

**Town Board Meeting**  
**March 16, 2005**

**Call to Order:** The Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Supervisor David Kaiser	Present
	Councilman Robert Gerlach	Present
	Councilman Ralph Walborn, JR.	Present
	Councilman S. William Ritchie	Absent
	Councilman Barbara McCall	Present

**Others Present:** Town Clerk, Terry Smith  
Planning Board, Vice Chairman, Barry Roach  
Zoning Enforcement Officer, Lee Hoagland  
Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson  
Water Commissioner, Jack Holley  
Ovid Gazette, Neil Chaffee  
Residents 4  
Special Guests 2

**Pledge of Alligiance** – Followed by a Moment of silence. Jim Williamson asked that we include a board member Mr. Ritchie that was ill with Pneumonia.

**Petitioners to the Board** – Dennis Richardson and Shauna Craigmile from Hillside Children’s Center came before the Board wanting to build a neighborly relationship with our Community. They came here tonight to give you some of the changes that are being made to the campus since their take over and what will be anticipated in the future of the Hillside Children’s Center. Mr. Richardson also wanted to hear from the Board, what concerns and interests that we might have. Hillside relies on the kindness of people in a variety of ways. One of those ways is that we share a piece of property that is quite important to us but also quite important to you. Secondly, Hillside really relies on the community embracing our youngsters that are living at Hillside and providing an opportunity for them. Hillside goes back a long way. They are 168 years old. Wegmans in the past 10 years, has become one of the largest donors to Hillside. Most importantly, the community is a source of employment for us. Most of our staff come from this community and neighboring communities and are employed at our facility. That is why it is most important that we treat the community with respect. At one point in time the facility was designed to support 220 children. We have decided to max out at 122 children. We presently have 70 children living on the campus today. We are slowly building up to what will be 122 children. Some of the children had living in units with up to 16 children on them. The largest unit now will be 8 children. One of the problems with Kids Peace is that there were too many children living together on one unit in a small space. It make things much easier to have a relationship between the staff and the children with a smaller unit. They are able to give the children much more attention. We have also changed the services that we provided. There are a lot of renovations being done to the campus spending several million dollars on that. Eventually, some of the

buildings on the campus will be coming down. Some of the buildings are in disrepair and for safety purposes and it would be too costly to renovate these building. We also are taking out some of the blacktop so we only have the blacktop that we really need for parking and getting around the campus. In place of that, we would like to have some more green space for the youngsters. Ultimately, we would like to convert this space so that it looks more like a college campus and less like a military facility. The entrance has been changed so that when a small child is entering the campus it does not look like a criminal justice facility. We need to put up some trees and bushes and the white deer are nice to see coming on campus. We did keep two populations on that campus that were there before. The diagnostic program which is 22 beds. The are for both male and female. They are mainly for children have had a few psychiatric placements and no one is sure what is going on with the children and what their symptoms are so they come in and get a diagnostic evaluation to learn what is the best treatment for the child. It is a short term stay up to 90 days then the clinical teams make a recommendation. The other population is an 80 bed unit for adolescent boys who began with Kids Peace and will continue with Hillside. We have had great success with this kids during this time. The critical time with Kids Peace and with kids running away and police being called is that they were in a different location and they kept them separated from the other. We have an 8 bed critical care program. These are for boys that are needing a little more psychiatric care and are really just trying to manage their daily responsibilities. The last program which has not opened yet is a 12 bed developmental abilities services. This program is for kids that have been kind of left in the middle. They haven't been accepted into OMRDD services but they are not going into the Office of Mental Health Services. These are children that really aren't receiving the services they need and are falling in between. These children have more developmental delays. Senator Nozzolio has been a big help in getting Hillside to replace Kids Peace and keep our community working. We will have 345 staff after all is done. One hundred and ninety staff were hired back immediately and right now there is over 200. Again My name if Shauna Craigmile and my phone number is 315-585-3256.

**Communications to be filed:**

- a. Seneca County Board of Elections – New Voting Machines and Who Pays??  
There will be a one time town wide cost for new machine. (\$750.00)
- b. NYSEG – Emergency Call List On file at the Town Office.
- c. Association of Towns – Finance & Management School Out bookkeeper and Clerk will be going to Saratoga Spring.
- d. Eltec Systems – Estimate Court's Request for Security System Court Clerk has asked for Security System be put in.
- e. Association of Towns – Request Support to Appeal to NYS to Implement New Measures for Financing Public Education - See Resolution

**Code Enforcement Officer – See Attached**

- a. Monthly Report Getting a lot of permits in.
- b. Letter Regarding No Permit for Mobile Home at 2796 Vineyard Road in the Town of Romulus Moved on property because he didn't know what he was going to do with it.

- c. Mobile Home Park on Baptist Church Road – Tom Scoles will inspect Septic Systems on the 4 trailers on the premises. He is not in compliance with the distance, slab, skirting etc. Will work with Mr Standish. It is up to the Town Board as to how far to go with the Ordinances. Mr. Hoagland will make some phone calls and refer back to the Ordinance. The Town Planning Board Committee should get involved with this. Mr. Hoagland has 30 days to issued a permit for the 4<sup>th</sup> trailer.

**Planning Board –** See attached.

Approved Special Use Permits in the meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2005. There were 2 of them for Mr. Reimer and Jayne McDonald. They were sent to the County and the county approved them both.

Barry Roach who is filling in for Chairman David Hayes attended a roundtable meeting regarding the Wind Energy. Glen Cook wants to get a study done as soon as possible before he talks to any utilities. The Town Planning Board and the County Planning Board and Town of Varick Planning Board are all working hand in hand. The studies will take approximately six months. If the study pans out, it will be sufficient. IDA will be taking over property and will be in our Town Zoning Ordinance for Wind Energy by Spring and then it will be county property at that time. Since this is in our Town it will be subject to our Zoning. We need a Zoning Ordinance for Wind Energy.

**Zoning Board Report**

- a. No meeting this month.

**Highway Superintendent's Report –** See Attached

A Recall letter is attached from the Ford Company.

**Dog Control Officer's Report -** See Attached.

**Water Commissioner's Report –** Will try and do something about the tree problem at the end of prospect street. Warmer weather is coming and the Crews from Willard DTC will be coming back and will get their help.

**Bookkeepers Report -** See Attached.

The Drop Box will be separated from now on. The town will be keeping their monies separate from the Courts monies.

**Supervisor's Report -** Supervisor Kaiser said he did not have much this month to report. He did mention that the Town Board Members needed new chairs as the ones that are in place right now have been repaired several times. The wheels have fallen off a couples of times. There will be a total of 6 chairs needed and the picture and price presented would come to about \$960.00 plus shipping. This matter has been tabled to a later date.

**Committees Report -** See Attached Minutes.

**Assessor's Office – See Attached**

- a. NYS Assessment Ratio
- b. Annual Audit Report

**Old Business –**

- a. Reminder that the South Seneca Ambulance Orp. Meeting will be held on March 30, 2005. This will be the Quarterly Town meeting. Councilwoman Barbara McCall will attend.

**New Business –**

- a. Considering Board Meeting Dais Chairs already mentioned above.

**Resolutions**

Resolution #21-05 Verification of Payables

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #22-05 Mileage Commences from Place of Town Employment

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously.

Discussion – Mr. Hoagland thought that they were referring to his mileage only. It was made certain that the mileage was for all the Town employees that anytime they claimed mileage that it would be from point of employment only.

Resolution #23-05 Authorize Highway Supt. to Auction 96 F350 Ford w/plow

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #24-05 Authorize Water Dept. to Auction 1994 F250 Ford w/plow

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #25-05 Bingo License Renewal VFW Post 6200 – License #561

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #26-05 Bingo License Renewal RVFD – License #562

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #27-05 Authorize Main Office Staff to Attend Finance School

Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #28-05 Authorize Water Dept. to Attend Finger Lakes Water Conference

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #29-05 Appeal to NYS to Implement New Measures for Financing Public Education

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #30-05 Authorize Justice and Court Clerk to Attend Conference

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #31-05 Appoint Planning Board Member

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara Mc Call

Carried Unanimously

**Town Clerk's Report** – See Attached

**a.** Monthly Report

Motioned to Accept Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

**b.** Liquor License for Lakeshore Grille at 5726 East Lake Road in Romulus

**c.** Liquor License for Travis' White Deer Inn, 5786 Route 96, Bldg. #2-142, Romulus, NY

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

The next meeting of the Town Board will be April 20, 2005 @ 7:30 PM.

