

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING AND
CLOSE OUT MEETING FOR 2007
December 19, 2007**

Call to order: 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.	Excused
	Councilwoman Barbara McCall	Present
	Councilman Kyle Collinworth	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk, Terry Smith
Planning Board Chairman, Barry Roach
Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson
Water Commissioner, Jack Holley
Town Justice, Kathy Greule
Newly Elected Town Justice, Donald E. Greule
Ovid Gazette, Neil Chaffee
Residents 6

Pledge of Allegiance: followed by moment of silence. Supervisor David Kaiser asked everyone to keep a resident of the Town of Romulus, Stanley Maleski who passed away, in their thoughts and prayers. Mr. Maleski is the Father of the Town Assessor, Anne Morgan.

Installation of new Town Justice: Donald E. Greule was recently elected to be the new Town Justice in the Town of Romulus. He was installed and given his oath of Office by his mother, Kathleen Greule, who is retiring on the 31st of December 2007. Town Justice, Donald E. Greule will be the third generation to take the oath for the Town Justice office. He will take office on January 1, 2007.
A short recess was called for some cake and coffee.

The meeting was called back to order by Supervisor Kaiser.

Approval of Minutes:

November 28, 2007 – Regular Board Meeting
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

November 28, 2007 – Public Hearing
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth
Carried Unanimously

Petitioners to the Board:

Kathy Poorman regarding water/sewer issues – did not come to the meeting
Ray Zajac regarding several issues had another event come up and did not make this meeting. He will be invited to come back next month to the next meeting on January 16, 2007.

Communications to be filed:

- i. Mary Catt regarding Rachael's Challenge - Supervisor Kaiser was honored to take part in this Challenge. It was very well attended
- ii. Letter to NYSEG regarding Streetlight Repairs needed. – Councilman Walborn and Councilman Collinsworth went around the Town one evening and checked all the lights. They took down all the numbers on the street lights that were not operating properly. This information was sent into NYSEG
- iii. Romulus School Receives Great Review – Finger Lakes Times featured the Romulus Central School ranking this school up toward the top of the list from all schools across the country. The Town Board would also like to recognize the quality of Romulus Central School. A letter will be sent to the school from the Town of Romulus Board.
- iv. Romulus Court Sessions New Schedule – The court schedule for the coming year will be starting the First of the year.
- v. Notice of Intent to Establish Lead Agency from Seneca County IDA
 - a. Letter from IDA Executive Director to Betty Hughes - Attached.
- vi. Letter from Assemblyman Kolb Regarding Empire State Grant
- vii. Snow Removal Contract for Post Office – Copy of Contract attached. New Person this year will be doing removal. John Horrocks III will be taking over as the other person was unable to do it this year.
- viii. Letter from Ray Zajac with concerns with the Town of Romulus & Employees
- ix. Attached us letter regarding the Safe Routes to School Program. This is a grant program which is just announced here couple of weeks ago. We have already written and advised them of our interest in this program. We would like to apply for some grant monies to do the sidewalks on the west side of Route 96 thru the Hamlet of Romulus. Also to further some road improvements near the school. Motion will be added tonight, there will be a seminar on January 11, 2008. Angel Lawrence is spear heading this grant and we would like to send her to this seminar in Auburn. We will be covering her mileage round trip.

Code Enforcement Officer

Monthly Report Attached – Year end report.

Romulus Planning Board

- a. Next meeting schedule for January 7, 2008 @7:00 pm.

- b. Minutes attached from December 3, 2007 meeting
- c. Public hearing scheduled for Special Use Permit at January 7th meeting
We have a special meeting on Monday December 17, 2008, to receive an application for a special use permit for a gentleman who wants to start a business at the Depot. His name is Chuck Warren and he comes from Penn Yan and he is going to develop a business to produce top quality hay. He has researched the market. He also worked at Cornell. He has a process for cutting and drying hay. That is one part of the operation. We entertained his application and talked with The Seneca County Planning Board. Since he is leasing space from Flam Management, that the Town of Romulus, Town Planning Board become the lead Agency for the SEQRA process. We will send a letter to the IDA requesting that. The Public Hearing will take place on January 7, 2008 and that will be the next Planning Board Meeting.

Seneca County Planning Board

- a. Minutes attached from November 8, 2007 meeting
- b. Agenda attached for December 13, 2007 meeting

Romulus Zoning Board

- a. Next meeting scheduled for December 20, 2007 @ 7:00 pm
- b. Public Hearing scheduled for Variance at December 20, 2007 meeting

Highway Superintendent

- a. Monthly Report Attached
The Board has a resolution tonight in front of them, to post the Swick Road, Vineyard Road and possibly Romulus-Varick Townline Road with a ten ton weights limit, except for local deliveries. The problem that the highway department is having is garbage trucks are going up and down those roads between one and four o'clock in the morning to take a shortcut to get up to Route 414. If they are overweight they will try and sneak up thru.

