

**DRAFT**  
**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**March 16, 2011**

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

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  
                            Planning Board Chairperson, Kate Sinicropi  
                            Town Attorney, Steven Getman  
                            County Water Maintainer, Butch Carroll  
                            Residents 2

Pledge of allegiance: followed by moment of silence. Supervisor Kaiser asked that we keep Gary Stannard in our thoughts and prayers.

Public Hearing: Motioned by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr to open the Public Hearing.  
                            Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
                            Carried Unanimously

- a.      A Local Law establishing the cross connection control and backflow prevention program.

Supervisor Kaiser asked if anyone would like to speak on the Cross Connection control and backflow prevention program.

Supervisor Kaiser asked to have a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Approval of Minutes:

- a.      February 16, 2011 Regular Town Board Meeting  
                            Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.  
                            Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
                            Carried Unanimously

Communications:

- a. Office of the State Comptroller – extending Annual Report filing 60 days
- b. NYSEG – Phone numbers for Emergency Calls
- c. Association of Towns – 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Finance School Application

Assessor's Report – Nothing this month

Code Enforcement Office

- a. Nothing this month

Romulus Planning Board

- a. Seneca County Planning Board Agenda/Minutes – Attached

Romulus Zoning Board

- a. Nothing this month

Highway Superintendent – No Report given at meeting.

Dog Control Officer – Report Attached:

The Dog Control Officer recommended to the Town Board doing a enumeration of dogs in the Town of Romulus.

Bookkeeper – Report Attached

Late notices have been sent out.

Have received quote for the new meters for Town of Romulus.

Might need to look at new software package for our water and sewer program.

Our current source is not supporting our program and we have sent questionnaire to Another company, Williamson Law.

Supervisor's Report

The village of Waterloo has raised their wholesale rates to the Town of Varick by \$.25 cents. Varick is wishing to pass that on to the Romulus Residents. The County had a public Hearing here Monday, March 14, 2011, to address the Post rate. The rate request will go before the Board of Supervisors next Tuesday, March 22, 2011.

Committees:

Councilman Robert Gerlach stated there will be a park committee meeting in May. Mrs. Farnsworth received a phone call from Willard DTC stating that they would like to use that park field for softball. There will have to be some alterations made and it is currently a hard ball field. The park committee will be following up on that plan. The committee would also like to follow up on the bidding of the mowing machine. The committee has requests from some residents who want to form a soft ball league and use the park as their home field. The committee will have our attorney look into providing us with a liability waiver. The Four Town Association is also interested in using the ball field for practice.

Old Business:

Question: What is the status on our Route 89 Water District?

Supervisor Kaiser said "he received a phone call early February 2011, USDA has the Town of Romulus back on the list for funding for 2011 and did not have Varick. That also presents a problem since they are our source of Water. Without a base for a water District, we will not get any District without a source of water. They are working on getting Varick

back on line for that. They will not take us off but delaying us until the outcome of our referendum. We did have a list of opposition to forming the district. That forced us to have a referendum. After looking into the situation, it would be quite costly to have a special election basically, done by us at our expense. We would have to hire election inspectors, and several forms would have to be filled out and filed. I talked to the Comptroller's office and they recommended that we, since it is an election year, could have it put on the fall ballot at the expense of the county. That way it would be done during the voting here for those living in this district. We have to provide Joan Mooney's Office with certain information from our Attorney for the project. It will be on the ballot this fall. In a special election, we could not allow for absentee ballots, but, you can under a general Election. I have met with Tim Buhl our engineer and our financial consultant, Chuck Bastian. We have identified certain things for them to do in preparation until the November vote. Hopefully Varick will have a source for us to hook into and hopefully we will also be funded as well." There was a question on our voting on the Docks & Moorings contract from last month. We had some feed back from past chairperson Barry Roach, with concerns that we had an improper carrying out in the process of that. According to our town attorney we were within our rights to enter in executive session to discuss legal issues and concerns. We did exit that executive session and came back into public and then voted on that Resolution in Public by roll call vote. Kate Sinicropi spoke on the Farmland Protection Plan meeting on Monday, March 14, 2011. In attendance were 25 -30 individuals and the topic was Agricultural Economic Development. Mike Coia from Seneca Bio Energy, Representative from Buttonwood Grove Winery, Paul Bovee, Producer of Yogurt, came and spoke about their experiences and actually why they were here doing business in the Town of Romulus. Mrs. Sinicropi thought it was very helpful. Mrs. Sinicropi was very happy that some Menomites and Amish attend this workshop. There will be a third workshop which will be the tools that we might be able to use. The planning and zoning boards received notice about the Spring Local Government Workshop in Burgundy Basin will be May 13, 2011. This is the annual training that lasts all day. The other topic Mrs. Sinicropi wanted to talk about was the Veterans Cemetery located in the town. Given what has happened with the U S Supreme Court and the Westborough Baptist Church, that has been picketing and protesting the Veterans Funerals. Mrs. Sinicropi asked who is responsible for establishing any perimeters around picketing or protesting? Is it the Town, the County is it beyond that? Is this cemetery a National, State, County? Harriet Haynes was at the meeting and she recommended that we bring it to this board and hopefully this board will know where to take it. Supervisor Kaiser said that it is a County Cemetery, Owned and operated by the County. Mr. Getman, Town Attorney, said that because of the fact that it is operated and owned by the county, the county is a separate municipal entity. He does not believe that the town would have any jurisdiction to establish the rules and regulations. It will be up to the county. The county Board of Supervisors will have to improperly pick up. The town had been awarded and accepted a Farm Land Protection Grant, the process which Mrs. Sinicropi just outlined. It is a reimbursement grant. The town would have to spend the money first and submit it in a voucher so that the state can reimburse it. Therefore, the town needs to pay \$15,000 up front as a portion of what was awarded.

New Business: Councilman Gerlach asked about the regulations on the big trucks. The solution is being worked on.

Supervisor Kaiser stated that the pumps of the mutually used pump station on Seneca Street, in the Hamlet of Romulus, are in need of repair. Supervisor Kaiser has been working with Dan Duddleston of Yaws Environmental, on a plan to resolve this problem. Under agreement with Varick, we would like to use up the remaining joint sewer account to pay for these repairs. Once the joint account is dissolved, we will be operating under separate districts. The details are still being worked out. Varick replaced all their water meters with new ones. As meters get older they get looser. Their accuracy is not correct. Supervisor Kaiser said "it is my recommendation that we replace water meters that need to be replaced in the Hamlet of Romulus". Water System Maintainer Butch Carroll would like to stay with the Sensus meters. Their prices are not much different from the lowest price. He thought they would be the best for this town. The town is looking at approximately 62 meters. If the town switches to a different meter it would also have to look at new reading equipment. Mr. Carroll said that we also received a Neptune Bid but, our software cannot read these meters. The supervisor recommends moving the old equipment out of the old water office and setting it up as a conference room. Supervisor Kaiser said "the comptroller's office pulled our name and did an audit on the Town Court. The Comptroller's Office suggested a few improvements to be made to our accounting and auditing process.

Resolutions:

21-11 – Verifications of Payables.

Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

22-11 – Adoption of Local Law for a Cross Connection control and backflow Prevention

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

23-11 – Romulus Volunteer Fire Dept. Bingo License

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

24-11 – Farmland Protection Loan

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk's Report

a. Report Attached

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

Adjournment:

Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously