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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 16, 2011

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 Collinworth	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk, Terry Smith
Planning Board Chairperson, Kate Sinicropi
Planning Board Secretary, William Karlsen
Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson
Town Attorney, Steve Getman
Residents 10

Pledge of Allegiance: followed by moment of silence.

Public Hearing:

a. Adopt the Budget

The Public Hearing for the Budget was opened at 7:31 PM.

Motioned by Councilman Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Larry Yehle, from Blue Heron Point, Ovid, New York spoke. He stated that this was a follow up discussion with Supervisor Kaiser, about the budget. He received a comparison of the budget from last year and this year and it looks like the budget is up a little. He wanted to know why and the other thing was when did the county have to adopt the budget. Supervisor Kaiser stated that the county had to adopt the budget by the 20th of December, 2011. The county board of directors will meet the 22nd of November and set a public hearing. The soonest they could have a meeting would be the 6th of December, 2011. Mary will let Mr. Yehle know the exact date of the Hearing for the budget. There are some changes from the Preliminary Budget and they are highlighted.

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

The Public Hearing for the 2012 Budget is closed.

Motioned by Councilman Kyle Collinworth made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the Farmland Protection Plan

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

The Public Hearing for the Farmland Protection Plan was opened at 7:48 PM.

Motioned by Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Seconded by Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

Barbara Johnson worked with the Planning Board mainly to create this Farmland Protection Plan for the town. The final result is quite a big document which includes an inventory of the resources for the town. This plan will support farmers who want to purchase future development rights or future projects. Having this plan will support those type of projects. The process itself was quite helpful in bringing some greater awareness to some of the people in the town who might not be aware of what a big industry agriculture is.

Cameron Hosmer brought up a couple of issues that were overlooked. One was the Hydro Fracking and the other was Gas Storage beneath the Lakes. Supervisor Kaiser wanted to know if farming practices addressed in such a way to limit manure runoff. This report does talk about soil and water which is programmed to work with individual landowners to protect agricultural runoffs. As far as other sources of pollution, they are not covered in this plan. Mr. Yehle wanted to know if the fracking was within the scope of the study. The issue was to minimize the insight from gas wells and other utilities on the agriculture and environment. Supervisor Kaiser asked if that would cover the Marcellus Hydro Fracking? Ms. Johnson said "Yes". We are not bound by this Plan but we are accepting this as a guideline to help with our further actions.

Motioned to close the Public Hearing Councilman Kyle Collsinworth
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried unanimously at 8:10 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

October 19, 2011 Regular Town Board Meeting
Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

November 7, 2011 Romulus Fire Department Public Hearing
Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

Petitioner to the Board:

Sonni Sampson, Willard, New York addressed the Board regarding

surface water runoff. " The water in the Hamlet of Willard is invading the many residences in Willard. Across 96 A there is a 107 acre farm field that the drainage tile all drains into that ditch along with all the other water that has been redirected one way or another is not in the ditch. Worse yet, the county on election day, and the next 2 days, put in another Pipe to a road to direct more water to that ditch. At this point, I have to ask number 1, for the Town of Romulus to support me. I have met with DOT and they were terribly horrible. They care less what happens to this town or the residents. Senator Nozzolio was very good about getting a meeting sponsored and trying to get us to a point where we could at least help this town out. Right now the farm field I am speaking of, the silting in on the east side of Route 96A is vertical to my home. It is silted in so badly that by spring it will be flowing over the roads and into the other homes along Route 96A. I am asking this board to support me in asking the DOT to do their job and dig out the ditch. The second request is we have to have some sort of schematics for the Hamlet of Willard, to know where our water lines are. The third request is to possibly block it off that is coming down from the other side of the little cutoff (map attached). Our town attorney is putting together a FOIL for what they call the ADVIL for the drainage system on Route 96A to see if now it is working the way it was designed to do. If not, we will make Mr. Ford listen. He is the Region #3 Director. We must also make sure that the ditch on the east side is dug deeper and that we get schematics. A decision and the work must be done before spring.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:32 pm.

We would like to discuss the personnel history of a particular individual
And in addition to obtain confidential advice from our attorney.

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried unanimously

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:15 PM.

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

Communications to be filed.

- a. NYMIR Insurance - attached
- b. Time Warner Cable - attached
- c. Association of Towns - attached
- d. Time Warner Cable - attached

Code Enforcement Officer Permits issued/Letters Sent

- a. 28-11 6965 Rt. 89 Addition Wine Marking Facility
- b. 29-11 2295 Yerkes Road, Addition

Romulus Zoning Board

- a. No Meeting last month

Romulus Planning Board

- a. October 13, 2011 Seneca County Planning Board Agenda/Minutes
- b. Still looking for individual to serve on the Planning Board. One name mentioned was Gunter Minges, Jr.
Mr. Yehle would be interested in our alternate position.

Highway Superintendent

- a. Report Attached - all the trucks are ready to go for the winter. The Plows are all attached and the sanders are working. We are replacing 10 meter posts. Also completing general maintenance. The new signs that we are required to have are very large.

Dog Control Officer

- a. Report attached

Bookkeeper

- a. Report attached

Old Business

We received one bid for the removal of snow at the Town Hall. Supervisor Kaiser opened the bid and read it aloud. The bid was from P & K. Landscape. The bid was rejected and will be re-advertised for next month. Jim Williamson will cover the driveway if David Kaiser will cover the steps and sidewalks till the new bids are received and one is chosen. We will redo resolution to cover the sidewalks, driveway, salting and sanding. Dumpster days had collected a lot of scrap pile metal and it has almost totally disappeared.

Resolutions:

67-11 Verification of Payables

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

68-11 Adopt 2012 Budget

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

69-11 Accept Audit of Monthly Court Records

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

70-11 Rescinding Conditional Approval of Formation of State
Route 89 Water District

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

71-11 Budget Transfers

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

72-11 Issue the Negative Determination of Environmental Significance for
Approval of the Town of Romulus Agricultural & Farmland Protection
Plan

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

73-11 Approval the Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk's Report

Report Attached

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

Meeting adjourned:

Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously