

**DRAFT**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 17, 2008**

**Call to Order:** Supervisor David Kaiser called the Regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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

**Others Present:** Town Clerk, Terry Smith  
Planning Board Chairman, Barry Roach  
Dog Control Officer, Aaron Covert  
Finger Lakes Times, Paulette Lukoudis  
Resident 2

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

**Approval of Minutes:** - November 19, 2008  
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall  
Carried Unanimously

**Petitioners to the Board:** None

**Communications to be filed:** None

**Zoning Officer's Report:**

- a. Permits issued #29-08 – 7025 Wyers Point Beach Road

**Town Planning Board:**

- a. Minutes-Planning Board Meeting November 3, 2008
- b. Minutes – Dog breeding meeting November 17, 2008 Attached
  - i. Email from Kay Sievers, President of Animal Rights Mobilization
  - ii. Samantha Mullen, New York State Humane Association Chair, Legislation Committee – Barry Roach and other Board Members received accommodations from Samantha Mullen thanking the Board for working on this issue.
  - iii. Ithaca Journal Article commends Town of Romulus
- c. Visioning & Feasibility Study for Waterfront Redevelopment – Tentative Project Schedule – Calendar of events and progress that will be made to come up with a Visioning statement for the Waterfront Lakeshore at the foot of main street. January 15, 2009 is when the committee will be taking in the

input from the public. The committee has been soliciting input all along. A workshop and public meeting will be December 18, 2008. The reason is to have a bottoms up approach involving the residents of the Town of Romulus and what they would like to see in terms of beautifying the waterfront. It is currently owned by the Department of Corrections. They are represented on the committee looking at this. If we come up with a plan for the waterfront, they will lease it to the Town of Romulus for \$1.00. Then the Town will pursue grants to actually implement the Visioning piece. They are also thinking of activities like what was done at Dean's Cove. There will not be any charge to use the facilities.

- d. Minutes – Dockings and Moorings Meeting November 20, 2008 – The committee proposed a grant to study the regulations surrounding structures on the waterfront on both lakes (Seneca and Cayuga). This grant was received.
- e. Congratulations Letter – Recipients of Seneca County Uniform Dockings and Moorings Law Grant in the Amount of \$30,000.00. Romulus will be the lead agency.

Barry Roach also stated that they were pursuing a grant proposal for Farm Land Protection. We are presenting waiting to see if we will receive it.

**Town Zoning Board:**

- a. Zoning Board Meeting will be December 18, 2008 @7:00 PM

**Highway Superintendent:**

- a. Report Submitted – attached

**Dog Control Officer**

- a. Report Attached

**Water Commissioner – No report this month**

**Court Justice – Nothing to report at this time.**

**Assessor – Nothing to report at this time.**

**Bookkeeper:**

- a. Report submitted

We have sent out the delinquent notices but will put off till April 2009 sending the shutoff notices since this is a bad time of the year.

**Supervisor** – Supervisor Kaiser added that there are a couple of animal welfare entities that have been asking the county for funding be put aside for contingency accounts for that. I feel personally that both entities will benefit and I hope that there will be a way to help to some degree funding for both of these organizations.

The county is organizing a water symposium for sometime in January 2009. I would like to go on record for supporting what I feel is a need for county wide

water authority which includes all water entities including the Village of Waterloo. Our Water infrastructure needs have grown to the point where it should be a county wide regional entity not just one small part of the community selling water to the rest of the region. Auburn is working with Cayuga County to do the same thing.

**Committees:**

- a. Next Hernon Park Meeting April 21, 2008 @ 9:30 AM
  - b. Romulus Historical Society Minutes November 20, 2008 Meeting
- The State has put heat in the building and are working on the inside of the House.

**Old Business - None**

**New Business** – We have had a meeting with Excellus representatives last week and they gave a presentation on the new Health insurance program that they are offering. We invited the Town of Covert, Village of Ovid, Town of Varick, Village of Interlaken to attend. Basically, they are offering a program that involves the users savings account. Money that the town would normally put in for the cost of their insurance coverage, a good portion of it would be put into a user account for the individual. It would be \$2600.00 for individual and \$5200.00 for Family Plan. What would happen is the person would use the plan, swipe their card, and what they would pay as co-pay would come out of their account. For the user there would be no other fee. When that money is used up, in the course of a year, the insurance picks up 100 % of it except for prescriptions. The benefit to the employee is that if he manages his account well and doesn't use all the money, at the end of the year he keeps what is left. The following year will start at zero again. The cost to the town would be slightly less than what the town is paying now. I would like our Board to pass a resolution to allow our employees to have the choice of joining this program or not. If after a year they are not satisfied with this program, they have a choice of switching back to their original program. The resolution covering this would be #93-08. This program is for anyone who has insurance now.

We have already created a position for part time typist. Right now we have a lot of issues that need to be done but the staff needs more help. I would like the board to amend the position to full time typist and give permission for the interview and to hire a person full time at minimum wage to fill the position.

**Resolutions:**

#89-08 RVFD Games of Chance #89-08  
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth  
Carried Unanimously

#90-08 South Seneca Sportsman Club Games of Chance  
Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Carried Unanimously

#91-08 RVFD Bingo License  
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall  
Carried Unanimously

#92-08 OVID VFW Bingo License  
Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall  
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Carried Unanimously

#93-08 BC/BS Excellus Savings Plan  
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall  
Carried Unanimously

#94-08 Verification of Payables  
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall  
Carried Unanimously

#95-08 Authorize Additional Zoning Board Member Position and Advertising for Applications:  
Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth  
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Carried Unanimously

#96-08 Amend Typist Position From Part-Time to Full-Time Position  
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall  
Carried Unanimously

**Town Clerk's Report:**

- a. Town Clerk's Financial Report Submitted
- b. Close out meeting will be December 23, 2008 at 10:00 AM
- c. Reorganization meeting will be January 5, 2009 at 10:00 AM

**Adjournment:** Motioned by Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Seconded by Councilwoman Barbara McCall  
Motioned Carried