

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 17, 2008

1. Call to order: Supervisor David Kaiser called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. 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: Deputy Town Clerk, Angel Lawrence
 Planning Board Chairman, Barry Roach
 Water Commissioner, Jack Holley
 Dog Control Officer, Aaron Covert

Petitioners:

Neal Sherman, Advantage Group
Bob Tassone, Advantage Group
David Graham, Advantage Group
Mark Krystofik, Advantage Group

Residents:

Bill Bowen
Debbie Wood
Lou Cretaro
Jim Jones
Paul Doyle
Mary Ann Kowalski
Bobbi Clifford

3. Pledge of allegiance: Followed by moment of Silence

4. Approval of minutes

August 20, 2008 – Regular Town Board Meeting

Approved with listed changes:

Page 5 first paragraph correction should read planning board meeting.

Page 4 pone should be pond

Page 3 item 5 should read lives rather than lies

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn

Carried Unanimously

5. Public Hearing was open regarding the Outdoor Burning Devices – Draft was presented last month. The regulations are geared more toward residential areas. The perimeters follow the manufactures suggestions. Public hearing closed at 7:44 p.m.

6. Petitioner to the Board - Neal Sherman introduced his business and provided a power point, which described his business and the adverse effect of the Army. There was a plan of redevelopment and promises made to encourage them to relocate to New York. Equipment was suppose to be left by the Army and in the end results were only 10% of what was actually suppose to be there in equipment was actually there. The Army was supposed to leave the buildings in good condition, specifically suitable for occupancy. However, the buildings were left in deteriorating condition. Mr. Sherman explained than an inventory was taken in

April of 1999 and only 10% of that equipment was actually made available for them to sell. Missing equipment was such items as plows, backhoes, etc...

Their company is equipment management; primarily the rehabilitation of restaurant equipment. Once it is cleaned and repaired then it is packaged and shipped back. Neal provided a graph indicating the investment his company has to date put into this business at the former Army Depot. A copy of the presentation is attached herewith for more detailed information.

The board expressed their appreciation for his keeping everyone updated on the progress of his company. A couple residents wanted to know why the Army is not being held accountable and why the County hasn't made a stand to assure the Army followed through. Dave explained the Board of Supervisors has been trying to force this issue and unfortunately have been stonewalled.

Debbie Wood addressed the board as a representative of Lakeshore Landing with reference to the power issues that they are experiencing at the Lakeshore Landing development. Debbie has offered to be the liaison to work with the Town of Romulus and NYSEG with reference to the problem.

Jack spoke with NYSEG regarding the information from Mr. Elliott's house. The meter shows no low-voltage. Soft starts have been installed at the Lake pumps. The pumps come on everyday at 10:20 a.m. However, some members are reporting power dimming at other times of the day or evening. Dave asked Debbie to speak with the residents and inquire about which homes and what times they are still feeling this drop in electricity. Dave will ask NYSEG to place a monitor on another home to assure this situation is under control.

Another residents asked if NYSEG could supply a report of what has been done and what the results are. Dave assured the residents that he would follow up with NYSEG and request all results in a report.

Jack wanted to advise the residents that work would commence in the next month to install smaller state of the art pumps. We hope this will all be done by the first of the year.

Debbie explained that Lakeshore Landing was a development with approximately 122 lots and with approximately 110 lots presently occupied. Paulette asked if they maintain their own roads and Dave explained that some are private and others county.

Another resident pointed out that Lakeshore Landing was also part of the left over infrastructure from the Army. He wants to know if Seneca County has made any efforts to work with the Army to encourage NYSEG to upgrade. Dave explained that the County did work very hard to attempt to force the Army to follow through and unfortunately the County feels they have exhausted every avenue. Dave continued to explain the Town has been fortunate enough to obtain grant funding through the State to upgrade the infrastructure.

Another resident expressed his concerns for the lack of utilities, such as electric, water, etc... and therefore not allowing the infrastructure to be upgraded and inviting for future growth. Dave explained the water situation and the weighed vote system and why even though we have two engineer studies that indicate

opening the intakes and producing our own water would be more cost effective, we are still not being allowed to open the intakes. Dave would appreciate the residents first educating themselves about this situation and then speaking out to help us find a means of improving the infrastructure so we too in the south end of the county can invite businesses here.

Another resident wanted to understand why we don't just open the intakes. Dave explained the County does own this and although the Southern mayors and Supervisors administer the district any capital project has to be approved on the County Board of Supervisor's level. Dave informed the resident that to date they have not been able to get this request out of committee to bring it to the board for a vote.

Mary Ann Kowaski asked why different areas have different rates. Angel answered MaryAnn by explaining that everyone in the Seneca County Water District is paying the same rate, however other areas, such as Willard receive their water supply elsewhere at a much lower cost. Dave explained the costs and why the rates are so much more for the depot area. Dave and Jack informed the residents that 36 miles of line on the depot that they refer to is only the active lines. There are many more miles of line that we have abandoned at this time and are not in use. Jack spoke of the ten-year plan and that each year so many feet of line would be replaced.

Some residents request that perhaps we should consider trying to get a paper or news station to look into this water situation.

7. Communications to be Filed: See attached:
 - a. 8th Annual Hazardous Waste Day
 - b. Seneca County Chamber of Commerce Invites South County
 - c. Letter of Concerns from Resident, Karen Tackett
 - d. Letter from Romulus School Regarding Recreation Program
 - e. Tentative Budget for 2009 Submitted with Fact Summaries
 - f. Workshops and Budget Meetings Scheduled as Follows:
 - i. September 23, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m. Workshop to review Tentative Budget for 2009
 - ii. October 1st, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m. Special Town Board Meeting to Adopt Preliminary Budget for 2009
 - iii. October 7th, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m. Workshop to review Preliminary Budget for 2009
 - iv. October 15th, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m. Regular Town Board Meeting to Adopt Budget for 2009.
8. Zoning Officer – see attached
9. Town Planning Board – See attached
10. Town Zoning Board
 - a. No meeting was held this month
11. Highway Superintendent – See attached report
12. Dog Control Officer – See attached report

13. Water Commissioner – Jack explained the projects they are currently working on.

14. Bookkeeper – See Attached

15. Supervisor – Nothing to report this month

16. Committees –

- a. Hernon Park – Duke spoke of upcoming fundraiser at the VFW. This fundraiser will be a chicken and biscuits dinner and Nick Gillette’s band for entertainment. He also advised everyone that a dedication would be scheduled either October 5th or 6th for the Tommy Davis Memorial Baseball Diamond. We would like to have a confirmed date and will report back.

17. Old Business –

- a. The personnel committee worked very diligently to revise the employee handbook, a copy of which is attached.

18. New Business – None

19. Resolutions:

68-08 Verification of Payables

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn

Carried Unanimously

69-08 Romulus Volunteer Fire Dept. Bingo License

Motioned: Councilman Barbara McCall

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

70-08 Accept the Revised Employee Contract

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman David Kaiser

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Gerlach Yea

Councilman Walborn Nay

Councilman Collinsworth Nay

Councilwoman McCall Yea

Supervisor Kaiser Yea

71-08 Accept Tentative Budget and Advertise for Preliminary Budget
Public Hearing

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Gerlach Yea

Councilman Walborn Nay

Councilman Collinsworth Nay

Councilwoman McCall Yea

Supervisor Kaiser Yea

72-08 Adopt the Outdoor Burning Devise as Part of the Zoning
Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Carried Unanimously

20. Town Clerk Report

- a. Amish Market Wine Application
- b. Town Clerk's Financial Report Submitted

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

21. Adjourned meeting at 9:28 p.m. – Next meeting October 15, 2008 at 7:30 PM

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