

**Regular Town Board Meeting
May 21, 2003**

Call to order at 8:00 p.m. by Supervisor Raymond Zajac

Present Roll Call: Councilman David Kaiser
Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Councilman Robert Gerlach
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
3 residents

Pledge of Allegiance, followed by moment of silence.

Public Hearing: Regarding the local law for 4-year terms, Supervisor Zajac was opened for leaving it at 2 years. It was suggested 2 years for Supervisor, but balance of items can go up to four years. The only reason Supervisor was 2-year term is because item is on the county level. We are the best run town in the county with the best deputies and officers. Motion made by Councilman Robert Gerlach to close meeting and seconded by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Communications to be Filed:

- a. Joint Assessment Program
- b. Seneca County Rabies Clinic
April 26th @Seneca County Highway 10-11 a.m.
May 3, 2003 @Seneca Falls Public Works 1-2 p.m.
- c. Neighborhood Watch Program
April 23rd @Romulus Fire House at 7 p.m.
- d. New York State Retirement E-News
- e. Seneca Community Church – stone to be new resolution
- f. Mandatory Spay/Neuter of Adopted Animals

Petitioners to the Board: None.

Communications to be filed: See attached. Letter from Anthony Sciafani – recycling letter about what is allowed and what is not allowed and the times of pickups along with the holiday scheduling.

Zoning Board's Report: See attached. Both variances were approved for construction.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: See attached report.

Board working on some new by-laws, etc. Making progress on getting town cleaned up, such as junk cars. Will have to work on 2 houses falling down west of the Depot Road. We are working with the county. There is more cleaning going on now than there has been in the last few years. Many thanks to the Board for making our place better.

Planning Board Report: See attached. The first draft is out for the new by-laws.

Highway Superintendent's Report: See attached. We took the old mower to the auction service and got \$500 for it.

Dog Control Officer's Report: See attached. We now have a new dog control officer, Aaron Covert.

Assessor's Report: Nothing.

Water Commissioner's Report: No emergencies. We are getting odds and ends repaired. We are still waiting on the backhoe. We have received bids on the sewer lines. The leak on Main Street has been fixed.

Bookkeeper's Report: See attached.

Supervisor's Report: There was some concern about a radio broadcast that stated some problems concerning funds at the First National Bank of Geneva. I have been in touch with the Bank and can assure you that there is no need to be concerned. I have the utmost confidence in the bank. I understand that some of the bank officials are gone. The radio blew the total of loans out of proportion. I will continue to monitor our funds. All funds at present seem to be secure. We are going to have to count all the prisoners in our census. We filed all the proper papers. I will be working with Senator Shumer on this situation.

Committees Reports: There will be a meeting at Five Points on 6/9/2003 at 4 p.m. at the Town Hall. The next meeting for Hernon Park will be May 28, 2003 at 6 p.m.

Old Business: Thank you to Jim Williamson for all the hard work that has been put into getting the new house number signs put up. We have had a lot of comments on how nice it is to be able to find the residence especially from the emergency vehicles (such as ambulance drivers and delivery personnel). Every one seems to be happy with them.

New Business: A few people have been asking about the dumpsters and whether we are going to have them this year. I don't know the date, but I will get the information and put it in your boxes. It will be over on Log City Road. It worked out so well over there. Councilman Walborn had a few concerns about getting lawns mowed. There are a few houses along the parade route for Memorial Day where the grass is quite high. We will need the house numbers and we will get in touch with them. If they don't mow their yard, we will send in our mowers and charge the customer for this service. Next question is what is the procedure for job opportunities such as Dog Control Officer, etc. Why isn't it publicized? The new dog control office is provisional and Hobie's position is paid by the county. He is not paid by the town. Why wouldn't it be advertised in the paper since it is

only part time, also. When you talk about water and sewer you are really talking about 50% town and 50% county. It's integrated and most of the wages are paid out of the county districts. Hobie possesses the type of licenses that are hard to find. The Board talked to Hobie and said, "Hey, if you stick around, in July, we would make that position a full-time position. That position will be done by the county water and sewer boards whose members are the Supervisor Zajac, Supervisor Favreau, Mayor Kelly, mayor was Henninger and Supervisor Bruce Johnson. That's how Hobie's position came in. Most positions are advertised. The board does not have to advertise for that position because he was already in the position. We only fill a position that is critical. The Dog Catcher position was critical. It will be still provisional even after you appoint him tonight. People should send in their resume so we can have it on file if they are interested in positions around time such as water, sewer, etc.

Resolutions:

#37-03 Verification of Payables

Motion: Councilman David Kaiser

Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

#38-03 Authorize Election Custodian to Attend Class

Motion: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Second: Councilman David Kaiser

Carried Unanimously

#39-03 Town of Romulus Town Board Consents to Yaw's Environmental Contract with Austic Farms

Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Second: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Discussion: There are some concerns regarding this sludge. People flush everything down toilets, and how do you really know what chemicals are in the products you flush down the toilets. Supervisor Zajac asked if anyone had ever gone through a sewer treatment plant to see how the testing is done in these plants. Sewer District One's sludge is full of copper. It has proven good for plants, but not on food plants. Supervisor would not put on vegetable garden. It looks like a powder. One farmer used to put them on his tomato plants and it never killed them. Councilman Gerlach tabled this motion for 60 days. Seconded by Councilman Kaiser. In that time there needs to be some thorough research done and talk to John Yaw along with some tours of a sewer plant and possible visit from DEC plus the Watershed Group to get a better understanding of sludge.

#40-03 Rescind Resolutions #31-03 and #32-03

Motion: Councilman David Kaiser

Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Discussion: Service at Board meeting to add on to clerk's programs but later decided not needed.

#41-03 Accept Resignation from Board for Assessment Review Member, Martha Ritchie

Motion: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

#42-03 Appointment of Board of Assessment Review Member
Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Second: Councilman David Kaiser

#43-03 Grievance Day Location to be at the Joint Assessment Group
Motion: Councilman David Kaiser
Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

#44-03 Accept Resignation from Dan Armitage, Dog Control Officer
Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Second: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

#45-03 Appointment of Dog Control Officer\
Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Second: Councilman David Kaiser

#46-03 Accept Four-Year Terms Local Law and File
Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Second: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Note that the Supervisor opposes 4-year term for the Supervisor's position

Town Clerk's Report: See attached.

The Next board meeting will be June 18, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting:

9:15 p.m.

Motion: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach