

**Regular Town Board Meeting
March 19, 2008**

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.	Present
Councilwoman Barbara McCall	Present
Councilman Kyle Collinsworth	Present

Others Present:

- Town Clerk, Terry Smith
- Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson
- Finger Lakes Times, Paulette Likoudis
- Ovid Gazette, Neil Chaffee
- Residents 2

Pledge of Allegiance: followed by Moment of Silence. Supervisor Kaiser asked that we Keep Retired Town Justice Kathy Greule in our prayers as she is back in the Hospital and also for Jack Holley's mother who is in the hospital.

Approval of Minutes:

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Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

February 28, 2008 – Special Town Board Meeting

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Petitioner to the Board:

Cliff Irwin – Representing the Group “Here for You”.

Mr. Irwin, from the Group known as “Here for You” is presenting a flag to Sergeant Jeff Parish who is home on leave from Iraq. Councilman Robert Gerlach read the letter from Senator Nozzolio to Sgt. Parish commending him on his service to his country. Councilman Kyle Collinsworth also accepted a flag for his son who is home on leave but in North Carolina where Kyle Collinsworth, Jr's wife is expecting a baby boy. Both men thanked Mr. Irwin for the flags, certificates and letters from Senator Nozzolio.

Communications to be filed:

- A. A. United States Senate Promotion education and supporting libraries – attached
- B. B. Time Warner Cable Program Services – attached
- C. C. United States Senate Distance learning and telemedicine program – attached
- D. D. Alpha Computing, Inc. rates and operating hours – attached
- E. E. Unified Court System awarded Town of Romulus Court a grant – attached
The amount was \$3500.00. Letter should be sent in appreciation to Judge Kathy Greule for her efforts in getting this grant.

- F. F. Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Spring 2008 Workshop –
attached. Any members interested in going are to let the office know to make the arrangements.
- G. G. Seneca County Office of the Sheriff press release offender watch – attached
- H. H. Empire State Development Redevelopment of Seneca Army Depot – attached
- I. I. NYS Office of Real Property Services residential assessment ratio – attached
- J. J. Time Warner Cable rate adjustments – attached
- K. K. Sheen Housing home and access to home programs – attached
- L. L. NYS Coalition of Concerned Citizens article X legislation – attached
- M. M. State of NY Dept. of Public Service another area code – attached
They are splitting the 315 area code. It is becoming over crowded.
- N. N. South Seneca Ambulance financial and run activity report – attached
This is the most information we have ever received from SS Ambulance.
- O. O. Town of Romulus informing Jeff Warren of Loan approval – attached
- P. P. New York State DEC – Wetlands Issue
 - a. a. Letter from the Town of Varick
- Q. Q. FOIL Requests
 - a. a. Raymond Zajac – Information with reference to the CDBG _ attached
- R. Town of Romulus informing Willard Drug Treatment of grant funds –
Attached -Received grant funds for Lake front property.
- S. S. NY Planning Federation 70th Annual Planning & Zoning Conference – attached. Any members wishing to attend, please contact the office.
- T. T. Lisa Ray Operations Processor change in status of real property tax escrow account. – attached

Zoning Officer:

Permits issued – attached

Town Planning Board

Minutes – attached

Seneca County Planning Board

Agenda and Minutes attached.

Town Zoning Board

No meeting was scheduled.

Highway Superintendent

Minutes attached. We are losing a few roads with bad spots etc. from the winter weather. We put run-a-crush in holes on Yerkes Road between Rte. 414 and 96 instead of putting cold patch. That fell apart really bad. We need to patch up First St. in Willard after the road has settled a little this past year. Supervisor Kaiser said that Jim has been successful in securing \$63000.00 in grant monies to stabilize the bank on Cayuga Lake Rd. Supervisor Kaiser commended Jim for that. That is \$63,000.00 savings to the tax payers. We are having a problem with people throwing trash on the West Blaine Road. One suggestion from Jim is that we put up a deer cam or something in the area that is motion sensitive and on a

timer. You have to empty the cart once a week and put it in the press that the Town will be doing this. These cameras are not expensive and can be moved readily and put where needed. We have questioned one person so far. They will be given a stiff fine. The highway dept. will keep track of their time and trips and it will be charged back to the perpetrator.

Dog Control Officer

Minutes attached.

Joint Assessment Program

Nothing.

Romulus Court

Nothing

Water Commissioner

Request for Robert Stapleton to attend Conference. We have a real asset in Jack Holley.

Bookkeeper

Report attached. The quarterly water bills will be sent out the first week in April. We were going to have a Public Hearing this evening concerning the new water rates in Willard, but unfortunately it did not get advertised. We will reschedule the Public Hearing for April 16, 2008 at 7:30 PM.

Supervisor

I want to point out some items that have generated controversy regarding the water situation in Seneca Lake. I attended the City of Geneva Council Meeting two weeks ago where they had been asked by a group of people to consider a non binding resolution to encourage Seneca County to do an EIS on the proposed ethanol plant. It was explained to them that the law does not provide for going back and redoing the process without specific thresholds being met, which in this case has not occurred. There is Case Law that addresses this. There was a case before NYS Board of Appeals that was very similar to this where an EIS was actually done and an opposition group did not like the results and wanted to have it redone. It went to the NYS Court of Appeals and the court ruled that basically, you can't keep re doing a process just because you did not like the ending results. The time period for an EIS process to be reconsidered was the window time of 120 days after the determination was made by the lead agency, which was the IDA. By law, even if the IDA wanted to do an EIS it could not do so. The opposition that spoke were largely the very same people that have stated publicly that they do not want development at the former depot. They also went to the Board of Waterloo, Village Board meeting and wanted them to pass a resolution and encourage an EIS to be done. Waterloo is not entertaining such a motion, according to the Mayor of the Village. The top draw of water from Seneca Lake would be 1.7 million gallons of water per day. The number of trillions of gallons out of the lake was certainly exaggerated. If you multiply 1.7 million by 365 you only get 700 and some million gallons a year. This information is available on the internet. We have underground springs that replenish the lake at a rate of 328,000 gallons per minute. Couple this with the rain fall and drainage from the lake basin and you can see that there is no impact at all for this plant to take too much water out of this lake. This is a zero discharge plant design. Most of this water will go

up in steam from the cooling towers. There will be no discharge back into Seneca Lake.

The Top Quality Hay processors have started their site work within the last few weeks.

Committees:

Romulus Historical Society – Next Scheduled meeting: March 20, 2008 @ 10:00 AM.

Meeting has been cancelled.

Old Business

None

New Business

We have a bid opening for the 2002 Chevy Silverado 4 x 4 Truck. If payment is not received 10 days after the bid is approved, it goes to the next highest bidder etc.

1. 1. Ralph Sibley – bid \$8600.00
2. 2. Village Truck Sales Inc. – bid \$6790.00
3. 3. John H. King – bid \$5666.00
4. 4. Victor C. Fulkrod – bid \$3798.00

The successful bidder is Ralph Sibley which will be Resolution #35-08.

Resolutions:

Romulus Volunteer Fire Department Bingo License
#32-08

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Verification of Payables

#33-08

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

Authorize Water Department Employee to Attend Conference

#34-08

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Accept 2002 Chevy Silverado Bid

#35-08

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Seconded: Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk's Report - attached

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

Supervisor David Kaiser Called an executive session at 8:40 PM

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

Executive session ended at 9:15 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:16 PM

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