

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**July 21, 2005**

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

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Supervisor David Kaiser	Present
	Councilman Robert Gerlach	Present
	Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Present
	Councilwoman Barbara McCall	Present

<b>Others Present:</b>	Terry Smith, Town Clerk	Present
	David Hayes, Planning Board Chairman	Present
	Lee Hoaglan, Code Enforcement Officer	Present
	Jim Williamson, Highway Supt.	Absent
	Jack Holley, Water Commissioner	Absent
	Neil Chaffee, Ovid Gazette	Present
	Residents 3	

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Robert Gerlach made motion to accept Minutes of June 15, 2005.

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

**Petitioners to the Board:** Jennifer Mecus, Romulus Summer Recreation Program Coordinator presented to the Board a brief synopsis of what she has been doing for this program and what she hopes will happen next year if they continue this program. Mrs. Mecus provide the Board with a copy of her handbook explaining what her expectations are what summer recreation is and what it is all about. It contains a calendar for summer recreation which starts 7/21/05 because it has been revised. It also contains a letter about the verb program which is basically a physical program which comes down from the state but can also be used by the summer recreational committee. Mrs. Mecus stated that you may look at photographs on Fingerlakesone.com. of the summer recreation program. Mrs. Mecus is asking the Board to pressure the Town of Varick to do the hiring immediately as soon as summer recreation is over. The reason being, she was hired in the middle of June, and I could not fund raise for the grants program at that time. The grants have to be in by January. This program is short funds for transportation costs, which is charging \$1.15/mile and \$16/hour for the driver. They are currently doing a cookie dough sale which provides the summer recreation program 50% of the proceeds. Mrs. Mecus is not presently getting paid. Any earnings she may be entitled to is going right back into the program. Mrs. Mecus also bought all new equipment. Most of the equipment was broken and the school would not allow us to use theirs. Many 14 and 15 year old students have been hired to help run the program. All certified teachers have been hired for \$6.00/hr. They have 103 students registered and an average everyday is about 60-65. There are a few students which are non residents but are taken care of a resident in Romulus. Back ground checks have been done on all the teachers etc. Mrs.

Mecus thought that the funding was suppose to be 50-50 between the towns of Varick and Romulus. However, it seems that \$6400 is being paid by Varick and \$3300 is being paid by Romulus. Supervisor David Kaiser has asked Mrs. Mecus to submit a request to the Town Board for more money to be put in our package for the new year budget. Supervisor Kaiser commended Mrs. Mecus on her reporting to the Town Board as he has never had a report before on the procedures on the recreational program. Mrs. Mecus stated that she is doing 2 portfolios, one for Town of Varick and one for Town of Romulus. This will show the town's people where their dollars are going. The teachers have all agreed to come back if their pay could be increased. Bill Bowen wanted to know is the garbage on the highway presenting a health issue. Most of the garbage are wrappers from McDonalds as well as French fries, partial hamburgers. Some of the garbage is alcohol bottles being thrown from car or truck windows. He also wanted to know if there is any possibility of getting something done to stop this from happening.

**Communications:**

- A. NYS DOT – Notice of order for a school Zone Reduced Speed Area – Supervisor stated that this Board can be very proud of the accomplishment having this done. This has been attempted before, but has never met with success. We can all be proud of this in having this speed zone. The speed has been reduced to 25 miles/ hr.
- B. Dennis Money, Chair of Seneca White Deer Inc. has sent a letter explaining what he would like to see happen on the Depot.
- C. Sewer Pump Installations for Romulus Residents – We had the sewer pump letter Supervisor Kaiser had sent to Town of Varick in regards to our out of Town users of their sewer lines down on East Lake Road. Finally, it seems like we have come to grips with what has been going on. We offered to do the taps for them at our cost which we normally charge to do a tap. It happens to be \$200 more than agreed upon amount that we signed with Varick. The town of Varick has agreed to pay that \$200. Finally, our residents on the East Lake Rd will be able to hook into the sewer line.
- D. USDA Housing Representatives 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month in Waterloo. – This is to inform us of a housing representative.
- E. Romulus Town Court Closed August 17, 2005.

**Code Enforcement Officer** – Monthly Report is attached. Mr. Hoaglan got in touch with the owner of the property in Romulus that has been a problem lately and the owner hired a contractor to come in and board up all the doors and windows. All the windows and doors are completely secured now. The home owner was from Canada and did not fully understand what was going on.

I had some complaints at 1960 Seneca Street, Romulus, concerning this continuous live stock issue. These animals are running around loose and chasing people. The State Troopers have and been there along with the Sherriff's Dept. The next time they are called to the scene somebody with be getting a ticket. Some of the goats have gotten loose and harassed some of the neighbors. One of the neighbors had chest pains after this incident. He did have to be taken by ambulance to the hospital. This same party has

been issued a letter stating that his back lot had not been mowed. It does say lot in our ordinance creed. The owner sent a letter to Mr. Hoaglan explaining what the difference in a lawn and pasture is. He is trying to say it is pasture and he does not have to mow it. Our Lawn Maintenance ordinance states your lot. The lawn has to be no longer than 10 inches. You can mow it but keep it under 10 inches. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to our Town Attorney along with the Lawn Ordinance to get his opinion.

**Zoning Board Report** See Attached. We had 2 variance hearings this month. One Variance hearing was passed for Sned Akers Campgrounds. It used to be Ridgewood Campgrounds. They wanted to expand the campground closer to the road. The first camp site would be approx. 87' from the road. The other variance was denied. Mrs. Poorman was advised.

**Planning Board's Report** Minutes attached. There was no meeting this month as it was the holiday. One question from Chairman David Hayes was if Supervisor Kaiser had gotten to look at the Property Maintenance Code that had been submitted. The next step is to have their first public hearing in September, 2005. It was taken from the New York State code. We are also working on the Mobile Home Park Ordinance. The original 1973 ordinance will be slightly updated that any new parks coming into town will have to conform with the sub-division whether it be a minor or major so that it can be developed in such a way that it can be controlled. More control than just having an ordinance. That way it give us all the lot sizes so if they are going to bring one in it will look nice. Also in September, when all this is lined up we want to put in the wind towers. We want to have a regulation and zoning for those. The survey has not been done yet. They will not be able to have them in hamlets or on lake shore residential areas. The wind towers will be isolated to the conservation and industrial areas. Supervisor Kaiser said he would not want to see them near any populated areas.

**Highway Superintendent's Report** See Attached Minutes  
Also see letter attached to County regarding snow removal Contract requesting more money for increase in gas prices etc.

**Dog Control Officer's Report** See attached Report.

**Water Commissioner's Report** Nothing

**Bookkeepers Report** See Attached  
Included in the bookkeepers report is the rough 5 year budget information. This is to help us get geared up for the budge for 2006.

**Supervisor's Report** The Willard Drug Treatment Campus had a water main break over the weekend. The boiled water advisory was lifted at 2:30 PM today 7/21/05. There was a water main break behind Elliott Hall per Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr. We did not get to it in time so our finished water tank was depleted. We did not have enough water. Water was being trucked in by the local fire departments. Willard's Plant is in the process of being rebuilt and the plant did not have enough water to get beyond the point

that we needed. It was all trucked in by sterilized vehicles. We took samples for 3 days in a row and everything passed. The Health Dept was involved. The boiled water was just a precaution and everything is back to normal now. The town would like to thank all the municipalities and the water haulers that volunteered their fire trucks and their time. Councilman Walborn got a pat on the back. The Superintendent of Willard stated that Councilman Walborn worked extra hard to make this problem get fixed. The State is looking into installing a water line from the Ovid Treatment Plant to our system here in Willard for an emergency back up. So if this happens again. It would just be opened up and get water from Ovid. This will work both ways.

The Romulus Historical Society has obtained the Engineer's Cottage on the Willard Drug Treatment Campus and Saturday, they will be installing their new sign. It will be visible to the public. Anyone that would like to become a member please contact the Town Hall. September 10, 2005 will be the Willard employee picnic and there will be an open house with various town memorabilia displayed during that event from 2-4 pm.

Dumpster days have not been closed out yet. We still don't have a final amount on that yet.

I am going to give you briefly a short report on our joint meeting on the horse manure situation. As a reminder to everyone that may not be aware, several residents have complained out horse manure on the streets and roads, and felt the need to have a meeting with out municipalities to just get a feel for what we all think of it. We had Supervisor Dresser, from Ovid come and it was pretty much determined to approach the Amish Community as good neighbors to ask if there was anything they could do to lessen the problem before it got to be a major problem.

The Hernon Park that Supervisor Kaiser disked the weeds down in Hernon Park and hope to seed it in the early fall when it is time.

Supervisor Kaiser reported that South Seneca Ambulance was fined and is on Probation. If another incident occurs, they will loose their license.

**Committee Reports** - Hernon Park will hold their next meeting July 25, 2005 at 4:00 PM.

**Old Business** See attached.

There is a report from the USDA Rural Development Office in regards to our Handicap Accessibility. They conducted a compliance review of our handicap capabilities. Peter Brown found that we need a ramp that could be easily done. It means paving the yard a little bit right in front of the building.

Councilwoman Barbara McCall gave her report from the Meeting she attended regarding the South Seneca Ambulance Corp. She stated that one of the things that really popped up during the Financial Report was that they are paying an excessive amount of money for their ALS Services. If they had a full time Paramedic, they would not have to pay that much. The reason I received was that they could not find a full time paramedic and that is why they don't have one. Councilman Walborn asked if they had advertised for one. Councilwoman McCall voiced her concern and wondered if there was any way they could assist them. Supervisor Kaiser said that it was a private entity. Resident Bill Bowen asked how it could be private with the Taxpayers money. Supervisor Kaiser

stated that Mr. Hoaglan was actually contracted by the Town but paid for by the Taxpayers money.

**New Business** Mr Bouchard our Planning Board member had heard of a grant problem for State Local Waterfront Revitalization. There is a deadline of July 31, 2005. He went ahead and filled out the application for this program and a copy of it is attached. Community Block Party is scheduled for Saturday August 24, 2005 here in Willard. We will be having Second Street and Prospect Street closed off.

Mr. Bowen addressed the vacant seat on the Town Board with Councilman S. William Ritchie's resignation. Mr. Bowen said that tax payers are paying for a vacant seat. He asked by the Town Board opted not to fill that position. Supervisor Kaiser spoke and said that it was determined that it would not be necessary. The Board is not a split board and he feels that the board all work together very well. The Board has several inquiries to fill the board and have 4 people running for the seat this fall. Supervisor Kaiser said they have requests from 3 and one of them is already seated on the board. Supervisor also felt that it would not be fair to select one of the three. Secondly, the town is saving money because we are not paying for the services when they are not present. Actually, we are saving almost half of the salary. Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr. spoke and said "he felt it would not be fair to appoint a person for 4 months. In four months you could not learn the system and it four months you are out of there. When David Kaiser was there, that was a year term and you cannot learn it all in a year either. " Supervisor Kaiser said the "let the public select the next councilperson".

## **Resolutions**

Verification of Payables  
Resolution #55-05  
Motedioned by Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Seconded by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.  
Carried Unanimously

Authorize Court Clerk to Attend Conference  
Resolution #56-05  
Motedioned by Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Seconded by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.  
Carried Unanimously

Authorize Justice to Attend Conference  
Resolution #57-05  
Motedioned by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.  
Seconded by Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Carried Unanimously

Submitting Grant Application for a Lakeshore Park Visioning Plan  
Resolution #58-05  
Motedioned by Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Seconded by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.  
Carried Unanimously

**Town Clerk's Report** See Attached

Motioned by Councilman Robert Gerlach to accept Report.

Seconded by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried unanimously.

Thank you from Ira (Pop) Williamson

Motion made by Councilman Robert Gerlach to adjourn Meeting at 8:50 PM. It was seconded by Councilwoman Barbara McCall. Carried Unanimously.

The next Town Board Meeting will be held August 17, 2005.