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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 18, 2009

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.	Absent
	Councilwoman Barbara McCall	Present
	Councilman Kyle Collinsworth	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk, Terry Smith
Code Enforcement Officer, David Hayes
Planning Board Chairman, Barry Roach
Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson
Dog Control Officer, Aaron Covert
Water Commissioner, Jack Holley
Residents 4

Pledge of allegiance: followed by moment of silence.

Public Hearing: The public hearing was opened at 7:35 PM for Commercial Breeders Ordinance which has been in the process for over a year. Mickey Sanders spoke about the new law. " This new law was with the intent to protect and preserve the general health and safety and welfare of the animals in the Town of Romulus. We are looking to do it by regulations by locations and conditions by which these breeders enact or operate in. We did it by defining definitions of what a commercial breeder is and dealers are. We have a definition for private breeding facilities giving it a difference between a commercial breeder whose only interest is in selling animals for a profit and responsible professional pure bred breeders who actually look into a developing a quality dog thru genetics testing and making sure that their dog are properly socialized in that we are not seeing traits or mass production of issues and behavioral psychological genetic disorders. Basically, what it comes down to is zoning. By changing our Zoning laws, we are asking for a special permit used to be given to commercial breeders in the zoning area of the warehouse zones where the breeders now exist. Anywhere else in the Agricultural area, we are prohibiting them. There are two that exist at this point. They will be grandfathered under the conditions that they follow the conditions that other breeders will come into the warehouse area after the law has been impacted. The standard conditions that we ask for are minimum and humane. There will be clean and sanitary premises, dealing with temperature, ventilation and lighting, the size of pens inside and the runs that are used on the outside for specific breeds. We did make note that are 100 lbs. or greater will need more space. We asked for conditions on that the outside runs should look like. There

are conditions for sewage and waste disposal and how that should be handled and also, the size of the facility. We also included an annual inspection by our own zoning officer and our own Animal Control Officer. That has not happened to the two existing commercial breeders that already are in the Town. Now we are asking them to get a special use permit and renew every year. They will also have an annual inspection for that permit to be active. We are restricting them in the sense that they cannot expand their operation without coming in for a variance that has to be approved by the planning board.”

Supervisor Kaiser asked for any comments from the public. He also asked the Town Board. Councilman Robert Gerlach spoke and said “I have read the whole law and everyone did a wonderful job. There is one thing I would like to ask, when you say these people are grandfathered in, will they have a meet the same standards as far as the building and lighting.” The answer was yes. Supervisor Kaiser added that he hopes the other town will take this action too. The Public meeting was closed at 7:45 PM.

At this time, we have a guest, Suzanne Sinclair, Seneca County Manager. She spoke on what happened at the Public Works Committee Meeting.

The Board talked about a governing structure for the water districts and sewer districts as the county resumes administration. It was decided by the committees and recommended to the Board that the districts would become a department of the county. There was a discussion about the options of having an Agency Board like what exists now. An Advisory Board which would have the composition which would be advisory rather than agency. The Board was anxious to simply things and say that in the future there could be an advisory board so that users would have input. I have requested that one of our IT people come down and transfer that data from our machines and transferring them to a difference spread sheet. Supervisor Kaiser will also get the inventory of equipment to Ms. Sinclair. The county committee approved the following positions to be offered:

Two full time , one half time, one account clerk. One of the full time would be a Supervisory position. There will be zero percent increase in the tax levy.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. October 21, 2009 – Regular Town Board Meeting
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

Communications to be filed:

- a. Stuart I. Brown Associated, Inc. Letter – attached
- b. Seneca County Dept. of Health Willard Water Dist. Inspection Report – attached
- c. Seneca County Dept. of Health Romulus/Varick Dist. Inspection Report – attached.
- d. Kate Sinicropi Letter to Re-appoint to Town Planning Board – attached.
- e. Association of Towns Letter regarding dues for 2010 - attached
- f. Minutes from the Community Advisory Board Meeting – attached.

- g. 2010 Training School and Annual Meeting – attached
- h. 2010 Training School for Newly Elected Officials – attached
- i. Finger Lakes Water Works Conference Winter Meeting – attached
 - a. Adding resolution #87-09 for 3 water employees to attend water conference.
- j. Retirement Letter Jack Holley – attached –

Assessor's Report:

Code Enforcement Officer – Permits issued.

- i. #32-09 7033 First Street Storage Shed - attached
- ii. #33-09 6377 Upper Lakewood Drive alter roof line & side & front deck - attached

Romulus Planning Board:

- a. Planning Board Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2009 - attached

Romulus Zoning Board:

- a. Zoning Board Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2009 - attached

Highway Superintendent:

- a. Monthly Report – attached – Dick Hancy has been out mowing, and wants To thank the water dept. for all their help.

Dog Control Officer:

- a. Monthly Report - attached

Water Commissioner: - Jack Holley has submitted his retirement letter resolution #85-09. We are flushing hydrants and putting up markers.

Historical Society:

Bookkeepers Report

- a. Monthly Report – attached.

Supervisor

Committees Report Have tickets available to the Park committee drawing on November 24, 2009..

Old Business: - Route 89 proposed water district – 1 resolution – one is for SEQRA Romulus needs to pass the resolution for Town of Romulus to be the Lead agency.

New Business: Rates – No need to raise rates per study per Ms. Sinclair.

Resolutions:

#78-09 Budget Transfers-Appropriations

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

#79-09 Appointment of Zoning Board Members

Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

#80-09 Appointment of Planning Board Member

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

#81-09 Appropriate Funds for the map, plan and report

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

#82-09 Notice of Intent to act as Lead Agency

Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

#83-09 Authorize Clerk to Advertise for Public Hearing for Route 89 Water Project.

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

#84-09 Verification of Payables

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

#85-09 Accept Notice of Retirement from John Holley from the Town of Romulus

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

Carried Unanimously

#86-09 Introducing Local Law No.2 of the Year 2009 Enacting Regulations on the New Construction of Kennels and/or Pet Breeders in the Town of Romulus

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth
Carried Unanimously

#87-09 Authorize Water Dept Employees to Attend Finger Lakes Water Works Conference.

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

Town Clerk's Report:

a. Monthly Report

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

Adjournment: The Regular Town Board meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be December 16, 2009 at 7:30 pm.

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