

Regular Town Board Meeting  
February 15, 2006

The regular Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor David Kaiser.

**Present Roll Call:** Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Councilman Walborn, Jr.  
Councilman Kyle Collinsworth, Sr.  
Councilwoman Barbara McCall  
Supervisor Kaiser

**Others Present:** Town Clerk, Terry Smith  
Planning Board Chair David Hayes  
Code Enforcement Officer Lee Hoaglan  
Water Commissioner Jack Holley  
Highway Superintendent Jim Williamson  
Dog Control Officer Aaron Covert  
Neil Chaffee, Ovid Gazette  
8 residents

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Followed by a moment of silence.

**Public Hearing Meeting was opened at 7:32 PM by Supervisor David Kaiser.**

James Wyckoff from Hayts Corners spoke regarding the Zoning Additions of Wind Tower Regulations. Mr. Wyckoff hoped that we are Pro-active and not Re-active Group. That means checking out the possibilities and looking at the down sides and merits of using our natural resources. We have within our Town of Romulus boundaries, land namely the former Seneca Army Depot specifically the igloo storage areas. This area could possibly support renewable energy. Unproven facts are that wind turbulence kills birds, and hurt the white deer herd. I am asking that you do your homework and incorporate a feasible study any necessary restrictions. I personally would prefer to see wind turbulence at the aforementioned grounds. Let's make the Town of Romulus the hub of Seneca County. Mr. Hayes, Planning Board Chairman, spoke to say that this Zoning Additions of Wind tower regulations is not meant to stop wind power, but to keep us to be Pro-active. This is so that things happen in the right order done in a fashion so that it does not look bad. Different Studies have to be conducted ahead of time. These Zoning Additions are being done not to hinder this project in any way.

Motioned by Councilman Gerlach to close this Public Hearing.

Seconded by Councilwoman Barbara McCall.

Motion Carried.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:40 PM

**Approval of Minutes: January 18, 2006**

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

**Petitioners to the Board:** None

**Communications to be filed:**

- a. Sewer Contract – Town of Varick – Attached
- b. New York State Dept. of Transportation Request Letter – Attached.
- c. NYS DOT Response Letter - Attached
- d. Voting Machine Letter – Attached
- e. Voting Machine Key Law – Attached
- f. New York State Town Clerks Association – Attached
- g. USDA Rural Development Representative – Attached

**Code Enforcement Officer:**

Thank you from Mr. Hoaglin for all the cards & letters he received while convalescing after his hospital stay. The owner of the trailer that was in question on the property in Hayts Corners last month, was given a temporary 90-day permit until it is sold and moved.

Mr. Bennett from the Lake View Terrace has been told that he has to get the property up to the town regulations. The bank and all the brush has to be removed. Supervisor Kaiser will set up an appointment with Mr. Bennett after the meeting his evening.

Another gentleman has bought some property on Poplar Beach Rd. across from Swick Rd. and right now he has some engineers looking into possibly putting some homes (Log Cabins) on the property.

Mr. Hoaglan issued 3 permits this month. Otherwise, it has been quiet.

**Planning Board:** No meeting this month.

**Zoning Board Report:** No meeting this month.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:** See Attached.

Councilman Kyle Collinsworth and Mr. Williamson took a ride around and looked for some of the worst roads that are in need of repair this spring. We had a meeting with David Orr, an Engineer from Cornell, about a slide on the Cayuga Lake Road. One of the residents, Mrs. Folk, has complained that she does not want her children to ride the school bus on this road because the road looks like it is sliding. Mr. Orr explained to Mrs. Folk that this slide area has been going on for over 100 years, and it will probably continue to go on for 100 or more years. As you can see in the picture (attached) it is on the shoulder of the road where it settled but did not slide. The young sapling trees are growing straight up and not leaning, which means that there is no further sliding happening. It is just settling from all the fill that has been put in there. This slide has never affected this road for many years. We have put up one lane road signs so that no school bus should worry about passing another vehicle in that area. One suggestion from Mr. Gabriel, attorney, is to lower the weight limit to 5 tons. Mr. Orr said that would not pertain to local deliveries or school buses. The South Seneca School would very much like to continue using this road. He saves approximately 7 miles a day and gasoline, also time. A copy of the letter from the engineer has been taken up to Mrs. Turk at school and given to the bus drivers involved with this road. The roadway itself has never slid. It is only the terrain alongside the road. Supervisor Kaiser has received a Thank You from the Lodi Highway Department for the loan of a vehicle after fire demolished their garage and equipment. Mr. Williamson drew up some specs for the new roof on highway department and they will be tabled for this month. Bids are not being taken right now.

**Dog Control Officer's Report:** See Attached.

Very Quiet month.

**Water Commissioner's Report:** Quiet Month. We will be meeting the Committee on the first of March to discuss the new water line replacement. Permission has been granted by some of the Willard residents to stock pile the different size stone on their property. We have had a proposal for an engineer for the study. The Health Dept. is very adamant about having an engineer's study for this project. We will try and use the local engineer that we have.

**Bookkeeper's Report:** See attached.

We are the first town in New York State to use a process that the comptroller's office worked with our software provider to set up our computer's bookkeeping program to interface with theirs. Instead of our office people entering all the information from papers to their report, they are able to take our information from our program right in electronically via the internet and have the report completed. We are like the guinea pig and it didn't cost us anything. This was done by the NYS Comptroller's Office.

**Supervisor's Report:**

I have been meeting with Empire BioFuels task force, and I have been meeting with the Planning Dept. of the County. Mr. Hayes and Mr. Hoaglin attended. The Empire BioFuels found it to be very beneficial with the information that we provided. There are some hurdles we have to go through to get over the infrastructure at the Depot, but every day brings positive news and positive movement so there is nothing yet to stop it from being a viable site. The Governor's Office has been brought into the picture along with Senator Nozzolio's office. The Jail project is moving forward without any hitches.

**Committee Reports:** None

**Old Business:**

The Dickens Property has just been turned over to George Dickens on Monday, February 13, 2006. Supervisor Kaiser went to the NYSAC Conference, in Albany and I made contact with a private wind energy company. I forwarded the information to Mr. Bouchard of our Planning Board. This proposal has been given to the Seneca County IDA and it is moving forward. The only stumbling block right now is to have a wind site survey done. This company that Supervisor Kaiser is in touch with talked to him and said they would be interested in doing one for him at their expense.

The Comptroller's Office is holding money (unclaimed funds) many millions of dollars. This is New York State Tax Payers' money. They had a display set up there, at the conference, where you could put in a name or address or zip code and find people who have money that is being held. I put in the zip code 14521 and I didn't even get through the D's and there were 12 people I knew from the area.

**New Business:** None

**Resolutions:**

**Verification of Payables**

**Resolution #19-06**

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

**Authorize Town Clerk to Attend Conference**

**Resolution #20-06**

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth  
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall  
Carried Unanimously

**Accept Zoning Law Amendments**

**Resolution #21-06**

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth  
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall  
Carried Unanimously

**Town Clerk's Report:** See Attached

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

**Meeting Adjourned:**

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