

**Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Romulus
February 16, 2005**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Town of Romulus Town Board was called to order by Supervisor David Kaiser at 7:30 PM.

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

Others Present: Terry Smith, Town Clerk
David Hayes, Planning Board Chairman
Lee Hoaglan, Zoning Enforcement Officer
Jim Williamson, Highway Supt.
Jack Holley, Water Commissioner
Neil Chaffee, Ovid Gazette
Residents 4

Pledge of Allegiance – Followed by a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. January 19, 2005 – Regular Board Meeting
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Carried Unanimously
- b. January 24, 2005 – Special Town Board Meeting
Motioned: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

Petitioners to the Board – Hillside Children’s Center was suppose to have been here this evening, however, they will be here for the March 2005 Board Meeting instead. George Dickens from Hayts Corners addressed the problem with the house at 2121 Route 96A via a letter to the Town Board of Romulus dated February 16, 2005. Mr. Dickens stated in that letter that he is working on a plan to correct the situation by April 15, 2005. Mr. Hoaglan and Code Enforcement Office looked at the property at 2121 Rte. 96A at which Mr. Dickens is the owner and found some violations of the Property Maintenance Code which is part of Seneca County and also a violation on the town code. These are serious violations, such as hazardous material, cylinders which makes a very dangerous situation. Mr. Dickens has till April 15, 2005 to make rectify the situation. Mr. Dickens questioned the address stating that 2121 Route 96A was his sister’s house and not his. The tax rolls state that Mr. Dickens owns that property. The assessor gave the number as 2121

Route 96A. Mr. Hoaglan said that we needed this violation corrected by the 15th of April, 2005. Mr. Palmer from the Ovid Fire Dept. has stated that he would help correct the situation. The fines for not cleaning up is \$250 per 7 days as long as nothing is done.

Communications to be filed: See Attached

- a. NYS Dept. of Transportation – Beautification Act
- b. Romulus Central School – Road Project/Crosswalk - Angel Lawrence was in touch with the present Supt. of Romulus, Casey Barduhn, on the phone and he thought this would be better if she put this in writing so that the momentum would not get lost with his departure. Mrs. Lawrence sent this letter to him at the school outlining what they had talked about in their phone conversation. The Highway Supt. Jim Williamson said that the Locust Street Project had the Town of Romulus's name listed on the bond to cover us. Mrs. Lawrence filled Mr. Barduhn in on the detail of the Crosswalk situation and the speed zone in front of the school.
- c. Seneca County Treasurer's 2004 Report on the monies that have sent to us during the year from the County.
- d. Press Release – Congressman Sherman Boehlert – Congratulations to the Romulus Fire Dept. They worked very hard on this grant and are to be commended. They will receive \$35, 000. for the Romulus Fire Dept.

Code Enforcement Officer – See Attached

a. Monthly Report – Received a complaint about trailers being moved on property on the Baptist Church Road. Mr. Standish moved these trailers on the property without being lived in. Three days later he came in and got a permit. He has 3 rentals there now and the fourth he lives in. The Ordinance was done in 1973. It is a mobile home park code. I called Mr. Gabriel and left a message to call back. Basically Mr. Standish is not allowed to have more than 2 trailers on his property. He has to have monthly water testing. The County is testing the water and the sewer. Mr. Hoaglan does not have the authorization to enforce this code. He can only enforce the zoning code. He is not in violation of the county code unless there are health dept. issues. Sara Ryan is working on this matter. They are also working on seeing if he has certificates of Occupancy for these units.

b. Seneca County Public Health regarding Dickens Property – see above discussion with Mr. Dickens. The other house is still in probate court and cannot be taken care of at this time.

Planning Board's Report – See Attached.

There is a meeting on the Wind energy on March 4, 2005 at 10:00 AM in Rochester, NY.

Zoning Board Report – There was no meeting this month.

There is a training school for members of appeals and planning boards, March 14, 2005 at 6:30 PM to 9 PM at Seneca Falls Community Center, Seneca Falls, NY. Respond by March 11, 2005.

Highway Superintendent's Report – See Attached

- a. Monthly Report - Complaint from the Seneca County Sherriff's Dept. this am about the corner of First Street and Pleasant Street about bushes. The cars are not stopping because you can't see . Spoke to the Sgt. at Willard and he will get a work crew to cut the bushes down at least half way. The home owner is ok with having them removed. The new truck needs an adjustment on the four wheel drive. They will take it for couple of hours next week.
- b. Copy of the Highway Law is attached.

Dog Control Officer's Report – See Attached.

Bookkeeper's Report – See Attached. The Bookkeeper will be away March 25, 2005 thru April 4, 2005.

Water Commissioner's Report Last week we had a water main break in Willard. It turned out to be nothing too drastic. It happened first thing in the morning and we had it fixed by noon. We had 5 broken lines at the Depot this last week but they were all problems where they didn't have heat in some of the houses. We have been able to valve them off so there is not problem there.

Supervisor's Report - I would like to bring you up to date a little on the jail that is being built in our town. The bids are due to go out on February 24, 2005 and the bids the county will open them is March 24, 2005. The site surveys have been done so it is moving forward. It has been a very quiet month. The county did approve the contract with the Seneca County Sewer District that is administered by the Town of Romulus which shares our town employees. They will be busy replacing 4700 feet of sewer line that will service the jail. We have been having on going problems with our neighbor, the Town of Varick on various issues. It has been decided by the office and Supt. Kaiser, that we should discontinue our contract to administer and do billing for the Seneca Lake Water District which is the Town of Varick water district along the East Lake Road. We contracted 3 or 4 years ago to do their billing for that water district. The original agreement was suppose to be \$5000.00 to administer it, with the presumption that when the sewer district came on line, the Town of Romulus would also be given that district to do the billing. At that time, the Town of Romulus agreed to do their billing on their water district for \$4000.00 until the sewer came on line and then do the billing for another \$6000.00. We just found out this month that the Town of Varick is going to put the contract out for bid for the sewer billing. \$4000.00 hardly covers our expenses to do this and it is not worth the aggravation. What I would like to do this evening is to ask the board to allow me to terminate our contract for the water billings with the Town of Varick. I would like to hand out these letters that we would like to send them. Take a second to read these letters so that you will be filled in more on the details. The second letter is a letter we are sending out to our residents on the East Lake Road explaining that we have done all that we can do. Legally they will have to pursue it on their own because the problem is directly with them and not the Town of Romulus. We notified them not to pay it. It is now up to the residents to settle this matter with the Town of Varick. We

tried to solve their problems. We had a meeting with the Supervisor of the Town of Varick and their attorney along with Supervisor Kaiser, our bookkeeper and our attorney and our past supervisor Raymond Zajac, and they told us they would continue to do it and if we didn't like it they would shut the water off. This affect 8 households on the East Lake Rd. We will add a resolution to dissolve this contract.

Committee Report – There is a meeting at 5 Points Correctional on February 17, 2005. Will give a report next month on that meeting.

Old Business – As I stated before in my address back in January, we would like to pursue the sidewalk replacement and insulation program in the Hamlet of Romulus. To address the problems of the school children that have to walk in the streets. Right now we are starting to put together a plan of how to go about it. I will fill the Sidewalk Committee in this next month on our progress. I will make sure that the Sidewalk Committee is involved.

New Business – Councilman Robert Gerlach that it has been brought to his attention that we are donating \$750.00 from the Town of Romulus to the Library in Ovid. I also found out from their committee that the Town of Ovid donates \$1000.00 and Town of Ovid donates \$500.00. The library can use more money. The amount of people using that library has doubled including the people at Lake Shore Landing. We should try new year in our budget to think of a substantial increase to the Library. We have town ordinances that predate the Zoning. How does the Town want to go about enforcing its ordinances? Do we add this to the responsibilities of the Zoning Officer or not? Supervisor Kaiser will talk with our attorney Mr. Gabriel and get back to Mr. Hoaglan. The Planning Board will see about amending it and then we would have to go thru all the public meetings to do it. Supervisor Kaiser said that might be a better way of dealing with it. Just roll some of our ordinances into the zoning. A Public hearing would be the best way to go about it. Mr Hoaglan has 30 days to give Mr. Standish a yes or no. Right now I have to give him a yes and that is going against an ordinance but it is ok as far as my zoning law is concerned. Mr. Hoaglan and Supervisor Kaiser will have a meeting in the AM of February 17, 2005.

Resolutions

Resolution #17-05 Authorize Town Clerk to Attend Conference.

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #18-05 Verification of Payables

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

Resolution # 19-05 Authorize Supervisor to Send Termination Letter

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Carried Unanimously

Resolution #20-05 Authorize Zoning/Planning Members to Attend Conference
Motioned: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

Town Clerks Report – See Attached

- a. Request to attend Town Clerk Conference
- b. Monthly Report
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

The next meeting will be March 16, 2005 at 7:30 PM