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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 18, 2009

Call to order: The regular Romulus 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	Present
	Councilwoman Barbara McCall	Present
	Councilman Kyle Collinsworth	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk, Terry Smith
Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson
Water Commissioner, Jack Holley
Residents 2

Pledge of Allegiance: followed by moment of silence. Highway Superintendent asked that we remember Frank Eldredge, K-9 Officer from Seneca County and Councilman Robert Gerlach asked that we remember Ray Zajac and Jack Holley who will be having surgery next week.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. January 21, 2009 Regular Town Board Meeting
Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Approved unanimously

Petitioner to the Board: Mr. Jim Malyj from Seneca County Soil & Water is presenting information on AEM (Agricultural Environmental Management).

Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) is a voluntary, incentive-based program that helps farmers operate environmentally sound and economically viable businesses.

The AEM program coordinates agricultural and environmental conservation agencies and programs as well as private sector consultants to provide one stop shopping for services. All agricultural counties in New York State are conducting AEM programs, and participation has grown to include over 9000 farms.

Using AEM's 5 tiered approach, farmers work with local AEM resource professionals to develop and implement comprehensive site specific farm plans.

Tier 1 – Inventory Questionnaire – Identifies current farm activities, future Plans, and potential environmental concerns.

Tier 2 – Assessment Worksheet – Documents current environmental stewardship while identifying and prioritizing environmental concerns.

Tier 3 – Planning Process – A plan is developed providing solutions to

Environmental concerns identified in Tiers 1 and 2. Plans are designed with a farm's mission, goals, and objectives in mind.

Tier 4 – Implementation - Agricultural agencies and consultants provide Farms with technical, educational and financial assistance to implement Best Management Practices. You must be in this program to get a grant.

Tier 5 – Evaluation – Ongoing evaluations ensure that AEM helps protect both the environment and the viability of farm businesses.

A copy of the plan is attached.

Mike Coia from Lodi, New York representing Seneca Bio Energy of the BioDiesel Facility at the former Army Depot/Fuels gave a report on the progress of his Company to say how much we appreciate all the assistance the Town of Romulus has given to us. You have been very very helpful along with the Planning Board and Jack Holley in the Water Department as well. Last fall we went through the SEQR process and we got a negative declaration from the Planning Board for our SEQR. We used the engineering company MRB Group to do our detailed site development plans. These would up being a series of drawings and plans for a number of items that the DEC required us to have permits for. In particular, storm water management plans which are now complete. Wetland delineation and any mitigation that has to be done has been completed. An access entrance road out to Route 96 requires us to do a DOT traffic Study. Meetings with the DOT have approved the counts and the traffic study and made a conclusion that we do not need an entrance ramp or a turning ramp. The actual drawings for the access road layout have been completed by MRB and have been submitted to DOT. We hope that by the end of March 2009 we will have all the approvals that we need so that we can open up that entrance way to allow Top Quality Hay and their workers as well as our workers to not have to make the long loop from the main entrance. Also it will make it more accessible for any fire or emergency crews that may have to use it. I would like Supervisor Kaiser to make arrangements with the Planning Board Assistant Chairman so that we may get the drawings etc in front of the planning board so that they may go through their review for us to get our approvals to start work in April. We also have been working with the wineries on their waste pumice. We will be using that to make manufactured soil that can be returned under perhaps one of the AEM Plans to these wineries so that they can spread a soil as opposed to the pumice. The seeds will also be taken out of these grapes to make a grape seed oil. It also can be expanded to make a bio diesel fuel oil.

Communications to be filed:

- a. Letter from Seneca County Soil & Water - Attached
- b. OSC Government Accounting Training - Attached
- c. Dog Licensing Dealer's Exemption Certificate - Attached
- d. Update on Farmland Protection Grant Application - Attached
- e. Traffic Calming Initiative - Attached

Assessor's Report:

- a. No report this month

Code Enforcement Officer:

- a. Permits Issued
 - i. #1-09 5870 East Lake Road – Addition to existing house

Romulus Planning Board:

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes Attached.
- b. Dog Control Meeting Minutes Attached

Roumulus Zoning Board:

- a. Meeting scheduled for February 19, 2009.

Highway Superintendent:

- a. Report Attached
Gov. Patterson cut our CHIPS monies this year from \$53,000 down to \$30152 a decrease of 43.11%. When the President signed that Stimulus package, Gov. Patterson reinstated all of 2008 and 2009 CHIPS money. The word we got today was that it was restored to \$53,000.00.

Dog Control Officer:

- a. Report attached.

Water Commissioner - Everything is going well. Butch went to conference and has submitted a report. If more than one person goes to same conference only one report could be filed. All submitted will be put in one folder titled Conferences.

Bookkeeper

- a. Report Attached

Committees Report.

- a. Hernon Park
 - i. Next Meeting scheduled for March 18, 2009
- b. Historical Society meeting schedule for February 19, 2009 at 10:00 AM

New Business – Jim Williamson said that he needs some windows at the Highway Dept. and that he was told to contact Seneca Vinyl to get an estimate on 3 windows to present to the Board. Supervisor Kaiser told Mr. Williamson to go ahead and get an estimate.

Resolutions:

- 15-09 Authorize Clerk to Advertise Again for 2 Alternate Zoning Board Positions and 1 Zoning Board Position
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously
- 16-09 Authorize Typist to Attend Schooling

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

17-09 Verification of Payables

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Carried Unanimously

18-09 Authorize Town Clerk to Attend Annual Conference

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

19-09 Authorize Highway Superintendent to Attend Conference

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

Town Clerk's Report

a. Report Attached

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Carried Unanimous

Adjournment at

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

The next meeting will be March 18, 2009.