

Romulus Town Board Minutes
June 15, 2016

Call to Order: The Romulus Town Board Meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by Supervisor David Kaiser.

Roll Call:	Supervisor David Kaiser	Present
	Councilman Michael Joslyn	Present
	Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Present
	Councilwoman Theresa Jackson	Absent
	Councilman Kyle Collinsworth	Present

Others Present: Deputy Town Clerk, Terry Smith
Highway Superintendent, Daryl Morrell
Water & Sewer, Robert Stapleton
Vice Chair Person, Planning Board, William Karlsen
Zoning Board Member, Barbara McCall
Planning Board Member, Mary Joslyn
Bookkeeper, Mary Farnsworth
Romulus Town Attorney, Patrick Morrell
Finger Lakes Community Reporter, Aneta Glover
Residents 3

Pledge of allegiance: Following by moment of silence. Supervisor Kaiser asked that we keep in our prayers, Councilwoman Theresa Jackson and Town Clerk Lolly Van Hying.

Petitioner to the Board:

a. Ken Reimer- Committee Water Chairman

On Memorial Day Sunday, Mr. Reimer had a Community meeting with many of the residents that are being affected by the Water District. They had approximately 100 people attend the meeting which lasted about 1-1/2 hours. There were many seasonal residents present as well.

Approval of Minutes.

a. May 18, 2016

Motioned by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded by Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously.

Water & Sewer Report:

Mr. Stapleton gave his report and said he was giving the reports for both May and June. The water testing turned out good. The water meters are all up and running. Shut off notices went out on June 13, 2016. They are going to replace and move the fire hydrant on Prospect Street in Willard. It is one of the oldest fire hydrants in Willard. The Town

is waiting to get the video inspection of the sewer line on Prospect street in Willard that was taken in February from Brewers Septic so that the Town can take further action there.

The trees were removed from the sewer right of way near Willow Grove Apartments. The town has hired Finger Lakes Forest Management & Tree Harvester's LLC to remove the stumps etc.

There is a resident in the hamlet of Romulus whose water line got damaged on his personal property. The water line and water were cut off. When the damage was checked into the town had to stop digging because something was found in the ground and the town cannot take responsibility for what it might be because it is on private property. Now they do not want to pay the O & M charges. The Water Department will disconnect the water. As is standard practice, the resident will be charged the O & M until they request in writing to be disconnected.

Communications:

- a. Seneca County Cornell-Coop Farmers Market
- b. Charter communications
- c. Pro-Star – Municipal Energy Program
- d. Spectrum – Time Warner Cable Merger
- e. Romulus Central School – Results of School board elections

The communications have been filed with the clerk.

Romulus Planning Board:

- a. Planning Board Minutes May 2, 2016 – Approved Minutes
- b. Planning Zoning – Summer School registration
- c. Seneca county Planning Board – Agenda June 9, 2016
- d. Special Use Permit – Victor Weeks, Seneca County.

There were 35 residents at the Planning Board meeting last week. They were protesting the Special Use Permit for Victor Weeks. Mr. Weeks never was issued a special use permit. He had started the process and was asked to provide more information which he never did. There were 20 bands. Seven issues were brought to the Planning Board at the meeting. Noise seemed to be the first and foremost. Second was the traffic issue. Some of the properties attached to the site were blocked so that they could not use their driveways. An ambulance or fire truck would not have been able to get onto the site if something had happened. There were over 200-300 people in attendance. They had vendors set up next to residences and allegedly there were fist fights. The noise was so loud that a trucking company owner, north of the party, called 911 at 9:30 PM. The sheriff responded and asked them to turn it down. A speaker on a microphone told the crowd that the law was on them to turn the music down and he announced that they were going to turn it up. The County Code Department told Supervisor Kaiser that they were rescinding the special use permit. The Law Enforcement Officers will be kept abreast of what is happening.

The new store on Bull's Head Corner is well on its way. The 65 foot driveway comes out on Route 414.

Seneca County Health Department - Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day

The County will be collecting hot water heaters, propane tanks, air conditioners, refrigerators, and rechargeable batteries. Tires and electronics will not be collected. They may be dropped off at the Seneca Meadows Landfill.

Seneca County IDA – Distribution of Payment In lieu of Taxes for Finger Lakes Railway Corp. The Town received a check in lieu of Taxes for the Finger Lakes Railway Corp. for \$737.98.

NYSEG Energy Efficiency Proposal-

A gentleman came in and talked to the Supervisor about their energy saving program. The Town had this done at the highway Barn a couple of years ago and saved energy costs. They replaced the lights with more efficient lights. A proposal was provided for the Town Hall.

Supervisor Kaiser reported that only one proposal was received for side walk repair at Lake Shore Landing. Given that it is June already; he recommends going with this proposal. The Town will provide the concrete and the contractor will pay for the labor and the forms. Resolution #49-16 would be Middle Class Contracting for \$7710.00 for labor and forms.

Supervisor Kaiser further reports that “At the IDA meeting today, the IDA awarded the remaining 7000 acres of the Army Depot to Mr. Earl Martin for the sum of \$998,000.00. It is estimated that Mr. Martin will eventually have an investment of near \$13,000,000.00 (13 million dollars), with an expansion of the Seneca Iron Works, over 200 new jobs over 10-year period with a vision of less dependence on foreign suppliers. He has expectations of bringing many of those opportunities back here to Seneca County. The overall project will be an economic asset to the Town of Romulus and the Romulus and South Seneca School Districts. It will also consist of approximately 20 Amish Homesteads where they will live and farm the land. This company would like to have the East and West Road, County Rd. 135, reopened. We are on the record of supporting this as well. He also plans on dedicating a portion of that land for wildl life preservation for the white deer. It was the third highest bid but it had the most potential and greatest impact on Seneca County. The land was taken off our tax rolls for the last 75 or so years. The fire and police training facility and the barracks will be retained by Seneca County and the air strip will be conveyed to Mr. Martin”.

Route 89 Water District –“Right now the District is not formed. The reason the Board is doing anything tonight is so that the engineers can put together a complete grant application to be submitted by next week. To complete this grant application, the State requires the Board to do aa environmental quality review. That is the first step before the Board may take any action. After that is completed, the action that we will ask the Board to take is to adopt a bond resolution. The bond resolution is required for the grant application so that this project is ready to go. This does not commit the Board to any action. It does give the Board the ability to borrow money to do the project.

After all that is done, we will have real numbers and will know what the total project cost will be after the grants are applied, if any grants are gotten. We will also be able to show the public what the average cost will be per user. That will also be reviewed and subject to the public process of creating a water district. This evening we have the SEQR Review and the bond resolution. At the last meeting, the Board was designated as the Lead Agency. After the

meeting, notices went out to other involved agencies, and that generated their response, not objecting to the Town being lead agency. Our Attorney also received a letter about that from the State Department of Transportation. The SEQR form lays out what the project is and that is taken from the Map Plan and Report. Part 2 is where the Town reviews the project and identifies any areas of concern and areas of any environmental impact. If the Board does find any impacts, they must be discussed in writing and address the impact to see if they would be significant and discuss this with the engineers and then continue to part 2.”

Attorney Morrell read the Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 2 – Identification of Potential Project Impacts.

Part 3 – Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts and Determination of Significance - This addresses all the areas in Part 2 that were designated as Large or Moderate Impact. If the Board is satisfied, that all the large or moderate impacts have been identified, and if the Board is satisfied with everything addressed in Part 3, the Board can proceed in finding that there is no significant or adverse impacts and issue this Negative Declaration SEQR.

Resolutions:

#40-16 – Verification of Payables

Motioned by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded by: Councilman Michael Joslyn

Carried

#41-16 – Budget Transfers – Appropriations

Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Seconded by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried

#42-16 – Set-up Town of Romulus Deputy Clerk Wages

Motioned by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded by: Councilman Michael Joslyn

Carried

#43-16 – Approve Fund Transfer for Stout Road Repairs

Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Seconded by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried

#44-16 – Ovid VFW Post 6200 Bingo Renewal

Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Seconded by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried

#45-16 – SEQR Determination for the Romulus NYS Rte. 89 Water District

Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Seconded by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Roll Call:	Councilman Michael Joslyn	Yea
	Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Yea
	Councilwoman Theresa Jackson	Absent
	Councilman Kyle Collinsworth	Yea
	Supervisor David Kaiser	Yea

Carried

#46-16 – Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Serial Bonds for the Romulus
Route 89 Water District Project

Motioned by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Discussion: This resolution does not require the Town to bond at this point, but by authorizing to do so it will become a part of the grant application to the State for funding to proceed with the project. This as presented, also contains a public notice and the entire thing would then be advertised. It also would give people 20 days to challenge. Again the main thing is that it authorizes for debt and does not require the Town to do so.

The amount subject for a bond would only be determined after we determine what funds would be needed for the project.

Roll Call:	Councilman Michael Joslyn	Yea
	Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Yea
	Councilwoman Theresa Jackson	Absent
	Councilman Kyle Collinsworth	Yea
	Supervisor David Kaiser	Yea

Carried

#47-16 – Grind and Remove Stumps along Sewer Line

Motioned by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried

#48-16 – Surplus and dumping of Bus Stop Building

Motioned by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded by: Councilman Michael Joslyn

Count: 4 Yea and 1 Nay.

Carried

#49-16 – Sidewalk Repair Lake Shore Landing Not to exceed \$7710.26

Motioned by: Councilman Michael Joslyn

Seconded by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried

Town Clerks Report

Motioned by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Seconded by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried

Adjournment:

Motioned by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded by: Councilman Michael Joslyn

Carried