

Regular Town Board Meeting
November 16, 2006

Call to Order: The regular Town Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM 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
- Highway Superintendent Jim Williamson
- Planning Board Vice Chairman, Barry Roach
- Dog Control Officer, Aaron Covert
- Finger Lakes Time Reporter, Brian Lothridge
- Ovid Gazette, Neil Chaffee
- Residents 3

Pledge of Allegiance: Followed by moment of silence.

Approval of minutes:

- a. October 18, 2006 – Regular Board Meeting
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously
- b. October 25, 2006 – Public Hearing Special Meeting 2007 Budget
Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Carried Unanimously
- c. October 25, 2006 – Bid Opening
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

Communications to be filed:

- a. Letter from Town of Varick regarding Summer Recreation Program – attached. Supervisor Kaiser and several Board Members felt that there should have been more information in this report. One item they thought should be mentioned was the number of children that participated in this program. Supervisor Kaiser also requested someone from the Board come and give a report so we may ask any questions that we would have. If anyone has any questions, please write them down and Supervisor Kaiser will relay them to their Board. Councilman Robert Gerlach thought it would have been very nice of them to come down to the meeting and give us a report such as the previous Director did.

- b. Restore NY Grant – Empire State Development. This pertains to the \$356,000 that we were very fortunate to receive. \$23,600 will be used to remove the Parson House on Main Street in Romulus and the remainder is for demolition or rehabilitation of the remaining buildings on the Depot and on the Empire Bio-fuel site.
- c. Excellus Insurance Coverage Changes – Correspondence from our Health insurance provider regarding our insurance. These are the changes which include some slight increases.

Code Enforcement Officer: Report Attached.

Planning Board's Report – Report Attached. Senior Vice Chairman Barry Roach pointed out the two motions. The first motion is really just a suggestion that we would like the Town Board to consider carefully. The motion concerns the amount of time that a notice for a Public Hearing should be put in the paper and that it should be put in the official newspaper(s) , put on the Town of Romulus web site, posted in the lobby of the Town Office Building. Mailings should be provided to resident/owners residing within 500 feet of the property and a sign posted on the property indicating the date and time of the public hearing. The second motion is that the Town Board support an initiative which is being circulated and has been approved by the Town of Varick and The Town of Fayette for open space proposal to pursue a grant on open space planning to include a view shed, farm lands etc. In our case it would be storm water run off and things that involve other town that are close by us such as scenic byways, docks and moorings which are things that affect the view shed of the town. Supervisor Kaiser asked Peter Brown, Grant Management Specialist, to explain to the Town Board what the Open Space Grant is all about. Town of Fayette and Town of Varick came to him to present a plan for the Open Space Index. They figured out what the natural resources in those two towns so they could use that as a tool for the Town Boards as to what need to be protected and what needed to be a lower area of protection. These two towns came to the Planning Board to see if the Town of Romulus wanted to join in and make it a three town project. Many of the natural resources are also in the Town of Romulus such as the shore line view sheds as well as cultural heritages like Amish Farms. This grant will create a open space board comprised from the three towns, 2 residents plus one planning board member from each town and a consultant to actually do the mapping of those open space resources. They will figure out what are the most important elements of the three towns, what they want protected, what can be developed, and what can be critical to economical development. The Town of Romulus can be on the grant subject to review. The Board has till December 16, 2006 to make a decision to whether we want to join this or not. If this is something we want to get into, we will advertise and schedule a special board meeting. Mr. Brown will send Supervisor Kaiser a copy of the grant so that all concerned will know exactly what they are getting into. Supervisor Kaiser will submit this to our attorney and the IDA for review

Zoning Board Report – None

Highway Superintendent's Report – attached.

We started working on the ditch on Vineyard Rd. The ditch is eroding into the road bank. To fix this ditch you need to reshape the ditch. Then put the filter fabric in there and line it with the lite stone fill. Then we will probably end up putting 2 or 3 check dams down thru there to slow the water down. Supervisor Kaiser commended Mr. Williamson regarding the work has did on the Iron Bridge Road with the fence. On the Cayuga Lake Road, in the slide area, half way to Stout Road from the Camp Grounds, the road has dropped 2 days ago. We filled it up the same day and then last night it went down another 4 inches. It is strictly one lane right now. It is already posted one lane. If we get the 2-21/2 inches tomorrow, it might be necessary to close that road. We are checking it twice a day right now.

Dog Control Officer's Report – Attached

Water Commissioner's Report – Attached

Bookkeeper's Report - Attached.

Supervisor's Report – On Tuesday night, October 14, 2006, the County Board of Supervisors voted to set up the E911 office as a separate entity. The is tending to be trend statewide. The feeling was now that the E911 Center has been located at the County Office Building in Waterloo, at a great expense. It had State of the art technology. The Sheriff's Department will be relocating to Romulus in a few months and due to the isolation and separation of the staff and issues with the communication equipment, it was determined by the Advisory Committee, to separate the two and go independent. We also hired another additional 8 part time transport staff in the Sheriff's Department. These are in addition to the Correction Officers that have already been hired. This is mandated by the State. The County had no choice. This will be a large tax increase to the taxpayers. The management is working very hard to keep that down. The county manager last night proposed a budget of 3%. Mr. Barto, our finance chairman, said he would like to shave off another point.

Committee's Report – Hernon Park will skip their meetings for the winter. The will start again in the Spring. Supervisor Kaiser would like to set up a meeting with the Personnel Committee to discuss the Zoning Officer's position. This will be to come up with a job description decide where we will advertise. The meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2006 at 10:00 AM. Mr Roach will be available to help.

Old Business Councilman Collinsworth asked Highway Superintendent Jim Williamson if he had enough heat. Mr. Williamson said his new boiler is working very well

New Business -.Councilman Collinsworth suggested that we do something more on the motion for Zoning. We could add a resolution. The only thing that the board needs to decide on is what newspapers you want this advertised in. Mr. Roach said it should be a paid newspaper. The Finger Lakes Times, plus Ovid Gazette and the Between the Lakes/Reville will be used.

Resolutions

86-06 Budget Appropriation Transfers
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

87-06 Verification of Payables
Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

88-06 Authorize Town Clerk to Advertise Variance Requests
Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk's Report Attached

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

The meeting was adjourned . The next meeting will be December 20, 2006 at 7:30 PM.