

**Regular Town Board Meeting
January 21, 2004**

Call to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor David Kaiser

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

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
Town Justice Kathleen Greule
Court Clerk Terri Sandifur
Bookkeeper Angel Lawrence
3 residents

Pledge of Allegiance Followed by a Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes:

December 17, 2003 Regular Board Meeting, correction made
Motioned by: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded by: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Carried Unanimously

December 29, 2003 Close-out Meeting
Motioned by: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

January 5, 2004 Re-organization Meeting
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

Petitioners to the board: None

Communications to be filed:

- a. NYS Association of Counties – Conference for Newly Elected Officials
Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004 from noon till 5 PM in Albany
- b. NYS Association of Towns – Training School & Annual Meeting
February 15-18, 2004 in New York City
- c. Seneca County Rabies Clinic
Saturday, January 24, 2004 at Seneca County Highway Barn from 10-11 a.m.
- d. NYS Office of Public Security – Reimbursement for Orange Alert Expenses
- e. Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation – Letter of Support Request
- f. Office of the Corp. Council of NYC – Cplr4545 – Letter Request
- g. Time Warner Cable – Programming Affiliate Agreements
- h. Seneca County Youth Bureau – State Aid Summer Recreation Program

- i. Seneca County IDA – Notice of Public Hearing Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004 at 10 a.m. at Romulus Town Hall

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer's Report: See attached.

Mr. Dickens has signed to have the houses burnt down. They are waiting now to check on the insurance to make sure everybody is covered to go into the house in case of injury.

Planning Board Report: See attached.

Had meeting on the 14th of January 2004. All were in attendance. Election of officers was held and they are the same as last year. We have a meeting scheduled for January 22, 2004 with Gallagher Realty changing four lots into two with Aspen Management at 2 p.m.

Highway Superintendent's Report: See attached report.

We have been mostly plowing every day. We are trying to get the specs drawn up to purchase a new truck to replace the old one. Everything going well.

Dog Control Officer's Report: See attached.

Tax Collector's Report: See attached.

Assessor's Report: None.

Judge's Annual Report: See attached. There has been a 68% increase in DWIs and a 10% increase in speeding tickets this year. Court received a grant from the State of New York Unified Court System for \$3,223 for a printer and to replace its copies and fax machine.

Water Commissioner's Report:

Busy handing out the Quarterly readings. Had some frozen water meters during all this cold weather and three water main breaks. Request to attend water works conference

Bookkeeper's Report: See attached.

Mrs. Lawrence commended the court office on the outstanding work they have been doing with just two people since their work load has just about doubled in the last year.

Supervisor's Report:

- a. State of the Town Address – see attached. Some of the goals we are hoping to achieve are restoring the 3 voting districts, continued base re-development, improvements continuing with Hernon Park, possibly sidewalk improvement in the hamlet of Romulus and possibly expanding our annual dumpster project to be semi-annual.
- b. Committee Assignments will be postponed till next week until which time the vacant Town Councilman position is filled.
- c. Request to Attend Newly Elected Conference in Albany on the 1st of February, 2004

Committee Reports: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- a. Re-evaluation of Election Districts. Will set up a Public Hearing on February 9, 2004 at 10 AM to hear how people feel about getting the 3 voting districts set up again. Whether they are for or against this. Some discussion on the cost was brought up. Since the reason we consolidated in the first place was to possibly save some money.
- b. Vacant Town Councilman position has not been filled yet. Hoping to fill this soon.

New Business: A motion was made to the Board to set a time limit and restrict the time that a petitioner to the Board may have the floor. In the past, several times they have been allowed to speak whenever they felt like it. This will be referred to the appropriate committee.

Resolutions:

#08-04 Tax Collector's Books

Motioned by: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

#09-04 Town Clerk's Books and Reports

Motioned by: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded by: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Carried Unanimously

#10-04 Supervisor's Books

Motioned by: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

#11-04 Judge's Books

Motioned by: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

#12-04 Verification of Payables

Motion: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

#13-04 Authorize Clerk to Advertise for a Public Hearing

Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Second: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Carried Unanimously

#14-04 Authorize Supervisor to Attend Conference

Motion: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Second Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

#15-04 Authorize Water Dept. Employees to attend Conference

Motion: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

#16-04 Letter of Support

Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Second: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Carried Unanimously

