

**Regular Town Board Meeting  
March 19, 2003**

**Call to order at 7:30 p.m.** by Supervisor Raymond Zajac

**Present Roll Call:** Councilman William Ritchie  
Councilman David Kaiser  
Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.  
Supervisor Raymond Zajac

**Others present:** Town Clerk Terry Smith  
Water Commissioner Jack Holley  
Highway Superintendent Jim Williamson  
Zoning Code Enforcement Officer Lee Hoaglan  
Planning Board Chair Walter Mittermeyer  
Ovid Gazette reporter Neil Chaffee  
12 residents

**Pledge of Allegiance, followed by moment of silence.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motioned by: Councilman David Kaiser  
Seconded by: Councilman William Ritchie

**Petitioners to the Board:** Spokespersons Michael Throm and Betty McNaught on behalf of the residents of Lakeshore Landing, along with numerous residents.

“Lakeshore Landing Homeowners Association is supposedly representing the residents of Lakeshore Landing. However, the association only has one voice and one vote. It is called Aspen Management. The residents are required to pay into the homeowners association a minimum of \$22 per month and they have no authority to vote. The decision making is not being shared and the main reason the residents approached the Board is they are concerned their property values will not increase but may decrease. The residents do not want to sabotage Aspen Management for the development of Lakeshore Landing Phase II but to protect their investment in their homes and neighborhood. One of the main purposes they have come before the Town Board is to postpone approval of the Phase II on the grounds that existing property values may be adversely affected. The residents are requesting a Public Hearing to be held prior to the approval of Phase II. The residents are also requesting that they all be notified by mail prior to the Public Hearing. A few questions that they have are: Will any property be rental properties? Who will be potential buyer?

The residents who bought Lakeview properties will no longer have that view once the Phase II is in place. Why were these properties sold as such if developer knew other houses would obstruct the view? Are there any height restrictions being placed on lots that would block the view? Will the utilities be adequate enough to support the homes? Residents are also seeking a playground, walking path and enough parking for lakefront pavilion and boat launching. The residents want to protect their property values and make sure that their community is heard. They would like to delay vote on approval of Phase II. Write a letter to the Town Board and the Board will take it to Aspen Management. The

Board cannot guarantee anything but will really try to do whatever they can. Notification to residents of the Public Hearing will be made ahead of time to the residents.

Also coming before the board is Stuart Matthey from the South Seneca School District concerning the proposed budget at a meeting to be held on March 25, 2003 at the Middle Senior High School in Ovid and on April 1, 2003 in the auditorium of the Interlaken Elementary School. Both meetings are 7 PM. The Board of Education continues budget talks on April 3, 9 and 23, 2003. A public hearing will take place May 7, 2003 and public vote on May 20, 2003. \$50,000 has already been eliminated from the \$13.5 million budget for supplies. Also, there may be as many as 7 or 8 teachers cut.

**Communications to be Filed:** Message NYSEG giving options on which company you will be able to choose. Also, Town of Varick authorizes software package at no cost to us. See attached.

**Zoning Board's Report:** See attached.

**Code Enforcement Officer's Report:** See attached report.

**Planning Board Report:** See attached.

**Tax Collector's Report:** Filed.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:** See attached.

- a. Monthly report
- b. Traffic Control Workshop authorizes Richard Hancy and Jon Kuleszo to attend

**Dog Control Officer's Report:** See attached.

- a. Monthly report
- b. Kennel inspection
- c. Letter to resident clarifying complaint process

**Assessor's Report:** See attached.

- a. Letter advising of scheduled meeting for 3/20/03 at 6 p.m.
- b. Annual audit report for joint assessment group – filed

**Water Commissioner's Report:** See attached.

- a. Hamlet of Romulus Public Water Supply Inspection Report
  - b. Hamlet of Willard Public Water Supply Inspection Report
- There was another water break in Willard. The truck has been ordered and is under \$10,000. Don't have to bid trailer. Fayette trailer sales – price is \$7500. Bids will be put out for the backhoe and are to be opened on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2003.

**Bookkeeper's Report:** See attached.

- a. General Annual Audit Report Submitted
- b. Joint Sewer District Annual Audit Report Submitted
- c. Monthly Report

**Supervisor's Report:**

Close on census issue.

**Committees Reports:**

- a. Hernon Park – next meeting will be April 29, 2003 at 6 pm.
- b. WDTC – Five Points – Correctional Facilities – nothing
- c. Highway Committee Meeting – had meeting on March 5, 2003

**Old Business:**

Variance meeting March 20, 2003 at 6 p.m.

**New Business:**

Add resolution for Clerk to advertise for the new backhoe

Motion: Councilman William Ritchie

Second: Ralph Walborn, Jr.

**Resolutions:**

#14-03 Verification of Payables

Motion: Councilman William Ritchie

Second: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

#15-03 Romulus Volunteer Fire Dept. Bingo License

Motion: Councilman David Kaiser

Second: Councilman William Ritchie

Carried Unanimously

#16-03 Authorize Highway Employees to attend Workshop

Motion: Councilman William Ritchie

Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

#17-03 Marriage License Increase

Motion: Councilman David Kaiser

Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

#18-03 Protocol for Highway Spending

Motion: Councilman David Kaiser

Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

#19-03 Protocol for Town General Spending

Motion: Councilman David Kaiser

Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

#20-03 Authorize Planning Board to Approve Subdivision Regulations

Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Second: Councilman David Kaiser

#21-03 Authorize Planning Board to Approve Subdivisions and Plans

Motion: Councilman William Ritchie  
Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Carried Unanimously

#22-03 South Seneca Lady Falcons Basketball Team  
Motion: Councilman William Ritchie  
Second: Councilman David Kaiser  
Carried Unanimously

#23-03 Authorize Clerk to Advertise for Bids for a Tractor Loader Backhoe  
Motion: William Ritchie  
Second: Ralph Walborn, Jr.  
Carried Unanimously

**Town Clerk's Report:** See attached.

Motioned by: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Seconded by: Councilman William Ritchie  
Carried Unanimously

**Adjourn Meeting:**

9:45 p.m.      Motion: Councilman David Kaiser  
Second: Councilman William Ritchie  
Carried Unanimously