

**Regular Town Board Meeting  
June 21, 2006**

**Call to Order:** Supervisor David Kaiser called the regular meeting of the Town Board to order at 7:30 Pm.

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

**Others Present:** Deputy Town Clerk, Angel J. Lawrence  
Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson  
Water Commissioner, Jack Holley  
Residents: Bill Bowen  
Rick & Helen Dunbar  
F. Lee Hoaglan  
Fred Swain  
Mike Caskey

**Pledge of Allegiance:** followed by a moment of silence.

**Approval of Minutes:** Town Board Minutes, May 17, 2006  
Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn  
Seconded: Councilwoman Barb McCall  
Carried Unanimously

**Communications to be filed:**

- a. Traffic Safety Program – Lt. Charles Maleski  
The Lieutenant gave a presentation on traffic safety and expressed the departments concern for the amount of fatal crashes that are in our town. He explained they received a grant from the State, which allows them to monitor and take action against violators of the traffic safety laws. This program will address aggressive driving, speeding and disobeying traffic devices.

He explained there is 42% more fatal crashes in rural areas in comparison to urban areas. Some of the contributors to this high percentage are speed, no seat belts and road conditions. The department is asking the citizens and public need to let the department know where the problem areas are.

The Sheriff's department would like to set up speed traps throughout the town to attempt to control this situation and reduce the statistics for fatal crashes.

- b. Stanley Legawitz was scheduled as a petitioner to the board, but was not in attendance.

- c. Mike Caskey brought a written proposal with him which he distributed to all the board members. The proposal is attached herewith. The proposal has four options listed. He explained the present boiler is constantly running to keep the water hot. The present boiler is costing approximately \$7,000.00 a year to operate. Mike explained that if the board chose to perform the task listed in option 3, the town would save 15% on the cost of operating this. Option #4 comes with a 5-year warranty.

There is some concern about the salt that is in the water and this should be addressed before the board considers putting in a new boiler. The present boiler is approximately 30-years old.

David Kaiser explained due to the cost of a new boiler it would have to go to bid. He also explained the building committee would need to meet and determine the best means of addressing the boiler situation before a bid specification sheet would be made available to the public. David thanked Mr. Caskey for his time and the information.

- d. Rick and Helen Dunbar reside at Poplar Beach in the Town of Romulus. However, they also own property on Cayuga Street and this is the property they came to discuss. Recently variances were given to neighboring property owners without formally notifying the neighbors that border the property. Rick explained that he came to the office after he was given the information about the variances being granted and asked why we no longer notify the neighboring property owners. Angel explained the zoning has changed and now requires a notice be put in the paper. The prior process of mailing notifications or requesting the neighbors to bring a notarized letter from the neighbors is no longer in effect.

Mr. & Mrs. Dunbar would like the board to consider going back to the process of mailing notifications to neighboring property owners, so they are aware of issues that may affect their property. Many residents go away for the winter and do not receive the paper and some do not read all the public notices on a daily basis.

He would also like the planning board to consider not allowing structures to be placed directly on the property line. It makes it difficult to not hit the structure with a piece of equipment, if you have agricultural property and the farmer is trying to plow, mow, etc... Then if the structure is accidentally hit by this piece of equipment, which neighbor is liable? Rick would like them to not issue variances that would allow any size structure to be so close to a property line. David Kaiser assured the Dunbars that he would make the planning board aware of their request and ask them to consider revising this.

### **Code Enforcement Officer**

- a. There has been some discussion of the south towns of the county coming together and consolidating this position as one South County Code Enforcement Officer for several of the south towns. However, the Town of Covert has recently retained the services of an individual and does not appear to be interested in consolidating. David would like the board to consider appointing Mr. Brian Compton in the midterm temporarily until the town is able to determine whether we will be part of a South County position or if it will remain retaining the services of an individual for the sole purpose of zone control in Romulus.

The Supervisor requested an executive session for discussion on a personnel matter and to review Mr. Compton's application. They would go into executive discussion at the time of new business on the agenda.

### **Planning Board's Report**

Minutes were provided and will be attached herewith. The next meeting will be held July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Zoning Board Report** No meeting this month. The next meeting will be held July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.

### **Water/Sewer Commissioner's Report:**

The water/sewer/highway project will commence on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006. We plan to close the streets during the day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and open the streets back up after 4:00 p.m. The working days will be Monday through Thursday until the project is complete. Jack asked the board to consider passing a resolution that would allow the use of plastic pipe in some situations, at the discretion of the water commissioner. The by laws would need to be amended and a public hearing would need to be held in order to legally amend the by-laws.

Jack told the board that recently the town was allowed into a building on the formerly known as Seneca Army Depot and received several items the Army was willing to give to the local government entities. The Army felt they no longer would have a need for these items.

### **Highway Superintendent's Report**

A highway report was provided and will be attached herewith. A tree fell on Third Street. NYSEG and the Telephone Company came and cut down the remainder of the tree. It took five trailer loads to remove the debris.

There is a wire down on the Depot Road in front of MacIntosh house. David asked Angel to see if NYSEG would take care of this.

Dumpster Days was a success. It appears the passes worked well. We did not have the traffic we had before. The highway department employees took the metal and sold it for scrap. They turned in \$197.00 to the main office to cover some of the dumpster day expenses.

**Assessor's Report:**

Equalization rate for Romulus is at 85%. This affects our funding and the closer to 100% we can get the better our funding. Anne will be doing a revalue and attempting to bring the percentage up higher for the next year.

**Dog Control Officer's Report**

A Dog Control Officer's report was provided and will be attached herewith.

**Bookkeeper's Report:**

A report was provided and will be attached.

**Supervisor's Report:**

- a. David pointed out the display cases that were in the assembly hall. He explained these were made by the Five Points Wood Workshop and donated to the Romulus Historical Society. The society is very grateful for these beautiful cabinets.
- b. With regard to the mailbox action committee, the U.S. Postal Service will be allowing the use of an infrared camera that will be moved around from place to place. Homeowners must approve of it being located on their property before the camera can be set up. Only particular areas can have these, as they require a very sensitive area in order to work properly. These cameras will provide the time, date, license plate and person's features. It has come to our attention other towns are experiencing the same type of issues with regards to mailbox vandalism.
- c. The Block party committee is working diligently to put together a grand party for August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The block party will go from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m.
- d. The highway department will be purchasing a new truck. Although, this particular item was not budgeted for in the budget that was passed in November, it was fiscally wiser to purchase it this year, rather than waiting for the following year as was initially the plan. After this year, the trucks will require a special filter and separate fuel and motor oil. A completely separate fuel tank will also need to be purchased.
- e. Supervisor Kaiser explained about a roadside plant called Wild Parsnips. It is a yellow color and looks relative to the Queen Ann Lace. The oil in this plant goes onto your skin and when mixed with the sun it causes a rash. This rash looks similar to poison ivy, however it does not make you itch. David would like this information put in our next newsletter to make others aware of this and the severity of the rash.
- f. David would also like the quilt raffle and block party details added to the newsletter.

**Committees:**

- a. The Community Advisory Board Meeting was cancelled for this month.
- b. Hernon Park Meeting will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- c. The next block party meeting will be held July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Old Business**

- a. A resident inquired about the Parson's house in the Hamlet of Romulus. He asked if the house could be leveled now that he was denied an appeal. David told the resident that he would check on this and try to get that information.
- b. A resident wanted to know the status of the windmills for the depot. David Explained that Tom Bouchard is still working on this.
- c. Another issue that was addressed was the Bio-fuels plant that possibly would be located in our town. David explained the Senator is working very hard behind the scenes to try to help get this facility onto the depot.

**New Business**

- a. Executive session was held with regard to the Zoning Code Officer.

**Resolutions:****Authorize Zoning and Planning Board Members to Attend School****Resolution #46-06**

Motioned by: Councilwoman Barb McCall

Seconded by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

**Authorize Town Clerk to Attend NYS DEC Training****Resolution #47-06**

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Seconded: Councilwoman Barb McCall

Carried Unanimously

**Authorize Town Justice & Court Clerk to Attend Teleconference****Resolution: #48-06**

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

**Authorize the Hiring of a New Zoning Officer****Resolution #49-06**

Motioned: Supervisor David Kaiser

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

**Re-Submission of Waterfront Revitalization Program Grant**

**Resolution #50-06**

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn  
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth  
Carried Unanimously

**VFW Post 6200 Bingo License #570**

**Resolution #51-06**

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn  
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth  
Carried Unanimously

**RVFD Bingo License**

**Resolution #52-06**

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn  
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth  
Carried Unanimously

**Accept Purchase Offer for First Street Property**

**Resolution #53-06**

Motioned: Councilwoman Barb McCall  
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth  
Carried Unanimously

**Amend the Existing Water Line Specifications**

**Resolution #54-06**

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn  
Seconded: Councilwoman Barb McCall  
Carried Unanimously

**Authorize Clerk to Advertise for a Public Hearing to Amend Specifications**

**Resolution #55-06**

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn  
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth  
Carried Unanimously

**Verification of Payables #449-515**

**Resolution: #56-06**

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn  
Seconded: Councilwoman Barb McCall  
Carried Unanimously

**Budget Appropriation Transfers**

**Resolution: #57-06**

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Carried Unanimously

**Town Clerk's Report**

**Monthly Report – Accepted**

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Carried Unanimously

**Note:** Councilwoman McCall wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming South Seneca Ambulance meeting to be held on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned: 10:20 p.m.**

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Carried Unanimously