

Regular Town Board Meeting  
February 20, 2013

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 Gordon Carroll	Present
	Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Present
	Councilwoman Barbara McCall	Present
	Councilman Kyle Collinsworth	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk, Terry Smith  
Planning Board Chairperson, Tom Bouchard  
Edith B. Ford Library, Shannon O'Connor  
FL Community Newspaper Report, Aneta Glover  
Residents 3

Pledge of allegiance: followed by moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes:

January 16, 2013 Regular Town Board Meeting  
Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn  
Seconded: Councilman Gordon Carroll  
Carried Unanimously

Petitioner to the Board:

Shannon O'Connor- Edith B. Ford Library – Ovid, New York  
Thank you for supporting the Edith B. Ford Library. A copy of our annual report is attached. You will note that we have seen 18,000 people come through our library door. That is an 11% increase over 2011. Last year we were able to offer 308 programs. Sixty six of them were for children and families, 118 of them for teens and 124 of them for adults. We are trying a new program this year called the LIFT (Libraries for Teens). It is a weekly book and activity club program for middle school students in both the Romulus and South Seneca Central School Districts that provides after school activities for 40 students. Some monthly programs are sponsored by grants through the Delavan Foundation, NYSCA (New York State Council of the Arts), Phelps Art Center, the Rosen Library Fund, and the Community Foundation of Tompkins County. The Library services, in addition to materials to loan and public internet stations, include assistance with job searching and resume writing. Our librarian works a weekly shift on Ask Us 24/7 as an online reference librarian. Also, state tax forms are available at the Ford Memorial Library and we offer no cost printing of tax forms for patrons. The Ford Library Worked in collaboration with the Ovid Summer Recreation program to keep children interested in books over the summer. The Ford Memorial Library had 202 Association Members and 16 Business Association Members.  
The library looks forward to another active, productive year serving the Towns of Romulus and

Ovid.

Communications to be filed:

- a. Time Warner Cable - attached
- b. Seneca County Treasurer - attached
- c. The Assembly State of New York Albany – attached
- d. Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association – attached
- e. Paul G. Wagner – attached
- f. Office of the City Manager of Geneva – attached

Code Enforcement Officer

- a. 2295 Yerkes Road, Romulus, NY Auction Barn
- b. 2449 Rte 96, Ovid, NY addition
- c. 2473 Vineyard Road, Romulus, NY install Trailer, Addition to House, Build Green House
- d. 1537 County Rd 132, Willard, NY Property Maintenance
- e. 1331 Main Street Willard, NY Property Maintenance

Planning Board:

- a. Letter of Interest in Planning Board Position
- b. Seneca County Planning Bd. Agenda/Minutes
- c. Special Use Permit, Western Ag. Enterprises, Inc.

On February 4, 2013 we approved a special use permit from Western Ag. We will be scheduling a public hearing for March 4, 2013. The permit itself is to do light industrial work in the area that is energy conservation in that part of the Depot.

There is some concern with Sned Acres development on Route 89. He applied for special use Permit in 2005. The Northern part is what is in consideration now. Mr. Snedacre went to the Zoning Board of appeals to get the set back permit but never came back to the Planning Board to get it the special use permit. He was under the impression that all was ok. He has been informed that it would be in everyone's best interest to submit a new request for special permit. He plans on being at the next board meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2013.

The natural gas draft moratorium was discussed. The draft is ready to go as we are just waiting for the state's deadline of the 2/28/13.

Mary Joslyn has petitioned the Planning Board to become a Board member.

We are trying to set up a meeting with Varick to discuss any issues of mutual concern especially with the Depot.

The North East Freight Transit is talking with an agricultural grain dealer to set up a business to do business at the Depot. So it would be good to get the zoning looked at real quick.

You mentioned about meeting with Harriet Haynes. The reason we were able to grant the Special use permit to Western Ag. under this new zoning law was because it is a permissible land use in there. In regard to NEFT, if they are doing grain transfer, that is one thing that is allowable in that zoning. However, if they are looking to store it there, that is not allowed.

Romulus Zoning Board

- a. No report this month

Highway Superintendent:

Report Attached

Dog Control Officer:

No report this month.

Bookkeeper:

Report attached

Old Business:

Jim Williamson and Supervisor Kaiser met with Mr. Getman about the Sidewalk Law that was proposed last month. Jim Williamson, Supervisor Kaiser and Mr. Getman determined that it was the law would do what it was intended to do. Tonight Supervisor Kaiser is asking the board to schedule and public hearing for the March meeting. It will be out to the public to review. Anyone will be able to discuss it at the Hearing. The property lines are surveyed to the center of the road but that is not the case at Lake Shore Landing. The surveyor surveyed the property up to the sidewalks. Therefore, by default, the sidewalks fall to the town road rightaway and therefore, by law, they belong to the town. But, the town, is not in the sidewalk business. We are proposing this law to be handled in the same way that Town of Geneva handled their issue with the sidewalks. Basically the home owner, whose property the sidewalk abuts, is responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalk.

New Business: NONE

Resolutions:

13-13 Verification of Payables

Motioned: Supervisor David Kaiser

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

14-13 Support for NYS Contact Information for Vacant Structures

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn

Seconded: Councilman Gordon Carroll

Carried Unanimously

15-13 Appoint Planning Board Member

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn

Seconded: Councilman Gordon Carroll

Carried Unanimously

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Gordon Carroll Yes

Councilman Ralph Walborn, JR. Yes

Councilwoman Barbara McCall Yes

Councilman Kyle Collinsworth Yes

Supervisor David Kaiser Yes

16-13 Accept Closing Statement & Audit

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

17-13 Introduce Proposed Local Law A of 2013

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Discussion: Mr. Hayes will go out and see if there is a problem with the sidewalk as reported. He will then issue a ticket if needed. This motion has been tabled.

**MOTION TABLED**

18-13 Authorize Clerk to Advertise

Motioned:

Seconded:

**MOTION TABLED**

19-13 Letter of Support For Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association

Motioned:

Seconded:

**MOTION TABLED**

#### Town Clerk's Report

Report attached.

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

Seneca County Rabies Clinic – attached

President of the Town of Covert voiced some opinion on Hydrofracking at Board meetings.

#### Adjournment

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilman Gordon Carroll

Carried Unanimously