

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 16, 2006

Call to Order: Supervisor David Kaiser call the regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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

Others Present:	Town Clerk. Terry Smith	Present
	Code Enforcement Officer, David Hayes	Present
	Planning Board , Mary Jane Thomas	Present
	Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson	Present
	Water Commissioner, Jack Holley	Present
	Finger Lakes Times, Paulette Lidkoudis	Present
	Ovid Gazette, Neil Chaffee	Present
	Residents	5

Pledge of Allegiance - followed by moment of Silence.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. December 19, 2007 – Regular Town Board Meeting and Closeout Meeting
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Carried Unanimously
- b. January 3, 2008 – Reorganization Meeting
Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

Petitioners to the Board:

Ray Zajac – Town Issues.

Mr. Zajac stated that he had some areas of concerns as to various issues in the township. I will be addressing them with the Town Board. I will do them one at a time. I also, will be requesting some information. My first question this evening is to ask the proper procedure or contact to get the information that I will be requesting. Mr. Zajac was advised to send all his FOIL requests to the Town Clerk. Mr. Zajac leaves his thoughts this evening on the parking variances put in force for the last two seasons. “I live on the main street and following the law has been difficult. I run a business that employs people, and pump revenues into the town’s private sector both in wages and support. I have a very narrow driveway and I have to play musical cars and trucks every day up to five vehicles or more sometimes. I seen continuous violations of this ordinance with both cars and trucks parked along County Road 132, and people that have driveways

have variance stickers on their vehicles. I am upset that my town board passes ordinances that are selectively enforced, or not enforced at all. There is really not a hint of benefit that I see of this ordinance. I am talking about snow removal or anything that you can say that this is an ordinance that really contributed to additional snow removal. I believe this should be enforced fully. Because I see the violations, I will not be a violator. I do ask the Town Board to either enforce this ordinance properly and fairly, or what I would suggest and I would like to see is that you repeal it.”

If anyone sees any violation of this ordinance, please bring it to the Town Board’s attention.

Communications to be filed:

- a. Restore NY General Project Information from Public Hearing: - attached.
We were able to obtain grant money to tear down some buildings on the Depot. There was a public hearing at the Town Hall on January 15, 2008, that was scheduled and conducted by the New York State Office of Empire State Office. There were several speakers and Empire State will contact the town with any further process requirement. On Page two, there are some corrections to be made. In the third paragraph on page 2, “the project will be undertaken by Empire Green Biofuels.” Also where the asterisk is for cost, you will see note where it says “the source of equities is funds from building’s developer, Empire Green Biofuels.”
- b. Seneca County Rabies Clinic – January 26, 2008 from 10:00 – 11:00 am at the Seneca County Highway Department. Attached
- c. Support Request from the South Seneca Ambulance – attached.
Councilwoman McCall had some concerns about supporting this request. She said that they do not have the staffing to support a third ambulance. The building has for a good many years needed to be refurbished. One other thing, they borrowed \$25,000 to get them thru the year and also last year, but in their budget their projected expenses does not included repayment of that loan. Councilwoman McCall would like to see more clarification as far as their budget is concerned

Code Enforcement Officer:

Monthly Report Attached: The same house in Willard that had garbage around it was cleaned up but now it is full again. Also there is a house in Romulus that needs attention. There is another house across from Ronnie’s Body Shop that needs to be looked into. The house is up for possible auction soon.

Romulus Planning Board:

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes Attached
- b. Public Hearing Minutes Attached
Carol Richardson had some concerns about the 13 trucks that are going to be using the highways when the new Hay Plant goes into operation. Most of the transportation will be by railroad.

Seneca County Planning Board:

- a. Agenda & Minutes Attached

Romulus Zoning Board:

- a. Minutes Attached

Highway Superintendent:

- a. Agreement to spend town highway funds
- b. Report attached.
- c. We had quite a rain that washed out the culvert on Yarnell Road. The Highway Dept. was out at 4 AM surveying the damage. Jim Williamson got right on it and replaced the culvert and made it safe.

Dog Control Officer: Nothing this month.

Water Commissioner:

Request that the applications for the water Department to attend the Finger Lakes Water Works Conference, Thursday, February 7, 2008 at Club 86 in Geneva, NY. Other than that everything else is going good. We did have a couple of small water main breaks but nothing very bad. The meters have all been read and the bills have been sent out.

Assessor:

- a. Office of Real Property Services Aid Certification: We qualified for a \$5.00 per parcel payment from the state which for our town amounts to \$5835.00. This money will go to the Assessor's Office as part of their money from us to fund their programs.

Court:

- a. Notification of court being closed on Friday, February 29, 2008.

Bookkeeper:

- a. Report Attached. Bookkeeper is asking for more clarification on a determination that we made last month to hold the dumpster days on the days that we picked. The reason we had the dates that we picked were because of the residents that had the yard sale could get rid of anything after that in the Dumpster days. Councilman Collinsworth said that they have a Memorial Day Parade in the Hamlet of Romulus and most of the residents are cleaning their yards for that parade. Would it be possible to split Dumpster days and have one day in May for the residents and the parade and one day in June for the residents and yard sales.

Supervisor:

The first thing I would like to point out is that the Town of Romulus has received some great news. It has qualified and been awarded a State of New York Grant for \$2 -1/2 million dollars for depot infrastructure. We are one of

only two entities in this area that received this. The City of Geneva and the Town of Romulus were the two recipients.

- a. State of the Town Address – attached. Some of the important parts of this speech are:

A multi year plan for highway equipment was put in place. More will be forthcoming for other town financial responsibilities.

Supervisor Kaiser would like to make good use of current town Board Committees.

Economic development will continue to be a major focus of the town's endeavors. We have formed a Community Loan Advisory Board and they have already received inquiries regarding the loan program.

The Town of Romulus has been successful in obtaining over 3 million dollars in grants for economic development with several more opportunities being pursued.

Three major new businesses are currently in the process of locating in the Town of Romulus that will provide meaningful job opportunities and tax base enhancement.

Supervisor Kaiser's one vision is of measured growth, positive improvement and an over all enhancement of the quality of life for everyone.

Committees Report:

- a. Hernon Park
 - i. Next meeting scheduled for March 18, 2008
 - ii. Minutes attached.
Councilman Gerlach was holding a check for \$1000.00 to the Hernon Park.
- b. Romulus Historical Society
 - i. Next meeting schedule for January 17, 2008 at 10:00 A.M.
 - ii. Minutes Attached

Old Business: None

New Business:

Supervisor Kaiser would like the Personnel committee to approve with a resolution the following summer employment.

- a. Summer Employment for water/sewer department – seasonal
- b. Permanent part-time office staff
- c. Shared part-time summer employee

Resolutions:

Authorize Water Dept. Employees to Attend Conference

#07-08

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

Tax Collector's Books

#08-08

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk's Books

#09-08

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

Supervisor's Books

#10-08

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

Judge's Books

#11-08

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

Verification of Payables

#12-08

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

South Seneca Ambulance Corp. Letter of Support

#13-08

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Supervisor Kaiser

Discussion: Councilwoman Barbara McCall would like more information before we approve this resolution. Councilwoman McCall will go the meeting and bring the information to us as stated above. Also, she will see if there is a time line on this resolution.

Councilman Robert Gerlach withdrew his motion.

Resolution not approved.

Execute Agreement to Spend Highway Funds

#14-08

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

Authorize Clerk to Advertise for Part-time Office Staff
#15-08

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth
Carried Unanimously

Approve Summer Employment for Water/Sewer Dept.
#16-08

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinworth
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

Approve Part-time Shared Summer Employee
#17-08

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinworth
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk's Report

a. Monthly Report

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

Adjourn: Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously