

**Regular Town Board Meeting
October 19, 2005**

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor David Kaiser.

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

Other Present:	Town Clerk, Terry Smith	Present
	Planning Board Chairman, David Hayes	Present
	Code Enforcement Officer, Lee Hoaglan	Present
	Water Commissioner Jack Holley	Absent
	Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson	Present
	Dog Control Officer, Aaron Covert	Absent
	Ovid Gazette, Neil Chaffee	Present
	Residents	8

Pledge of Allegiance: Followed by a moment of silence.

Public Hearing: The public hearing was opened at 7:30 PM by Supervisor David Kaiser for the Preliminary Budget for 2006. See attached. The County is front loaded with costs that we cannot do anything about. The biggest is Medicaid. Last year in the 2005 Medicaid was 64% of the county budget. This year 2006, it is close to 70%. The legislature in Albany has instituted a Medicaid relief program. We should start receiving some relief near the end of 2006 and into 2007. Hopefully in 5 years it will amount to appreciable savings. Also the County has to face the prospects of paying for the new jail. I feel as the budget officer for our town, that I have to be very conservative with our tax dollars in order to offset any increase that the county may have to apply to its taxpayers. I am asking all town employees to bear with us this year. We were able to give across the board 3 % pay raises and also tighten up our budget. We also will be able to give the taxpayers a decrease of \$.14/thousand if this budget passes on 2006 taxes. Terri Sandifur the Court Clerk, spoke on behalf of her hours and increase of work load. Mrs. Sandifur has stated that her work load had increased and will continue to do so. The position was hourly and changed to salaried back in 1995. Supervisor Kaiser asked Mrs. Sandifur if she would like it to be an hourly position, to punch a time clock so the board has some way next year to know how many hours were required to do the job. Mrs. Sandifur said she is more than willing to do that. Mrs. Sandifur said that

everything is going electronically. The Town of Romulus is the first to go completely electronically filing. The Town of Romulus is the first to go electronically for the E-ticket. There is no other town in Seneca County that is totally electronic. Right now Mrs. Sandifur works 14 hours and the work is not getting done. Mrs. Sandifur has invited the board to come and spend some time with her and see what all she has to do. Councilwoman Barbara McCall has asked Mrs. Sandifur to punch a time clock and write down what all she has to do and how much time it takes. Mrs. Sandifur stated she will punch the time clock but will not put in anymore than the 14 hours without getting paid. She is concerned that a lot of work will slide.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded by Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

Public Hearing #2 The Public Hearing was opened by Supervisor David Kaiser for the Zoning Amendments as per attached.
Chairman Hayes said the Town of Romulus is proposing the addition of two articles to the Zoning Ordinance and the modification of the Mobile Home Park Regulations. Proposed Article 8 will be regulations for Communication Transmission Towers and Telecommunication Facilities.
Article 9 mirrors the International Property Maintenance Code as adopted by New York State. Adopting these regulations at the local level will allow the Local Code Officer to have basic enforcement authority in an area which often falls to the bottom of priority in the range of work required of the County Code Officials.
Lee Hoaglan will check into 5 unregistered vehicles on a property on the Baptist Church Road, Ovid, NY.

Motion made by Councilman Robert Gerlach to close the Public Hearing
Second by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

Councilman Robert Gerlach said Thank you to the Planning Board for all the work they have put into these Zoning Amendments.

Approval of Minutes for oRegular Board Meeting September 21, 2005

Motion made by Ralph Walborn Jr,
Second made by Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

Petitioners to the Board – None

Communications to be filed:

Feher Rubbish Removal – Fuel Surcharges – See attached. Charges will be added to to their services.

Code Enforcement Officer

Monthly report attached.

Violation letter for property at Tax Map #20-1-04 – Trailer is sold and will be moved as soon as they get DOT Permits.

Violation letter for property at Tax Map #17-1-23-1 – Selling Property and in compliance

Violation letter for property Tax Map #11-1-04-11 – See letter of response attached. Taken Care of.

Planning Board's Report

Minutes – See Attached

The Planning Board would like to thank the Town Board for taking our suggestions that we put out and accepting them and letting us for forward with the new provisions. We could not have done it without the Board.

Supervisor Kaiser thanked the Planning Board for their hard work.

Zoning Board Report

Meeting was held October 13, 2005. Meeting was cancelled because they did not have a quorum.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Monthly Report Attached

The problem on Cherry Hill Rd will be taken care of on 10/20/05. School Bus having a problem getting through.

Inventory of Highway Machinery, Tools and Equipment attached.

Abandon Road Request

- i. Must receive letter from Mrs. Srmack requesting this – no action will be taken at this time. To legally abandon the road, we must have a letter of request from the owner.

Dog Control Officer's Report

Monthly report attached.

Water Commissioner's Report

Letter to residents on the East Lake Road regarding tap delays attached.

Mr. Holley will be on vacation October 11 until October 24th, 2005.

Bookkeeper's Report

Monthly report attached.

Supervisor's Report

I received a letter to one of our residents Mr. Roger Allerton, Jr. about a letter he wrote to Brian M. Kolb, member of Assembly, 129th Assembly District, concerning the vacant Buildings at the Canandaigua Veterans

Affairs Hospital and turning them into apartments for disabled veterans. Your proposal for income annuity apartments on the campus for disabled veterans is a good idea and has been discussed by the Local Advisory Panel which will be filing their report and findings to Secretary James Nicholson.

I mentioned the increased cost in the budget now of having to pay the Jail bail bond and the County is working very hard to adjust for this. I have to give the County Finance committee a lot of credit for this. The county was given a choice of taking the tobacco money lump sum or take annual payments which could end at any time between now and in the future. The county felt it better to take the tobacco monies in a lump sum so we know we have it. We will be applying those monies to the budget for the next five years to absorb the impact of the jail construction project. Also, the departments in the county are holding their budget line to what they were in 2005 for 2006.

We have a fuel purchasing agreement with the Waterloo Central School which is a savings to us and savings to Waterloo.

The county entered into an agreement with Romulus Central School to do mechanical work on their buses.

The Jail construction is going along on schedule. The building has been enclosed and they are heating it temporarily for the winter to enable them to do the interior work.

The Fall Newsletter is due out next week. The Town has ordered Christmas decorations for the Hamlets of Willard, Romulus and Hayts Corners. This is being paid for unallocated service contract that we had with the Town of Varick.

Committee Reports

Hernon Park Minutes – Next Meeting October 26, 2005, @10:00 AM.

Hernon Park Scholarship Award being offered.

The ball part has been seed and we should have a ball field next spring.

Old Business - There was a question on the CBDG Grant that we had. Mr. Sherman of the Advantage Group has completed one requirement of verifying his employment level. This has been done and sent in to the Governors Office for small cities. We are now awaiting a reply from the Governors Office for small cities to tell us what the status is so that we free it up for a small loan. When that happens, we will set up a committee of community members, to administer this program.

The information on the wind towers has been forwarded for a more detailed study.

Will the signs be put up again on the main roads for the winter? If the Highway Superintendent wants it done the board already has a resolution in place for it to be done.

New Business The town has a lot of plaques and old books etc that could possibly be

put in the Historical Society. Leave it up to the Board.

Resolutions:

Verification of Payables

Resolution #68-05

Motioned by Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Adopt 2006 Preliminary Budget

Resolution #69-05

Motioned by Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Robert Gerlach	Yea
Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Yea
Councilwoman Barbara McCall	Yea
Supervisor David Kaiser	Yea

Authorize Filing of Amendment

Resolution #70-05

Motioned by Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk's Report

Monthly Report

Motioned by Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded by Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

Basketball Tournament Championship Recognition:

Plaques were given to the following for Championship basketball tournament that was held at the annual Romulus Block Part on August 27, 2005 in front of the Town Hall.

The Teenage Group consisted of:

Ryan McNally

Kyle Collingsworth, Jr.

Paul Reynolds

Matt VanDorn

The Adult Group Consisted of:

Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Michael (Tiny) Lichak

Kyle Collinsworth, Sr.

Barney Farnsworth, Jr.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Motioned by Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded by Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

The next Town Board Meeting will be November 16, 2005.