

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 20,2007**

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

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

Others Present: Town Clerk, Terry Smith
Planning Board Vice Chairman, Mary Jane Thomas
Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson
Zoning Officer, Dave Hayes
Fingerlakes Times Brian Lothridge
Ovid Gazette, Neil Chaffee
Residents

Pledge of Allegiance – followed by moment of silence.

Scholarship Winners Award – Supervisor Kaiser present awards to the two Hernon Park scholarship winners. One is from Romulus Central School, Louis Freir and the other one is from South Seneca Central School, Samantha Gable. We received seven submissions altogether. The decision was that there would be one winner from each of the two schools that participated. The essays had the participants names erased from the essays and two committee members excused themselves as they each had a relative that made a submission. The remaining members read each essay and chose one from the Romulus pile and one from the South Seneca pile. After all entries were reviewed, it was discovered that each had picked the same entry form from each school.

Approval of Minutes

May 16, 2007 Regular Town Board Meeting
Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

Petitioners to the Board - Jeff Jordon , Poplar Beach, spoke to the Board and asked that no variances be issued to any properties adjacent to his without his approval. Supervisor Kaiser said that later in the meeting he would find that the Planning Board has submitted a procedure to notify residents and this issue will be addressed.

Communications to be filed

- a. Romulus Central School – School Board Voted in Candidates Anne Morgan for three year term and Kristine Somerville for a three year term and Rhonda Dickenson for a three year term.
- b. Time Warner Possible Developments – Several Stations that they contract with are coming up for renewal. The possibility that some of these stations may not be renewed.
- c. 2007 Justice Court Assistance Programs – They are offering a grant program . Our Town Court for like approval to apply for this grant.
- d. Availability of Funding for Home Repairs – They have a program for available for low income families to get home repairs.
- e. Town of Varick Relinquish Services – This is a letter from Supervisor Joan Teichner, informing the Town of Romulus is no longer requiring our services to do the billing for our Seneca Lake Water and Varick Sewer District #2 billing. The Town of Varick has ended our contract as of June 29, 2007.
- f. Foil request from Hancock & Estabrook – this is in regards to an Article 78 that has been served to the Town of Romulus, the Seneca County IDA and Empire Green Biofuels.
- g. Planning and Zoning Summer School 2007 - The Zoning and Planning Boards are now required to attend so many hours of schooling.

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer –

- a. Permits issued to date – attached

Planning Board’s Report – See Attached

Planning board Forms for Approval

The Proposed notification Plan was discussed with Angel Lawrence and Mary Farnsworth to see what was needed for this form. The attached form is the combined effort of all to be easy enough for everybody to use. There is also a page of instructions to be with it. This form will have to be filled out and notarized and filed with the Planning Board. Supervisor Kaiser read the instructions to everyone. A question was asked concerning # 7 on the instruction sheet about listing any neighbors that were not contacted. Some people go away for the winter etc and would not be able to even try to be contacted. What would happen in that case? Dave Hayes, Code Enforcement Officer stated that “according to the way the variances were, there is a lot of consideration taken in the way that the decision is made. Just the fact that the neighbor does not want it does not negate the fact that they can’t have it. They have to show that there has to be just cause for whatever they are applying for, whether there is an area variance or use variance. There has to be substantial reason why. They have to meet the criteria for any variances. There are restrictions that can be put on a variance. “ John and Helen Dunbar wanted to have their cell phone number put on record in case they need to be contacted by someone regarding a variance. Mr. Dunbar asked if “someone was requesting a variance if they had 45 days from the time that they requested this variance to have the work completed?” The answer was “no” that was to get an answer. They have one year to have the majority of the work completed. There is also a time period in which a variance can be contested. The time period is 90 days. John Dunbar’s address is 6225 Poplar Beach Road and cell phone number is 315-730-1187 or 315-730-1916. If there is

a request for a variance, someone should contact him. The person applying for variance should come into the office and find out who the neighbors are. Mr. Jordan liked the new for but wished there was some way to firm up the effort to contact all the neighbors. Would like to see the Planning Board representative try to contact neighbors and that way would have an impartial party trying to make the contact rather than the person directly involved in the variance. Supervisor Kaiser asked Planning Board to adopt this procedure but not to consider this a done deal. The Board will continue to take any input and Supervisor Kaiser encouraged the Boards to look into what the other towns are doing. Helen Dunbar brought up the fact that if there a notice of a Public Hearing, and we might be in Texas, would a registered letter or something in lieu of us being here be acceptable. Just write a letter say how you feel and have your signature notarized that you are the person signing that letter.

The Town Board accepted this new form for notifying neighbors about any variances with stipulation that any changes will be made if necessary.

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Carried Unanimously

Zoning Board Report – Minutes attached

Highway Superintendent's Report

Report attached.

12 year equipment replacement plan attached to be reviewed by board.

We had some problems with the Bromka Road having some oil come up through the stone on the short stretch. Some of it was due to the increase in traffic because of the new correctional facility. I think also some of it was the fault with the oil last fall when it was put down. Both intersections were replaced. Swick Road will be done the 29th of June through July 3, 2007.

Dog Control Officer's Report

Report attached

Never caught the dog that has been on the Depot yet.

Water Commissioner's Report – None

Assessor's Report

- a. Notice of tentative State Equalization Rate for the 2007 Assessment Roll
- b. Updated Forms

Bookkeeper's Report

Report Attached.

Supervisor's Report

The County Board last Tuesday evening passed a resolution accept a proposal from Barton & Judas engineering to do a pre-demolition survey for asbestos materials at the former Parsons property. This is the first step in the County removing that building.

Hopefully this will be completed within a month and hopefully we will be able to have that building taken down by end of summer. A request has been asked for the hand pump that is on the property to be saved. The request was from Jim Bromka.

The Town Board of Supervisors was presented with a proposed negotiated settlement for the land and trust dispute we are having with the Cayuga Indian Nation. I have gotten some feed back from some residents. I have talked to each board member here about their concerns about the proposal. I am not happy that I was not informed of any negotiations and did not see the settlement until 3 hours before it went public. Based on that, I have prepared a resolution based on the disapprovals of board members. I put together a resolution regarding this matter.

Committee's Reports

a. Hernon Park

Next meeting will be held Monday, June 18, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. meeting cancelled.

Minutes attached for May 2007

b. Block Party

Next meeting will be held Monday, June 18, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes attached.

c. Romulus Historical Society

Minutes attached.

The Historical Society did receive their charter last week.

Old Business – None

New Business

Councilman Walborn said that it had been brought to his attention at Spring Meadows there were quite a few street lights out. A list has been given to Angel and Mary and they are still out. Supervisor Kaiser said that we are having trouble with NYSEG responding to our correspondence. We are working on it day to day. Supervisor Kaiser will check further into matter.

Councilman Walborn also asked about checking into a stop sign at the entrance of Spring Meadows and was told that was up to DOT to take care of. Chris Covert of DOT should be notified.

There is a state agency that provides training for our highway departments. It costs \$50.00 for join this organization. They send down a trainer that certifies our men and women in different areas of construction equipment. Superintendent Williamson will be submitting a request to join this organization next month. There are four scheduled training events already scheduled and Ovid, Lodi, Varick and Seneca County Highway are all going to join this. I would like to see Romulus get into this organization.

I made a resolution today about the Cayuga Indian Negotiations and would like to pass it out to everyone on the Board and talk it over. Resolution #51-07 Supervisor Kaiser read it to everyone.

Resolutions

45-07 Budget Adjustment Transfers

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

46-07 Verification of Payables

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

47-07 VFW Post 6200 Bingo License

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

48-07 RVFD Bingo License

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

49-07 Authorize Court to Apply for Grant

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinworth
Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

50-07 Authorize Zoning/Planning Members to Attend School

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn Jr.
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

51-07 Cayuga Land Claim Proposed Settlement

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinworth
Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk's Report

Monthly Report attached

Cayuga Ridge Estate Intend to see renewal of its license

K.T.'s Restaurant intends to see renewal of liquor license

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.