Dog Control Officer

- a. Monthly Report Attached – very quiet month.

Water Commissioner

Everything is going fine, except for the advertising for the pickup. That was only in the paper for one week. We will wait till after Christmas and try again in the middle of January and re-advertise it. This time we will try and advertise it for three weeks in a row before we accept bids.

Assessor – Nothing to report this month.

Bookkeeper

- a. Monthly Report Attached
- b. Health Insurance Plans Savings

The office will be upgrading the Tax computer and also anticipate receiving the tax bills soon. How does the Board want to deal with Dumpster Days this year? Does the Board want to go with two days again or one event for the year? We do have this event budgeted for two times per year. The Supervisor recommends that we keep bi-annual but eliminates taking the tires. Also, Councilman Kyle Collinsworth recommends earlier in Spring before Memorial Day. The 17th and 18th was recommended by everyone. There will be no tires this year. Supervisor Kaiser would like the Board to give him permission to have Angel get prices on Laptop Computers for the Board and Department heads. Laptop prices are coming down. Reasons being it would eliminate paper work. The court system has this type of recording all their minutes etc. We would like to just get costs. Angel Lawrence wants you to know that she gave you a copy of the cost savings analysis from the Health insurance situation. The town employees opted on their own, to change plans. Because of these changes we are saving approximately \$45,000 on insurance. Supervisor would like to use a grant for the laptops and not the money saved from the insurance.

Supervisor Report

Supervisor Kaiser thanked the town Board and staff for working very well together this past year. We accomplished a lot with our budget money and we got a lot done especially with the cooperative efforts and attitude of all employees. The town is in the best financial shape that it has been in, in years.

Committees Report:

- a. Heron Park Minutes
 - i. Next meeting schedules for March 18, 2008 @ 9:00 AM
South Seneca Sportsman Club has donated \$1000.00 to Heron Park. The profit for the Benefit for Heron Park on December 1, 2007 was approximately \$872.00. Another fund raiser for February is in the works and that will be an outdoor baseball game in the snow. We will be using and orange ball so that you can see it and get different groups to field a team such as the Sheriff's Dept., Probation Dept., High School, Town of Romulus etc.
- b. Romulus Historical Society Minutes
 - i. Next meeting scheduled for December 20, 2007 @ 10:00 AM
They are actively looking for a logo for t shirts etc.

Old Business: Supervisor Kaiser asked Jim Williamson about the possibility of debris brought from the depot to the Cayuga Lake Road. Jim checked with Mr. Sessler and he said that the white paint on the cinder blocks has a lead content to it and they do not allow it to go anywhere but a landfill.

New Business: South Seneca donated their old dugouts to Heron Park and they do need roofs also they need to be set on a better base. We will be building a back stop. We would also like to get some steel bleachers. Supervisor said he would check some of his connections up north toward Rochester.

Resolutions:

#86-07 Post A Ten-Ton Limit Sign
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

#87-07 Verification of Payables
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth
Carried Unanimously

#88-07 Designate 2008 Depository
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

#89-07 Designate 2008 Official Newspaper
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

#90-07 South Seneca Sportsman's Club Games of Chance License
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth
Carried Unanimously

#91-07 Romulus Volunteer Fire Dept. Games of Chance License
Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinworth
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

#92-07 Romulus Volunteer Fire Dept. Bingo License
Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinworth
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

#93-07 Ovid VFW Post #6200 Bingo License
Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

#94-07 Budget Transfers – Appropriations
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth
Carried Unanimously

#95-07 Authorize Planning Board to Submit Wood Burning Amendment to Zoning for approval by Seneca County Planning & Development

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

There is some discussion on the proposal that is accompanying this resolution to be sent to Harriet Hayes for approval. It is felt that on Paragraph F – Prohibited Operation #1 – The question should read after the statement – “Should this be done by Special Permit”?

Also Paragraph H – If a person has a wood stove in town, they still have to get a permit for it.

#96-07 Appointment of Planning Board Member

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

#97-07 Accept Proposed Holiday Schedule

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

#98 - 07 Authorize Evaluation of Costs for Laptops

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

#99 – 07 Authorize Bookkeeper to Attend Meeting

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk’s Report

Monthly Report Attached

Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned:

Motioned: Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously