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Regular Town Board Meeting
January 21, 2009

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

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

Other Present:	Town Clerk, Terry Smith	Present
	Code Enforcement Officer, David Hayes	Absent
	Planning Board Chairman, Barry Roach	Absent
	Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson	Absent
	Dog Control Officer, Aaron Covert	Present
	Water Commissioner, Jack Holley	Present
	Finger Lakes Times, Paulette Lukoudis	Present
	Residents 8	

Pledge of Allegiance: followed by moment of silence.

Public Hearing: The public hearing regarding the Creation of 2 Alternate Positions to the Town Zoning Board and to fill the vacant Zoning Board Member Position was opened at 7:34 PM by Supervisor David Kaiser. Supervisor Kaiser asked if there were any comments. There was no comment. Supervisor Kaiser then closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 PM.
Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Carried Unanimously

Approval of Minutes:

- a. December 17, 2008 Regular Town Board Meeting
Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously
- b. December 23, 2008 Town Close Out meeting
Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Carried Unanimously
- c. January 5, 2009 – Reorganization Meeting
Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

Appreciation for years of Service: Supervisor Kaiser asked that the Town Board recognize 3 residents in the Town of Romulus to extend our appreciation to them for their service to the Town of Romulus.

The first person to be recognized is Helen Mittermeyer who just recently stepped down after many years of service as Chairperson for the Town Zoning Board. Mrs. Mittermeyer has done an outstanding job. I have had the opportunity to sit with Helen in several of her meetings and was always very professional. She treated everyone that had an issue with the Zoning Board with respect and according to the regulations.

Supervisor David Kaiser presented Helen Mittermeyer with a Certificate of Appreciation.

The next person to be recognized was Walt Mittermeyer. Mr. Mittermeyer was the father of our Town Planning Board. Mr. Mittermeyer has served our Town since 1996. He is largely responsible for guiding the Town through the process of the comprehensive planning. Supervisor Kaiser thanked Mr. Mittermeyer for that and all the work that he has done for the Town of Romulus.

Supervisor Kaiser then presented Walt Mittermeyer with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Superintendent Mel Williams, from the Willard Drug Treatment Campus, a Department of Corrections Facility. Mr. Williams became Superintendent of the Facility in the year 2000. Mr. Williams has extended himself beyond what he had to do. Mr. Williams responded to any issue or problem we had and was responsible for the Historical Society Building and the lakefront property project. Supervisor Kaiser presented Mr. Williams with a Certificate of Appreciate and the Key to the Town of Romulus.

Superintendent Williams said “it certainly was his pleasure to help out the Town of Romulus. The State should be good neighbors. You pay us through your taxes. The least we can do is lookout for the families in Romulus. We also hope the Lakefront Project goes through. I hope my replacement remembers to shovel the sidewalks. The parolees are happy to do the work around town. They owe a debt to Society and the least we can do is give them that opportunity. It has been my pleasure to serve. I welcomed the fact that you always looked out for us too. Thank you for everything.”

A short recess was called at 7:40 PM.

The regular Town Board Meeting was called to order again at 7:58 PM.

Communications to be filed:

- a. Town Hall Hitching Post – See Attached - Supervisor Kaiser assigned this to the Buildings and Grounds Committee. It was suggested that when the parking lot across the street was extended, we could add a Hitching Post.
- b. Visioning and Feasibility Study for Waterfront Redevelopment-Draft Plans Public Meeting - See Attached. The Public Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on January 26, 2009 at 7:00 PM.
- c. Report for Proposed Route 89 Water District-Report Cover Page

(Complete report can be obtained from the Town Hall Main Office)

We received a Proposal for a Water District and water division on Route 89 in the Town of Romulus on January 5, 2009. Supervisor has looked it over and had several questions on some of the numbers. Supervisor Kaiser has scheduled a meeting with Tim Buhl, the project engineer to meet with myself and Ken Reimer. Mr. Reimer is a Town of Romulus resident and has a business on Route 89 known as the Buttonwood Winery. In 2007, the Town of Romulus had appointed Ken as the chairman of the Route 89 water Committee. We now have to contact the residents, on Route 89 to make sure that the majority of the residents are in favor of this project. We need to ascertain the interest of these people. Mr. Reimer will reach out to these people to find their interest. We have some pressure to apply for monies that may be part of the New President's Stimulus package. Mr. Reimer said that they have been working on this project for approximately 10 years on and off. Once they get all the figures together, they will contact all the residents involved including registered letters to all the people that are out of town. Mr. Reimer will report back to the Board his findings. The original report was done in 2001 and was largely the work of Mr. Reimer. Supervisor Kaiser needs to talk with the Supervisor of Fayette because that is where the water lines from Seneca Falls run through. If the Town Board has no objections, I will initiate these talks.

Assessor's Report

No report this month.

Code Enforcement Officer

No report this month

Romulus Planning Board

Regular Meeting Minutes - Attached:

Romulus Zoning Board

Regular Meeting Minutes Attached Mrs. Mittermeyer has announced she will be retiring the end of 2008. We will need to fill the vacancy

Highway Superintendent

Report Attached. Mr. Williamson had gotten word that the CHIPS Money that we normally count on has been reduced between \$11,000 and \$12,000 from what it was last year. This money is now going back to the 2004 level. That was more than what we had anticipated. Mr. Williamson worked very hard to keep his budget low enough that taxes would not have to be raised this year.

Dog Control Officer

Report attached – The situation with Mr. Bassett has been taken care of and the animals have been relocated.

Water Commissioner –

There is a request for one of our employees to take the Class D Water maintenance training that is required by the State.

We had a leak at the Base of the 5 Points Correctional Facility water Tower. It was taken out of service on New Years Eve and fixed and is now filling up again with water. As of this evening, it was almost half full. Should be up and running on Thursday, January 22, 2009. Supervisor commended the Water Department on the many hours they put in when this leak occurred.

Bookkeeper:

a. Report Attached

Supervisor Kaiser commended the office Staff, Angel Lawrence and Mary Farnsworth on rewriting some of our accounting program themselves so that it did not have to be hired out. This will make it quicker and easier to report.

Committees Report:

a. Hernon Park

i. Next Meeting scheduled for March 18, 2009

ii. Grant Application Submitted to Youth Bureau

There will be a new committee formed called the Hanshaw Park Committee.

Old Business : None

New Business: We did received a grant to continue the West sidewalk on Main Street Project. We have received permission from residents already to give permission to put in new sidewalks.

We will be addressing sidewalks in Willard next.

Resident Bill Bowen mentioned that the new sidewalks in front of Romulus School had not been plowed and the children had to walk in the streets.

Supervisor Kaiser stated that it was the school's responsibility to plow the Sidewalks.

Rabies Clinic at the County Barns in Romulus on January 24, 2009 from 10 AM-11 AM

Resolutions:

10-09 Authorize Clerk to Advertise for 2 Alternate Zoning Board Positions and 1 Zoning Board Position

Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

11-09 Personnel will be Required to Submit a Report for Conference or Seminar Attended

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

12-09 Authorize Water Employee to Attend Training to Obtain Class D Certification

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Seconded: Councilman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

13-09 Verification of Payables

Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk's Report

Report Attached

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next meeting will be on February 18, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Carried Unanimously