

Regular Town Board Meeting  
July 19, 2006

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

**Present Roll Call:** Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.  
Councilman Kyle Collinsworth, Sr.  
Councilwoman Barbara McCall  
Supervisor Kaiser

**Others Present:** Town Clerk, Terry Smith  
Planning Board Vice-chair Barry Roach  
Code Enforcement Officer Brian Compton  
Water Commissioner Jack Holley  
Finger Lakes Times reporter Brian Lothridge  
10 residents

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

**Appreciation and In Memory of:**

- a. Thomas and Franco Bouchard – In memory of Vincenza Alabastro  
Tabled till next month.
- b. Beatrice Licak – In memory of Joseph Licak, Sr. – A plaque on a Hernon Park bench was presented to Mrs. Licak, along with an American flag.
- c. Ihotu Onah – was awarded a \$100 certificate from the Hernon Park Scholarship fund for writing the winning essay. She also received a pin. The theme for the essay was “Why the parks are so important to people.”
- d. William Palmer was given a plaque by the Water Commissioner Jack Holley In appreciation for his many years of service to the Town of Romulus and the Water Department.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of Minutes from June 21, 2006. A motion was made by Councilwoman Barbara McCall. Seconded by Councilman Robert Gerlach. Carried Unanimously.

**Petitioners to the Board:**

Bob and Karen Colton from the East Lake Road, Romulus, NY came before the board to ask about the Zoning on East Lake Road. There was a house built on the East Lake Road and we would like to know “how it got built.” Mr. Colton said he has a couple of the Zoning Laws and rules and he has been through it about 5 times. According to what it says, you have to have 100 feet of road frontage or 100 feet of lake shore property and this property only has 60 feet. This house was only built two years ago. This is a brand new house and no pre-existing house was there before. Barry Roach, vice chairman of the Planning Board advised the Coltons to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals and their meeting is Thursday, July 20, 2006 and place a grievance before the Zoning Board of Appeals that has all the data in it concerning the house. Mr. Colton wanted “ground level” defined. There are restrictions for building on the lake shore. There was a two-room cottage there before but now there is a three-story home there. Supervisor Kaiser said the best thing to do would be to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals as he would like

to be aware of a variance being granted but the Zoning Board would. Mr. Roach told Mr. Colton to put it in writing and document what he is trying to say. Check with Angel Lawrence to see if a permit was granted for this building. Their downstairs is a rental making this a 2-family home.

**Communications to be filed:**

- a. NYS Parks information regarding purchase of property. This is notifying us that they are interested in approximately 149.183 acres of land in the Town of Romulus, Seneca County on the former Sampson Hospital Area as a buffer between the State Park and any further development on that 149 acres of land. Senator Nozzolio had talked to Supervisor Kaiser about the Aspen Square Mgmt. Inc. wanting a buffer but he did not realize it was 149 acres. Supervisor Kaiser will have some answers for the Board at next month's meeting.
- b. Judge Greule is notifying the Board and Public that there will not be any court held from August 7 through August 22, 2006.

**Code Enforcement Officer:**

Mr. Compton has nothing to report this month as he just assumed his job a couple of days prior to the meeting. He will have more for us next month.

**Water Commissioner's Report:**

We have completed all our water meter readings for this quarter. We also started our water line replacement project last week. It is coming along pretty good but is not moving as fast as I wanted but we just have to keep going with it. We have First Street up to Prospect Street completed with the main line. We are not going to pave the streets this year so the stone can settle.

**Planning Board:**

The minutes from the meeting of July 10, 2006 are attached. Just briefly, the Dunbars came to the meeting and they were raising the same issue about being informed about building variances being approved and they were not involved. We are working on the Docks and moorings regulations. A lot of Towns in the Finger Lakes have regulations on docks and moorings. There is a problem with the 200 foot dock. Ovid also is having the same problem. Toro Run's hearing was July 18, 2006 at the Town Hall. There are a couple of residents who objected to it and would like to see the lot size be two (2) acres instead of one (1) acre. What they are asking for is a major sub-division which is more than five houses. This hearing was for a sub-division on the corner of Route 89 and Swick Road. It looks very much like what they call Conservation sub-divisions where they lay out (in this case 11 home sites) in a middle of a vineyard and a winery in the middle. Since some of the residents objected to it, we need to find out if we need to rezone it as residential or lake shore residential because right now it is zoned agricultural. We will be calling the state to ask. The process is that the County would have to confer with out recommendation and then we would present this to the Town Board. If approved, we would then have to schedule a public hearing. We have some hurdles to get over.

**Zoning Board Report:** The meeting will be held on July 20, 2006.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:** See Attached.

**Assessor's Report:**

There is no report, but we do have a letter from the NYS Real Property Services to the assessor, Ann Morgan, that she will need 6 continuing credits prior to year ending on September 30, 2006.

**Dog Control Officer's Report:** Nothing to report this month.

**Bookkeeper's Report:** See attached.

The third paragraph, reading "The final report has been submitted for the Community Development Block Grant." We have to retain the services of an accountant and CPA to close out the grant. We have scheduled this Burmody, Burke and Brown, Assoc.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Just a little update on the sidewalk project in the Hamlet of Romulus. We have received the approval from the residents along the Main Street section that will be done this year. We are waiting for two signatures but they tell us they will be in to sign as they do approve of it. The residents are happy that we will be enhancing the looks of the Community. We are having our second annual Block Party on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2006. We will close off part of Prospect Street and Second Street. Anyone that would like to help out, please contact Angel Lawrence at the Town Hall. We are hoping that all residents from all our communities will attend. Come out and meet your neighbor.

This is an update on the Veterans Cemetery. Unfortunately, the bill that would have approved the transfer of the property and the monies, did not make it through the state assembly. Supervisor Kaiser is sure that this situation is only a temporary setback. As soon as they are back in session, this should go through.

Also, I have had a few inquiries concerning the Parsons house on Main Street in the Hamlet of Romulus. Supervisor Kaiser talked to Richard Swinehart last evening. Mr. Swinehart said that the final appeal should be wrapped up shortly and we are hoping to have this house removed by the end of the year.

The new jail is coming along just fine. We are ahead of schedule and under budget. This will be a good asset to the Town of Romulus and the South County in general. This is to give us a security presence in the South County.

The CDBG grant is hopefully going to be closed out and this money which amounts to \$400,000, plus interest, could be made available for business development in the Town of Romulus as soon as this money is matured. We will be appointing a committee to administer these monies.

**Committee Reports:**

Heron Park meeting is scheduled for 3 PM on July 24, 2006. The Park is in good shape right now. It looks beautiful. We will be getting the basketball hoops in shortly. We are also trying to get the ball field done this fall. The Block Party Committee meeting will be at 6 PM on July 27, 2006.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Councilman Gerlach said he has had some complaints from the people down on Lake Cayuga about noise from boats. We have a noise ordinance in this township and it is being abused. We have about 5 neighbors that have these huge boats that made so much noise they can be heard in town. On Seneca Lake, they are called thunder on the lake. There are about 40 on Seneca Lake and 5 or more are known on Cayuga Lake.

Because these lakes are governed by many municipalities, there is no law governing speed. They can go up and down the lake at will, but they usually tell people when they are going to do it. The Romulus Planning Board in 1990 addressed this issue. The results came down to that for 2 or 3 months during the summer, these taxpayers were allowed to use their boats. Other towns such as Canandaigua tried to put a sound barrier in for these boats, but did not succeed. Supervisor Kaiser will contact the Sheriff's Dept. and the Town of Canandaigua about the noise. Canandaigua has a speed limit of 30 MPH.

**Resolutions:**

**Verification of Payables**

**Resolution #58-06**

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

**Authorize Court Clerk to Attend Conference**

**Resolution #59-06**

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

**Authorize Justice to Attend Conference**

**Resolution #60-06**

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

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

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

Supervisor Kaiser rescheduled Memorial for Vincenza Alabastro for next Board meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2006.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously