

**Regular Romulus Town Board Meeting
March 18, 2015**

Call to Order: The Romulus Town Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor David Kaiser at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call:	Supervisor David Kaiser	Present
	Councilman Robert Gerlach	Present
	Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Present
	Councilwoman Theresa Jackson	Present
	Councilman Kyle Collinsworth	Present

Others Present:

- Town Clerk, Terry Smith
- Planning Board Chairperson, Tom Bouchard
- Planning Board Vice Chairperson, William Karlsen
- Romulus Town Attorney, Steve Getman
- Water/Sewer Representative, Robert Stapleton
- Finger Lakes Community Paper Reporter, Aneta Glover
- Residents 8

Pledge of allegiance. Followed by moment of silence. Supervisor Kaiser asked to remember Town Residents Ester Brown and Laura Keeler in our thoughts and prayers.

Public Hearing

- a. Will hold public hearing or Re-Zoning of the Old Seneca Army Depot.
Moted by Councilman Kyle Collinsworth to open the Public Hearing
Seconded by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

Supervisor Kaiser asked Planning Board Chairperson, Tom Bouchard to speak to the Town Board regarding the Re-Zoning of the Old Seneca Army Depot. Planning Board Chairperson Tom Bouchard spoke. Mr. Bouchard welcomed the Anderson Group and the Western Ag. Group. Mr. Bouchard recounted that at the last Town Board meeting there were 2 proposals that we were trying to get right with the zoning Board for over a year now. Our Board decided to go with the option that would allow our board to go with Residential and the Agricultural Districts in the Depot. That was forwarded to the County and the County reviewed the proposal and had no objections to it. I am asking the Board to consider the adoption of that proposal as an amendment to the Zoning Law. The proposal tonight is the one that the county approved and reviewed. This proposal is also open to Public Input. Mr. Bouchard thinks that this is a good plan and will allow some growth in the Depot. We also would like to make sure this railroad is operational as it will add a lot to the Depot. The County Road 135 is also on the proposal to reopen. It would be a large benefit to help the growth in the Depot.

The proposed Zoning Document is on the website. This is just a public hearing to hear comments. Motioned by Councilman Robert Gerlach to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Theresa Jackson. Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. February 18, 2015
Motioned by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Seconded by Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

Communications:

- a. Time Warner Cable - attached
- b. Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Review-attached
- c. Spring 2015 Regional Local Government Workshop - attached
- d. Regional Meetings - attached
- e. Cayuga County Planning Board – Rural Planning & Revising Zoning - attached

Code Enforcement Officer

Adam Schrader is the new Code Enforcement Officer. He spoke and said he had quite a few calls lately referring to calls about the Depot. Mr. Schrader had one call about Solar Field on the Depot. It is an allowed use but only with a Special Use Permit. The section, to the West, is that still energy development? That would be near or in the area where Bio-Energy was going to locate. The answer is that it is an allowed use.

Romulus Planning Board

- a. Seneca County Planning Board Meeting Agenda
- b. Seneca County Planning Board Minutes 2/12/15
- c. Seneca County Planning Board – Zoning Amendment TR15-1
We met on the 2nd of March, 2015. The subject of the playground and building whether it would be available for redeveloping. The Town has it. The Town was deeded that for \$1.00 back a few years ago. The problem the town has is that it is not an easy way for public access. I talked with Theresa Lahr and said that was the problem we had. Flaw Management frowns about it because it is right in the middle of their development site. There has been several discussions about re-siting their highway. It is right near the County salt barn. We don't have an indoor salt facility, but, the talk is that all towns will have to have salt housing undercover. That was the reason the town was going to use that site.
Mr. Bouchard would like to follow up on the Lake Shore Property. Would like to get help from Senator Nozzolio. WDTC will only lease Lake Shore and not sell it.
Mr. Bouchard would like to see the new Right to Farms sign put up. Supervisor will talk to Mr. Williamson. We are asking residents that are having trouble with properties that are disrepair to put it in writing to the town hall and that way you have some documentation to follow up on.

Highway Report

Report attached – Had trouble with F-350 Dump. Motor is showing codes and friendly Ford is still working them out. Had the snow blower fixed and is working well. We are Patching Roads as weather permits.

Dog Control Office

Water Department

Report attached –

February Master Meter Totals – Willard Water district 890,000 gallons/daily average 31,785 gallons, Romulus Water District 964,100 gallons/daily average 34,432 gallons.

Water testing – both districts – all sample draws are current

Three water meter change outs

NYSDOH monthly reports

Service truck =- truck in good running order

We had 3 people contact us for PT or call in jobs

Bookkeeper

Main Office Report – attached Tax bills are due by April 1, 2015.

Water bills not paid by tomorrow will receive red tag and will be turned off.

Supervisor

Surplus – Items in the building that are not needed – would like to have them surplus. Could have them sold by auction or bid. The hard drives have all be cleaned of any materials pertaining to the Town Office.

Mowing the Park – People that did the mowing last year will do it again this year for same price as last year. \$150.00 each mowing.

Dumpster Days – Supervisor would like it the weekend of May 15, 16, and 17. The hours are 8 am to 4 pm May 15, 16 and 8 am to 12:00pm. on May 17, 2015.

Hernon Park – Get the neighbors to call 911 and report damage being done to the Park anonymously. Maybe more people would report the park being vandalized if they did not have to give their names.

Mr. Hil Kirk spoke to the Board about looking to buy and expand his work group. He has been trying for two years to get price, buy some land, and what is available and where. The IDA is meeting on 3/19/15 to market the remaining Depot lands under their control. Supervisor Kaiser will talk to Mr. Hil Kirk tomorrow as to how to submit a proposal. They are not offering prices but they are taking proposals.

Highway Superintendent position – The Board has expressed the opinion that this be an appointed position. The supervisor received a phone call from a member of the Varick Town Board who stated that they have talked over the years of having their Highway Superintendent's position appointed. We have to do it by local law. We would have to go through the local law process to establish the position with the qualifications that we want. The Town would have to establish the Local Law and then it would have to be forwarded to the County Personnel Office. Then we would have to pursue the referendum process. It goes to Board of Elections and they put it on the Ballot. If it passes at the election, on January 1, 2016, there is no more elected Highway Superintendent. If it fails there is an elected Highway Superintendent. The Law takes precedence.

Resolutions:

#24-15 – Clerk to Advertise

Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Seconded by: Councilwoman Theresa Jackson

Amendment to establish Fall Dates added.

Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Seconded by: Councilwoman Theresa Jackson
Carried Unanimously

#25-15 – Adopt Amendments to Romulus Town Ordinance

Motioned by: Supervisor David Kaiser

Seconded by: Councilwoman Theresa Jackson

Amend Motion to direct that all documents be referred to Town

Attorney for review, preparation and introduction of a resolution and other materials necessary for the passage of the amendment presented.

Motioned by Supervisor Kaiser

Seconded by Councilwoman Jackson

Carried unanimously

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Carried Unanimously

#26-15 – Verification of Payables

Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Seconded by: Councilwoman Theresa Jackson

Carried Unanimously

#27-15 – Planning Board Workshop

Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

#28-15 – Discontinue the Hernon Park Fund

Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Seconded by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

#29-15 – Accept Audit for the Judicial System

Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

#30-15 - Issuing Negative Determination of Environmental Significance

Motioned by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded by: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

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Carried Unanimously

#31-15 – Supporting Seneca County’s application to Establish Land Bank

Motioned by: Councilman Ralph Walborn Jr.

Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk’s Report

Report Attached

Motioned by: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded by: Councilwoman Theresa Jackson
Carried Unanimously.

Enter into Executive Session: Attorney and Client Privileges
Motioned by Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Seconded by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

Come out of Executive Session:
Motioned by Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Seconded by Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

Adjournment

Motioned by: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously