

**Regular Town Board Meeting
March 17, 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
Councilwoman Judy Galipeau

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
Dog Control Officer Aaron Covert
Neil Chaffee, Ovid Gazette
Joe Siccardi, Between the Lakes
Honored Guest, Raymond Zajac, Sr.
21 residents

Pledge of Allegiance Followed by a Moment of Silence

Naming of the Town of Romulus Assembly Hall (Meeting Room)

Supervisor David Kaiser took this opportunity to honor a man that has dedicated half of his life to the Town of Romulus and to the Seneca County community in general. His name is Raymond Zajac, Sr. Mr. Zajac served this town as Supervisor since 1971 and for a total of 30 years. The wall that honors this man is only here because he was responsible for having this building built in 1978. Supervisor asked the board to please join him in front of the Board Table to present the plaque and to unveil the name plaque dedicating the Assembly Hall.

Mr. Zajac spoke: "Usually I am not at a loss for words, but I just have to thank the town and the town board who obviously orchestrated this thing. Usually when you honor someone at this magnitude that person is generally not with us. So this is kind of unique that this board appreciated and would give me that kind of recognition and thought while I am still on this earth. That is on the up side. The down side is that when you are standing here you have to be humble, because something like this you really never expect to happen to you until maybe you are gone. My family is here and certainly without their support and Judy's support I held that office a lot longer than that lady wanted me hold it. I know she is looking down and I have to thank her and thank my family because I missed a lot of concerts and things I might have attended. What I think about this thing is I can tell you that being alive here and not being gone. There are quite a few pictures up on that wall that also have done a lot for this town. I think when you name something after somebody again I hope everyone will look at the name of this hall and when I look back at this hall I look back 30 years and multiply it by 100 people that I have known and worked with. I can remember back in the 70s and the first board members, Bill Christensen, Chris Karlsen, those kind of people sat on the town board and these are the people that I have worked with. When I look at this plaque, I am going to see all those people that I have had the honor to work with. All these people that I have had the honor to work with. All these people are a part of the reason why I was able to be honored like

this. They were like family. Ray Zajac was not the only person to do this. I humbly accept this and I just can't tell you what this means to me and how proud I am to have been a part of this town and will continue to support this town and do what I can to keep it good. I thank every one of these board members and thank you all for coming tonight.

At this time, a short recess was called to have coffee and cake in Mr. Zajac's honor. We will continue in 30 minutes.

The recess was over at 8:05 with Supervisor David Kaiser calling the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes:

February 18, 2004 Regular Board Meeting, correction made

Motioned by: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Seconded by: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

Petitioners to the board: None

Communications to be filed:

- a. Statewide Wireless Network – Notice of Intent to Act as Lead Agency
- b. IDA request for Town to Take Dedication of Sutton Road
 - i. Town's response to request
- c. South Seneca Ambulance
 - i. Letters of Information from Paul DeGaray
 - ii. Letter of Request for Financial Information be sent to Romulus
- d. Romulus & Ovid Fire Departments – Concern for fire protection on the former Seneca Army Depot.
- e. Response letter from John Clance with Regard to Hunting at Sampson State Park

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer's Report: See attached.

- a. Letter from Thomas Wolff with reference to Dickens Property. One of his assistants called me today and since the last meeting I had believed that this had been taken care of. George had agreed to it at our meeting 3 weeks ago. He was afraid we weren't going to let him get his things out of the house. I told him he could get whatever he wanted. He then agreed that he would do it. Councilman Gerlach talked with Carolyn Grouchie today, and she said everything was all set. Someone is coming in the next few days to get the items out of the house. Mr. Palmer is aware all this is being done.
- b. Letter from County covering building codes regarding agricultural buildings. County doesn't issue a permit to build an agricultural building as they are exempt. People get the idea now that they can put a lawn mower in a building and say it's a tractor.
- c. Junk vehicle letters sent to homeowners.
- d. Hudson farm on Kennedy Road is planning to grow vegetables and process right on the site.
- e. Tim Coffey from Trumansburg was introduced and he is looking for sites to buy and fix up to rent.
- f. Issues 4 permits and handled 12 resident complaints.

Planning Board Report: See attached copy of the Board minutes dated March 12, 2004.

We will hold a public meeting on the 7th of April 2004 for the final plan submitted to County planning for review, providing County response is positive. Questions were

raised by the planning board, relative to site sanitation and water supply. Pat McDonald advised that arrangements call for individual septic systems and wells which would be subject to County health inspection and approval. The special use permit for George Rodriguez, the automobile garage proposal on 96A will also be scheduled for public hearing on April 7, 2004 at 7 PM. We have a SEQR training session scheduled for 3/24/04 at 7 PM, at the Town Hall. The first hearing for George Rodriguez will start at 7:05 PM and the second hearing at 7:30 PM.

Highway Superintendent's Report: See attached report.

Dog Control Officer's Report: See attached. Presently, we have no dogs.

Assessor's Report: None.

Water Commissioner's Report:

We had a water main break in Romulus a couple of weeks ago. We had a little trouble locating it as it didn't surface. Finally found it and we had to call in a consultant and in the search we found another break that we didn't know we had. It was in a two-inch line by the Post Office. It is probably a line that we are going to have to look at. After we got that fixed, our usage is the lowest I have seen in several years. Apparently, that has been leaking for quite awhile. We are also getting ready to do readings.

Bookkeeper's Report: See attached.

Supervisor's Report: I don't have anything to add to the wonderful events of this evening so we will move on to the committee report.

Committee Reports: Hernon Park Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 31, 2004 @ 6 PM and all are welcome to attend. Have some fund raising things coming up. As far as the prisons are concerned, if there is an alert in effect, the prisons will not allow volunteers of any kind to be admitted to the jails for the sake of security.

Old Business: Last week, Supervisor Kaiser and Councilman W. William Ritchie attended a meeting involving the Village Board of Ovid, with the Town Board of Ovid and the Town Board of Romulus, and members of the Ovid Fire Company. We looked over the drawings for the proposed New Ovid Fire House. They have a couple of prices in but I believe they are waiting for 2 more to come in. Once they get them all in, they will ask all of us to come back again so we can meet and discuss it. They have decided that this is the place where the new fire house will. They will exiting out the street by Koke's and not onto the main highway. They do not feel that this site is any more problem being accessible to the highway than the present site. We will be willing to haul stone in one or two days to help with the new fire house. The money that we have already put in was put into a CD and they used that to buy the properties with. I would like to recommend getting an accounting of the monies from the Village of Ovid for our Tax Dollars. The Village of Romulus does it and the Ambulance Corps semi did it. We did send a letter to the Ambulance requesting an accounting. We got a response from Mr. DeGaray and we will be getting one in the near future. We also need to get an account from the Romulus Summer Youth Program also. We haven't had one of those in a couple of years. Motion was made by Councilman S. William Ritchie to authorize the Supervisor to get a letter off to the Mayor of the Village of Ovid asking for an accounting of our tax dollars. It was seconded by Councilman Robert Gerlach. The motion was carried unanimously.

New Business: We have two young Gentlemen sitting in the audience. They are Travis Nixon and Kyle Tracy. They participated in their government class in the government point system where we have to earn a certain number of points by writing to a government official, going to meetings with the school in the towns or writing to the governor or things like that. They are here to sit in our Town Board Meeting to see what everything is about at these meetings.

Resolutions:

#28-04 Authorize Work for Handi-Capped Accessible Bathrooms

Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Second: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Carried Unanimously.

#29-04 Romulus Volunteer Fire Dept. Bingo License

Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Second: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Carried Unanimously

#30-04 Time Constraint for Petitioners after Their Segment of the Agenda

Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Second: Councilwoman Judy Galipeau

Carried Unanimously.

#31-04 Acceptance of Office Furniture Bid

Motion: Councilwoman Judy Galipeau

Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously.

#32-04 Verification of Payables

Motion: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Second Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously.

#33-04 Budget Transfer to Add Administrator Salary to Supervisor's Salary

Motion: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Second: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously.

#34-04 Authorize Zoning Officer to Attend Conference

Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Second: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously.

Town Clerk's Report: See attached.

Adjourn Meeting:

9:15 p.m. Motioned by: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Seconded by: Councilwoman Judy Galipeau

Carried Unanimously

