

Regular Town Board Meeting
May 18, 2005

Call to order at 7:30 P.M.

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

Others Present: Town Clerk, Terry Smith
Code Enforcement, Lee Hoaglan
Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson
Planning Board Chairman, David Hayes
Water Commissioner, Jack Holley
Dog Control Officer, Aaron Covert
Residents: William Bowen
David Lauber

Pledge of Allegiance followed by moment of silence:

Public Meeting: Supervisor David Kaiser called the Public Meeting to order for the 911 house signs. It has been almost 3 years now that these signs have been in place and it has proven to be very successful. We have been commended on how beneficial these signs have been especially to the emergency services. A number of these house signs have been removed by home owners to the detriment of their public safety. Therefore, it was felt that perhaps the town board should consider making this a mandatory program and require these signs to remain in place. That is the reason we are having this public hearing. At this point right now, there is nothing to prevent the public from taking these signs down. It was very hard to ambulance drivers to find the correct residence before these signs were put up. Now, the time that has been saved by these numbers on signs can make the difference sometimes in life or death. Bill Bowen, speaking on behalf of delivery personal, think these signs are the greatest thing that the town has done. We are not taking action this month but wanted to know how everyone felt about making them madatory. Jim Terryberry from Seneca Falls stated that his town is now going to put up the 911 signs. They are now in the process of having them made.

A Motion by Councilman S. William Ritchie was made to close this public hearing.

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach.

Carried unanimously.

Public Meeting: Supervisor David Kaiser called the Public meeting to order the the Bags for Horses traveling the Town of Romulus Roads. We have had many complaints over the past years, with manure on the town roads. It has been recommended that we take a look at this issue seriously. Again, we will not be acting on this tonight but we want to get some public input. Jim Williamson spoke about Sunday mornings with all the buggies coming down the roads, that cars pull out and pass so they don't drive

through this manure causing safety hazards for the oncoming traffic. Councilwoman Barb McCall is on the Board of Health and states that this is not as much a public health issue as cow manure would be because the manure is drier than cow manure. It would not be getting into the wells if it went into the ditches etc. There are cities that have horse drawn carriages for tourists where the horses are required to wear bags. Ex-councilman Ken Reimer spoke with a Bishop and the Bishop said, "Whatever the municipality passed as law they would abide by." Supervisor Kaiser said it needed more investigation before anything can be done. Supervisor Kaiser would like to propose a joint meeting with the Town of Ovid and Town of Romulus Town Boards and the Highway Superintendents to discuss this issue as well as steel wheels. Councilman S. William Ritchie said that 2 or 3 months ago Jim Williamson brought in a paper that we had passed concerning foreign debris on the Town Highway. Mr. Ritchie stated that it referred to dirt and snow. If you want to get technical, horse manure is foreign debris in the road. We should pull that resolution out and see how it is worded. If it is on the books, it will have to be enforced. There may already be a precedence set to clean off debris from the roads. A motion was made by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr. to close this portion of the Public Meeting. Seconded by Robert Gerlach
Carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 20, 2005
Motion: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

Petitioners to the Board:

- a. David Lauber of Dunlop Road, Ovid, NY addressed the board with reference to operating an R V Repair business at his place of residence with 99 % of the work being done at Camp Grounds. Since he has a full time job other than operating this business, he stated this is more of a hobby for him. What he is looking for is permissions from the Zoning Board to put up 4 signs total. Mr. Lauber is not doing a lot of advertising right now. It is mostly word of mouth. This seems to be fine. As far as people traveling to Ovid from the Camp Grounds at Sampson for groceries etc., Mr. Lauber feels that a few signs would be quite helpful to help find his place of business. Mr. Lauber feels that 4 signs total would be sufficient. One sign would be in front of his house, and would be on his property. The other 3 as follows: one (1) on the W. Blaine Rd and Dunlop Rd.; one (1) on Route 96 A and W. Blaine Rd.; and one (1) on Route 96 and W. Blaine RD. Supervisor believes there is a scenic byway rule for Route 96A. and referred Mr. Lauber to Zoning Officer Lee Hoagland. Mr. Hoagland made an appointment to speak privately to Mr. Lauber on Monday, May 23, 2005 at 4:00 PM.

Communications:

- a. Crosswalk and Speed Zone Correspondences – See Attached. Councilman Walborn questioned that fact that another survey is to be done. We contacted

Mr. Doucette State of New York Dept. of Transportation. He wrote back and said that the school would have to petition them. The school passed a resolution at the March meeting at the Romulus Central School to support our efforts to create a speed zone. We forwarded that to Mr. Doucette, but that wasn't enough. He requested a letter from the School in writing requesting it. The Romulus Central School did write back.

- b. Seneca County IDA – Notification from Harris Beach, Attorneys at Law, representing the IDA and basically just notifying us of a tax issue that they are pursuing with Advantage Group and PEZ Lake at the Depot. I think that their records are not up to date.
- c. State Education Dept. Grant Denial – Informing us that they did not approve our grant for various reasons that were stated in the letter.
- d. NYS DECALS Critical Dates – For the Hunting Season
- e. Letter of Appreciation – The letter is in regards to our Zoning Officer, Lee Hoaglan for work well done. I would like to commend Mr. Hoaglan for that.

Code Enforcement Officer:

In reference to George Dickens one house is down and is in the process of cleaning everything up. They are going to clean up the other house even though they can't take the other house down yet. They are trying to get all the junk out of there. They had to advertise again for this niece that they can't find in the National Paper. Mr. Dickens would not pay for the advertising and that is one of the reasons it is taking so long.

As far as Mr. Standish is concerned, we sent him another letter concerning the fifth trailer. He was suppose to come see me on May 2, 2005 and did not come until May 3, 2005. He told me that he was going to sell the trailer. Mr. Hoaglan will send a certified letter again to Mr. Dickens. In the letter, Mr. Hoaglan will request a response in writing.

Complaint on Swick Road and 129 involving neighbors dumping trash.

In regards to the complaint in Romulus concerning the livestock, there was a public hearing and everyone spoke on the issue of animals in town. There were questions on limitations, quantities and kinds of farm animals.

Looked at all the lawns and only a few needed some work.

Planning Board Report – See Attached.

Mr. Hayes pointed out the property maintenance code was presented to the Planning Board and should be ready for presentation after the next meeting.

Zoning Board Report – See Attached

The Board had an appeals made about 1960 Seneca Street Property. The next step is to forward to Planning Board.

Highway Superintendent Report – See Attached.

In addition to the Highway report, Mr. Williamson had a complaint from Chris Woodard about the head wall on the west side of the culvert on Third Street, in Willard, NY. He said it was undermined. The box cover is concrete and the

cover itself is fine. There is a little wash behind the treated 6 x 6 that is there on the south side which we will fill in. Probably woodchucks got in and dug a hole. Mr. Woodard was also concerned about the guard rail. Supervisor Kaiser was down there 2 weeks ago and said there is a sidewalk or path that is paved and goes along the edge. This path or sidewalk has short pipes leaning. If someone should fall or trip on them, they could be impaled on those. Supervisor Kaiser asked Mr. Williamson to please take care of these pipes right away. The highway department is going to tear up the short stretch of Bromka Road between 414 and 96 and put Run of Crush on that area. The Run of Crush will be left there until next summer because of the heavy truck that are expected while the new county jail is being built. We will put calcium and/or dust oil on it so that the dust isn't too bad. We would like to post Yerkes Road between 414 and 96 for a ten (10) ton weight limit to keep those heavy truck off that town road. The reason is that the road would not support that kind of traffic. We have to post it and put a notice in the paper for 30 days.

Dog Control Officer's Report – See Attached.

Water Commissioner's Report

Everything is running along pretty decent for the water dept. We took the one truck up for auction. Mr. Holley spent a couple of hours on East Lake Rd. this evening with several residents that we are trying to get tied up on the Varick sewer line. Mr. Holley had a contractor come down and look into and give us some prices. We are trying to get some action so that we can get those residents hooked up to the sewer line. Mr. Holley will talk with Varick May 19, 2005 and inform them that he had the contractors down that as soon as the prices get back we will have to get this taken care of. Because this line is now pressurized, you will need something more expensive to cap into it. The agreed amount with Varick may not be enough to cover it. There are some legal interpretations involved and whether we or the residents will have to pay more. We do have a signed agreement with Varick. We will be looking into this week or next. Mr. Holley also spoke to contractor about getting the Lake Shore Grill tied in also. I hope to have the quote back by the end of the week.

Bookkeepers Report - See Attached

Supervisor's Report

The new windows for the Town Hall will be started the first week in June.

Committees Report

Heron Park Minutes See Attached

Next meeting will be May 23, @4:00 p.m.

The two major things at the park that are going on right now is the Soft Ball field and the ½ pipe skate Park. In talking with a few of the younger residents, they are very happy about the Skate Park. There will be a dedication to George Davis's son Tom Davis. We have a lot of fund raising going on right now. We also

want people to know that we have a scholarship that we give out to kids in both South Seneca School and Romulus Central School if they do anything to help our playground committee. If you know of any kids that want to get involved even if it is just selling candy, we would appreciate it.

Old Business

On Main Street in Willard, the County Highway Dept. has addressed the holes and the drains and the storm sewer. On Seneca Street in Romulus there is an on going drainage issue with the Tackett Property. The Highway had opened it up. The main problem is way out back to the South. The lay of the land is such that the water is flowing down and funneling right there right behind the buildings on Main Street. Unfortunately, this is private property and will be up to the resident to have the work done. That problem still needs to be addressed.

I really want to commend our Planning Board member Tom Bouchard and his counterpart from Varick, Bill Lasilere for a wonderful job pursuing that project. It is very professional and very well researched.

We met with Dennis Money from the White Deer entity Monday night and we have a very good dialogue, They feel that the Planning Board's idea for the energy park is compatible with the White Deer and could be very complimentary to each other. There will be more information coming to the board in another month or so. So far it look very promising. Now that Cornell has dropped that one project that they were going to do because it was too close to the Airport in Ithaca that they might be interested in coming out to do the feasibility study, The would be no cost to the town. Cornell is looking at this because they lost their study that they were going to do.

New Business

A resident from Willard stopped in the Town Hall the other day wanting to know if there was anything that could be done the vans etc that are parked on the corner of Main Street and Third Street. When the residents try to pull out on Main Street, they can't see anything coming up the road. Mrs. Lawrence was going to call Roy Gates to see if there is any stipulation about how far you should park from a corner. Supervisor Kaiser said he would find out in the morning. Councilman Ritchie said that he can't see why they couldn't park across the road. Maybe a sign saying no parking from certain hours to certain hours would be the answer.

Resolutions

41-05 Verification of Payables
Motion: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

42-05 Authorize Posting of 10 Ton Limit
Motion: Councilman S. William Ritchie
Second: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk's Report – See Attached

Motion: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Second: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Next town Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 15, 2005 at 7:30 PM.

Adjourn Meeting at 9:00 PM

Motion: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Second: Councilman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously