

REGULAR ROMULUS TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 15, 2015

Call to Order – The Town of Romulus Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor David Kaiser at 7:40 PM.

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

Others Present: Town Clerk, Terry Smith
Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson
Planning Board Chairperson, Tom Bouchard
Planning Board Vice Chairperson, William Karlsen
Bookkeeper, Mary Farnsworth
Water Department, Robert Stapleton
Town of Romulus, Town Attorney, Steven Getman
Finger Lakes Community Paper Reporter, Aneta Glover
Residents: 10

Pledge of allegiance. Followed by moment of silence. Supervisor asked that we keep in our prayers Barbara Materewski who passed away recently.

Petitioner to the Board

- a. Michael Palumbo RE: proposed project at the former Seneca Army. The Governor's office has approved legislation for medical marijuana to be grown and processed in NYS. Josh Stanley of Citiva Medical The project would occupy about 20 acres.

Their operation would consist of a greenhouse and a processing operation. There would be about 20 jobs to start. They hope that over the years this would grow larger but never over 20 acres. They are seeking one of the five licenses that the Governor is going to approve statewide. Mr. Stanley would like the Town Board to support this project.

Josh Stanley addressed the Board. He asserted that when you think about marijuana you think of pot and you think of smoking and also illicit drug use. His company has chosen New York because of its extremely narrow and pragmatic laws that force this plant into a true cannabis medical use. It would not be a back door or a wink and nod toward any type of recreational type of use of plant. What they do is very scientific, very targeted, to specific illness, mainly auto immune disfunction. It would be like Parkinson's, Sclerosis and Alzheimer's. They work with a large group of conditions and variety of cancers. They are mostly known for over the last 8 years to have worked to develop a particular strain of medical cannabis. This has

become known as a Charlotte's Web which they have had amazing results with especially with children with epilepsy. They have now created a need for this type of medicine for these children because it has proven over and over again that no other pharmaceuticals will work. Mr. Stanley then stated that "we are seeking your partnership".

Approval of Minutes:

- a. March 18, 2015
Motioned by: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded by: Councilwoman Theresa Jackson
Carried Unanimously`

Communications:

- a. Time Warner Cable - Attached
- b. Senator Michael Nozzolio – Funding for Seneca & Cayuga Counties - attached
- c. Energy Cost – MEP - attached
- d. Regional Meetings – What to Expect at Meeting - attached
- e. Regional Meeting - Register Now - attached
- f. Genessee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Eblast – attached

Code Enforcement Officer

- a. Property Maintenance – 1930 Seneca Street, Romulus, NY 14541

Romulus Planning Board

- a. Seneca County Planning Board Agenda
- b. Seneca County Planning board Minutes March 12, 2015
- c. Urie Wengerd is starting a new Grocery Store where Prouty's use to be. He will get some Permits to add on additions.

Zoning Board

- a. Renew Richard Bloss's position on Zoning Board
Resolution to be approved tonight.

Assessment Review Board

- a. Renew Roger Coyle's position to the Assessment Review Board.
Resolution to be approved tonight

Highway Report

- a. Report attached
- b. The Highway Department has started brooming the roads. There are a lot of dead animal carcasses lying around. There are quite a few in ditches where a lot of deer drink their water as well as other animals. Dave Kaiser will get in touch with the DOT. They are going to change out two culverts. One was on the Stout Road and Ridge Road intersection and the other on the Bromka Road. Jim is waiting for the Chips money and thinks he will be getting the same as last year or a little bit more. The snow removal budget this year held its own. They used all but \$1200.00. If we don't have a lot of snow in November or December, we will be ok according to Mr. Williamson. There is approximately 70 tons of salt left.

Water Department

a. Report Attached

Request approval for Robert Stapleton to attend Conference.

Ken Favreau – will be the “on call” employee to help the water Dept. when needed.

Motioned by Robert Gerlach to give Robert Stapleton \$300.00 not to exceed \$400.00 to go to conference. This is needed for ongoing credits.

Seconded by Councilwoman Theresa Jackson

Carried Unanimously

We read the meters and the bill have been sent out.

We had a couple of meter change outs and one was frozen. All meters are working in the district, we just can't read one of them.

Monthly reports are up to date and the truck is in good condition.

We did gain access to the manhole on Second Street. The manhole is in good shape and we have scheduled Brewers to come in and jackhammer the line.

Bookkeeper

Mary Farnsworth is working on getting the new copier. She would like to get just black and white. We do not have that much need for a color copier.

Mary will also be on vacation from May 8, to May 26, 2015. Supervisor Dave Kaiser will run the office .

Mary is also preparing the Offices to be painted and finding someone to do it.

Assessor's Report: Anne Morgan reported that she is winding up all work and all the actions that went out and all the field work. All the changes such as addresses, new owners etc. were filed with the county to correct the assessment roles and then they will be returned to the County by May 1, 2015. The grievance days have been set up for May 26, May 28 and June 2, 2015. They will be held at Town Hall in the large room.

Supervisor

Current Seneca County Water District 1, Seneca County Sewer District 1 and Seneca County Sewer District 2 are run by the Seneca County Public Works Committee which is made up of 3 gentleman from the Town of Waterloo, 1 from Fayette and 1 from Lodi. They have control of it. They have opted this year to disband the Advisory Board that has been in place since 1977 of the Towns and Villages that are served by those entities. This was brought forth to the Public Works Committee controlled by Waterloo and put before the County Board which then voted to disband those advisory boards even though the county has advisory boards for everything else. The supervisors for the most part in the south end voted to keep the Advisory Boards. Actually what the vote was for was to schedule a public hearing to revise the law that created the Advisory Boards. The Public Hearing will be in 30 days and then the vote will take place whether to keep the Advisory Boards or not. If you are interested, please contact someone from the County Board of Supervisors other than the South end people and make your voice heard. In conjunction with that, the Supervisors of the affected towns and the mayors of the Villages of Lodi and Ovid, had a meeting and we decided to petition the Board of Supervisors to break away Seneca County Sewer 1 which is the original district in Willard Which serves the Town of Ovid, Town of Romulus, and parts of Town of Varick, the Village of Ovid. It ran well for years way back before the depot was still operating.

We all wrote a letter and all signed it to petition the board to not allow that to happen. I left you a copy of the letter and it was sent to the papers. I hope the papers will print the letter. In my estimation, it has been a long struggle of sabotage and heavy underhandedness by the part of certain north county supervisors. I wanted to bring the Board up to speed on what is happening. They say that the sale of water from Waterloo to the South end is 20%. They do not want to lose the revenue and the Board of Supervisors again controlled by the North end blocked the opening of the intakes back when we approached the Board of Supervisors to gain permission because they are owned by the county. After that, war broke out for many years to take us out of the water business, take us away as competition. The same advisory boards that they want to remove felt that we could open those water intakes and make water more cheaply here. We engaged services of a national engineering firm, to research the feasibility of opening up those intakes. We also engaged services of a financial consultant firm out of Rochester. We found out that the Village of Waterloo makes water revenue from the South end. Secondly, those intakes could have been opened up, the cost which could have been bonded for only 10 years without raising water rates. In 10 years the bond would have been paid off and we would have been able to manufacture water at half the cost of what we are buying it for. Before those efforts and this last night's events are a culmination of a long battle. I just wanted to bring the board up to speed on that.

Resolutions

- 32-15 Verification of Payables
Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously.
- 33-15 Appoint Zoning Board Member
Motioned by: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Carried Unanimously
- 34-15 Appoint Assessment Board Member
Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously
- 35-15 Budget Transfers – Appropriations
Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously
- 36-15 Standard Work Day and Reporting
Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Seconded by: Councilwoman Theresa Jackson
Carried Unanimously
- 37-15 Budget Transfers-Appropriations
Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously
- 38-15 Authorize Town Clerk to Advertise
Motioned by: Supervisor David Kaiser
Seconded by: Councilwoman Theresa Jackson

Motioned to Amend
Councilman Robert Gerlach
Councilwoman Theresa Jackson
Discussion:
Resolution Tabled
Carried Unanimously

39-15 Authorize Supervisor to Sign Letter to Senator Nozzolio
Motioned by: Supervisor David Kaiser
Seconded by: Councilwoman Theresa Jackson
Carried Unanimously

40-15 Authorize Highway Superintendent to Attend Highway School
Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Seconded by: Councilwoman Theresa Jackson
Carried Unanimously

41-15 Authorizing Supervisor to Sign Letter of Support for Citiva Medical
Motioned by: Supervisor David Kaiser
Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

Roll Call:

Councilman Robert Gerlach	Yea
Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Absent
Councilwoman Theresa Jackson	Yea
Councilman Kyle Collinsworth	Yea
Supervisor David Kaiser	Yea

42-15 Authorize Water District Employee to Attend Conference Not to Exceed \$400.00
Motioned by: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded by: Councilwoman Theresa Jackson
Carried Unanimously

43-15 Advertise Surplus on Auctions International
Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

44-15 Advertise Surplus in Shopper and Ovid Gazette
Motioned by Supervisor David Kaiser
Seconded by Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk's Report

Report Attached

Motioned by: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Executive Meeting: Litigation involving Top Quality Hay Processing

Motioned to enter at 9:30 PM by Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Return from Executive Session at 9:40 PM

Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Seconded by: Councilwoman Theresa Jackson

Carried Unanimously

Supervisor Kaiser is putting resolution on the floor. #45-15

Town of Romulus, Seneca County, New York requests the proposals for professional legal consultant services, collection and reports of certain money judgements.

Motioned by: Supervisor David Kaiser

Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

Adjournment:

Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously