

Regular Town board Meeting
May 21, 2014

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 Gordon Carroll	Present
	Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Present
	Councilwoman Theresa Jackson	Present
	Councilman Kyle Collinsworth	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk, Terry Smith
Town Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson
Town Attorney, Steve Getman
Zoning Board Member, Barbara McCall
Finger Lakes Community Paper, Aneta Glover
Romulus Girls Basketball Team along with Coaches
Residents 18

Pledge of allegiance: followed by moment of silence. Supervisor Kaiser asked that we remember William Woodard, a resident of Town of Romulus who passed away in our prayers.

Dedication to Romulus Girls Basketball Team

Dedication to Romulus Girls Basketball Team- Supervisor Kaiser Presented the Romulus Girls with a Plaque for their Trophy Case of their achievements, and a Key to the Town of Romulus. Supervisor Kaiser also spoke and told everyone that the girls had an outstanding year with a 25 Game win and no loss season. Also, there are signs being made to be put up entering the Hamlet of Romulus stating that this is the Home of the 2014 Girls Basketball Team State Champions.

Meeting was recessed at 7:45 PM

Meeting opened again at 8:15 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. April 16, 2014
Motioned by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Seconded by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Carried Unanimously

Petitioneers to the Board:

Ms. Katheryn Fischer spoke about water damage to her house and basement.
Ms. Fischer presented the Town board with pictures that had been taken of the damage that had been done to her basement on several occasions. She also stated that an employee of the Seneca County Highway Department told her if she didn't like it she should move. Ms. Fischer was also told she would be responsible for damage fees of approximately \$6000.00 which she cannot afford. Ms. Fischer stated that she has owned the house for 33 years and her basement was dry for the first 30 years. Ms. Fischer stated that the storm drains need to be cleaned. Ms. Fischer thinks this is unreasonable abuse. Attorney Getman asked Supervisor

Kaiser, since this is a County road to arrange a meeting with the County Attorney and the County Manager and the County Attorney to investigate or address Ms. Fischer's concerns. Perhaps they could oversee that things are being done properly. They did clean the ditches But perhaps should be done again.

Communications:

- a. Time Warner Cable – attached
- b. Time Warner Cable - attached
- c. New York State – Consolidated Funding (Waterfront Revitalization & Community Development) - attached
- d. 2014 Political Calendar – attached
- e. Town of Fayette, Public Hearing – 2014 Local Law on Waste Management facilities in the Town of Fayette – attached

Code Enforcement Officer:

- a. Building Permit #05-14 7020 Depot Rd., Ovid, NY - garage and deck
- b. Building Permit #06-14 6253 Rte 89, Romulus, NY – Storage
- c. Building Permit #07-14 5870 E. Lake Rd., Romulus, NY – Hot Tub
- d. Building Permit #08-14 6818 Beaujon Rd., Ovid, NY – Garden tool shed/storage shed
- e. Building Permit #09-14 5741 Lake Hill Drive, Romulus, NY – Deck

Romulus Planning Board:

- a. Seneca County Planning board Meeting – Agenda, May 8, 2014
- b. Seneca county Planning board Minutes 4/10/14

Romulus Zoning Board:

- a. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – 4/24/14
Meeting Minutes attached.

Highway Superintendent:

- a. Report attached:
Superintendent Williamson talked with Councilman Collinsworth about an excavator for the Highway Department. Superintendent Williamson talked to Mr. Austic and he will allow me to get some shale from Grangers to put over the bank on the Stout Road where it washed road bank out down to the box cover. It will take about 15 loads to fill that back in (about 35 feet). We may lease an excavator from the company on a 5 year lease. At the end of the 5 years lease, we give them \$1.00 (one) dollar and we own the excavator. This is an emergency purchase whereas NYSEG came in and did an energy audit on the Town Hall and the Highway Department and shed. The Town Hall was sufficient and they have a recommendation for the Town Highway Barn and cold storage. The cost of the energy light change out would be \$1738.42 with a 5 year payback. (Resolution #40-14)
Dumpster Days went well. The next dumpster days will be 10/3-4-5/2014.

Dog Control Officer:

- a. Report attached

Bookkeeper:

- a. Report attached.

Supervisor:

- a. Cayuga Street Waterline Extension – this would be an extension of the Romulus Water District. Last year we had Mr. Carroll Measure it out, give us an estimate of the cost and sent a letter out to the residents. * asked Mr. Getman to be here tonight to give us the process.

Mr. Getman said, “there are two basic ways of initiating this. The first initiating process is a petition by the residents done. The petition would have to be done in the way that is consistent with the New York State election Laws. You have to have a certain percent of property owners sign it. The other way would be if the town initiated on their own a subject to permissive referendum. Permissive referendum means the residents of the proposed district would have a chance to file a petition opposing that. Those are the two difference. The steps are basically the same. If the Board chose to act on this on their own, announce it and makes it public, in 30 days anybody who might be opposed to it has a chance to challenge it. If enough people have a legitimate petition against it, then it goes to a vote. If the residents want to sign a petition, it has to be signed by 25 voters with taxable property, situated in the village proposed water district, or by 5% of the owners of taxable real property situated in the district. Every petition of the establishment must be accompanied by a real map or plan and signed by a competent engineer.

The town board procedure – either way, a map plan must be prepared by a competent engineer. A public hearing is held, it has to be posted. After the Public Hearing, The town Board has to make certain determinations, basically, determinations have to be consistent to compensate the property owners that would be benefitted. Additional hearing would be held if necessary. This is not a short process. Assuming the town goes ahead and does all that, this is when you could get the referendum. The persons requesting the referendum must be signed by 5% of the taxable real property owners in that district or by 100 owners, in this case whichever is less. Mr. Getman would draft up the referendum. The Town should start the ball rolling on this by hiring a competent engineer firm to represent you so when you need an engineer you have one on hand.”

- b. Main Street Willard Waterline Replacement – Mr. Getman recommended that we get an engineering firm to guide us on this issue. We do not have to go out to bid to get this repaired.
- c. County Water/Sewer Contracts – Supervisor will be getting prices and will get back to residents for prices.

Old Business – the bids were opened for Mowing:

First bid – Jeff David bid \$150.00 per Mowing
Second Bid – Greased Lighting bid \$150.00
Motioned to accept Jeff David Bid.

New Business – Superintendent Williamson would like to make some adjustments to the entrance of Herson Park.

Resolutions:

34-14 – Verification of Payables
Motioned: Councilman Gordon Carroll
Seconded: Councilwoman Theresa Jackson
Carried Unanimously
35-14 – Accept Mowing Bid

Motioned: Supervisor David Kaiser

Seconded: Councilman Theresa Jackson

Carried Unanimously

36-14 Authorize PT Clerk to Attend Accounting School

Motioned: Councilman Gordon Carroll

Seconded: Supervisor David Kaiser

Carried Unanimously

37-14 Board of Assessment Review Appointment

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Seconded: Councilwoman Theresa Jackson

Carried Unanimously

38-14 Board of Assessment Review Appointment

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Carried Unanimously

39-14 Lease of Excavator for Highway Department

Motioned: Supervisor David Kaiser

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Carried Unanimously

40-14 Contract to Upgrade Lighting for Highway Department

Motioned: Supervisor Kaiser

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk's Report:

a. Report Attached.

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilwoman Theresa Jackson

Carried Unanimously

Adjournment:

Motioned: Councilman Gordon Carroll

Seconded: Councilwoman Theresa Jackson

Carried Unanimously