneca Street in the Hamlet of Romulus addressed the board with reference to a letter that he has not yet received regarding a violation of the Zoning Law. Mr. McDonald points out the definition of agricultural use as stated in the Town of Romulus Zoning. After reading the definition, Mr. McDonald did not feel that he is in violation, however he stated that if the board feels that it is in deed a violation he would comply. The Zoning Officer recommended Mr. McDonald takes his findings to the Zoning Board of Appeals on May 12th at 7:00 p.m. for a determination of whether a special use permit will be required or not. Mr. McDonald inquired about the Zoning Officer's findings with this new information. Lee explained that he does see where there is some discrepancy and stands with his thoughts of having this brought before the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. McDonald was under the impression the Town Board would make the decision. Supervisor Kaiser explained the proper process to Mr. McDonald. The Town Board does not determine whether a property is in violation or not, but rather the Zoning Board of Appeals. Lee explained that this board could also over turn his findings. Mr. McDonald requested the Zoning Officer respond to the 25 or so junk vehicles that are presently located at 1968 Seneca Street, as he feels they are clearly in violation of the Zoning Law. David

Kaiser assured Mr. McDonald the Zoning Officer would look into this and a response of their findings would be sent to Mr. McDonald in the form of a letter. Mr. McDonald inquired about the possibility of the animals being allowed to reside on his property until the findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals on the 12th of May. Mr. Kaiser told Mr. McDonald that we would need to discuss this with our Town Attorney and the Zoning Board to determine if he will be allowed to keep the animals there until the 12th or if they must be removed by the 25th of April. He will provide Mr. McDonald with a decision regarding this by Monday the 25th of April. The board will authorize permission to advertise for a public hearing for the Board of Appeals with regard to Mr. McDonald's situation.

Communications to be filed:

- a. Governor's Office for Small Cities Comprehensive Monitoring Report – a copy is attached. Supervisor Kaiser explained the report to the residents and board members. The Town of Romulus is lacking necessary information, which needs to be acquired from Mr. Sherman of the Advantage Group. Once we have received this information, we will be in compliance.
- b. Letter to the Advantage Group in Response to Monitoring Report – a copy of which is attached. The letter is requesting the required information from Mr. Sherman as stated in the monitoring report. At this time, we are awaiting a response from Mr. Sherman.
- c. Letter from Resident Regarding Manure on Roadsides – a copy is attached.
- d. Response to Manure and Debris Deposits Concerns Letter – a copy is attached.
- e. Response to Resident Concerning Storm Run-off-a copy is attached.
- f. Seneca County Rabies Clinic will be held at the Lodi Fire House on Saturday, April 30th from 10:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m.

Zoning Board's Report: See attached report.

Planning Board – See attached report.

Zoning Enforcement Officer – See attached report.

- a. Verbally Lee reported the Planning Board is working on including the Trailer Park Ordinance in the Zoning Law. With reference to Mr. Standish's request to add another mobile home unit to his property, the Planning Board Chairman has interpreted the Zoning Law and Mobile Home Ordinance as follows: Mr. Standish may keep the four existing mobile homes as they are, as long as the fifth trailer is not used for occupancy and only as a form of a shed. However, if Mr. Standish's intention is to use this mobile home as a residential building than all five trailers must comply with the Mobile Home Ordinance. It is recommended that Mr. Standish insert his purpose for this mobile home on his application in writing.
- b. A letter was sent to Mr. McCloskey with reference to removing the debris on his property. Lee assured the board that this has been done.

Highway Superintendent – See attached report.

- a. The highway department has been ditching on Stout Road and Blaine Road.
- b. Jim Williamson has put in a request to attend highway school in Ithaca

Dog Control Officer's – See attached report.

- a. Aaron told the board that he nor Cindy will be able to attend the upcoming conference, therefore he will not need to put in for authorization to attend.

Water Commissioner's Report – Jack will be away on vacation through April 29th.

Bookkeeper Report – See attached report.

Supervisor's Report –

- a. Dave has run a disc over the Hernon Park property that was plowed up last year.
- b. Dave reported to the board and residents that the security camera with audio, which was requested by the court, has been installed.
- c. The Seneca County Jail project will begin next week. They hope to have the ground breaking in early May of 2005.

Committee Reports:

- a. Hernon Park next meeting will be April 27th, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.
- b. Romulus/Varick Joint Meeting went well. The minutes did not reflect Supervisor Kaiser as being present at the meeting. However he was in attendance for that meeting and the minutes would be corrected to show this information.
- c. Route 89 Water Project – Received a notice from Joan Teichner, Varick's Supervisor, requesting we submit a questionnaire to our residents regarding this project. Dave Kaiser would like to delay responding to Ms. Teichner until he has had the opportunity to speak with Ken Riemer about this.
- d. South Seneca Ambulance Meeting – Councilman Ritchie felt the facts and figures were substantial. Paul DeGary informed the members and audience that they have been able to save money and we may see a decrease in the charge per parcel to \$25.00 per parcel. The ambulance corp. has obtained better contracts with the prison, now have less cost of employment wages and more volunteers. All have contributed to the means for saving money.
- e. Building and Grounds Committee –
 - i. A meeting was held to determine which estimate to accept for the *replacement of the windows* at the Town Hall. It was decided the bid would be given to Seneca Vinyl of Romulus. They expect to begin installation of the windows by the first part of June 2005.

- ii. *Vending machine* estimates were gathered and reviewed. It was decided this particular venue wasn't as imperative as the others and we would wait another year and re-evaluate this again.
- iii. *Christmas decorations* are being considered as a possibility for light poles in the three hamlets. It was discussed; we should start with a minimum of 5 decorations per hamlet and perhaps add to this decoration program each year, until we have accomplished our goal.

Old Business:

- a. Councilman Gerlach asked if anything is being done with regard to the holes in front of the Episcopal Church and also the hole in front of Kathryn Fisher's home. Dave Kaiser explained that he has spoken with Roy Gates regarding both of these locations. Roy assured him this would be taken care of as soon as possible. Ralph Walborn, Jr. spoke with Jim Rapalee and he told Ralph that he would be inspecting the situation and reporting back to Roy with his findings.
- b. Councilman Gerlach inquired about the Dickens property. Lee Hoaglan explained that George did not meet the April 15th deadline, therefore the County Health Dept. will be issuing a summons for court to Mr. Dickens. The town will step aside while the County is in pursuant of this, as the County is a stronger entity than the Town. The court date is scheduled for May 11, 2005. Marty Brewer told David that he would be purchasing the property. He explained that the East house is secure and propane tanks have been removed. The west house is scheduled to burn by the Fire Dept. in 2 weeks. Lee understood the fire department is planning to use this house for fire practice on Tuesday.
- c. Dumpster Days for June is the 17th through the 19th and October is the 8th Through 10th. The newsletter reflected the dates incorrectly, however the actual permit tickets are correct. Each permit holder will be allowed 8 trips in June and 8 more in October. Dave let the board and residents know there is a shelter now at the dumpster days premises for our workers to get out of the weather.

Resolutions:

32-05 Board of Assessment Review Appointment
Motioned: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

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Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

34-05 Obtaining Grant for Town of Romulus Justice Court

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

35-05 Verification of Payables

Motioned: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

36-05 Authorize Town Clerk to Advertise for Public Hearing for Zoning Board
Of Appeals

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

37-05 Authorize Town Clerk to Advertise for a Public Hearing

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

38-05 Amend Resolution #22-05 with Regard to Mileage

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

39-05 Accept Letter of Resignation

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

40-05 Authorize Highway Superintendent to Attend Highway School

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

Town Clerk's Report

a. Monthly Report – See Attached

Accept Town Clerk Report

Motioned: Councilman Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Councilman Ritchie requested an executive session with regard to a personnel issue.

Motioned: Councilman Ritchie

Seconded: Councilman Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

Meeting has been called to recess at 8:38 p.m.

End of Executive Session and meeting reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

Next town Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 18th, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Carried Unanimously