

**DRAFT**  
**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**August 17, 2011**

**Call to Order:** Supervisor David Kaiser called the meeting or order at 7:30 PM.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	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  
Planning Board Chairperson, Kate Sinicropi  
Planning Board Vice Chairperson, Tom Bouchard  
Town Attorney, Steve Getman  
Residents 5

**Pledge of allegiance:** followed by moment of silence. Supervisor Kaiser asked that we remember Jack Guinan, Coach and Teacher for South Seneca Central School for many years.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- a. July 20, 2011 Regular Town Board Meeting  
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall  
Carried Unanimously

**Petitioner to the Board:**

- a. Shannon O'Connor Ovid Library – Brought in a slide show with pictures of what is happening at the Library in Ovid this summer. It also included many pictures of story book characters that were portrayed by the children in the community that took part in this program. Since Town of Romulus helps monetarily with the Library, Ms. O'Connor wanted the Town Board to see how we have helped make a difference. The children are also learning to write their own cartoons and stories. They use the computers to help with their stories and cartoons. There is a grant available this September which is \$14,000 that the Ovid Library received The Rosen Library Fund of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County. All Finger Lakes Libraries were eligible to apply for this grant. This was the largest grant awarded. This is a year long program which we will try and engage middle school students in a book club in the library. This grant will cost transportation costs so the school district will have no burden in getting the children to the Library. This grant will also boost our book collection for this age group as well. The average children for the summer were 55 per week.

- b. Diane Laws United Way of Seneca County – We are in partnership with the Seneca County Substance Abuse Coalition. We were awarded a grant for underage drinking. Seneca County is one of the highest counties in New York State for underage drinking. This grant is for research for the next 3 years. The first 3 steps this year that they have asked for is 3 surveys. The first one on the Coalition itself. We need to start building up the coalition and make it stronger than what it already is. The second survey is for the community of Seneca County. It is for your thoughts on why there is so much underage drinking in this county. You may take this survey on line or by hand. We are asking for your support in completing this survey. Diane asked Supervisor Kaiser to help get as many people as possible to do the survey. He stated that he is trying to get a newsletter out to the people and will put the information in the newsletter. Diane will get back to us with the results of this survey.
- c. Cindy Brown had inquired about putting in a wood burning stove. Planning Board Chairperson Kate Sinicropi has some information to be given to Cindy Brown. The other issue Cindy had was with the Mass gatherings that are going on at her campgrounds. She stated that she did not meet the permit codes. The trouble started last summer when the special use permits were not gotten for the event last year. According to the papers that were shown to Cindy by her nephew, he did not need the special use permit.

**Communications to be filed:**

- a. Time Warner Cable – attached
- b. Town of Romulus Willard Water/Sewer Users - attached
- c. South Seneca Sportsmen’s Club – Attached
- d. United States Senate 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program  
Attached
- e. United States Senate FY 2011 Learning Labs in Libraries & Museum Program  
Attached
- f. Cayuga Ridge Estate – Attached
- g. NYS Department of Taxation & Finance – Attached

**Assessors Report** – None this month

**Code Enforcement Officer**

- a. Permit 21-11 2429 RTE 96, Ovid, Deck
- b. Permit 22-11 5882 East Lake Road, Romulus, Single Family Dwelling 2 car attached garage

**Romulus Planning Board**

- a. Planning Board Minutes – We will be getting the final draft of the Farmland Protection in September 2011 Meeting. We will be setting a date for the Informational meeting in October 2011. The reason for that is to get public input into the draft. We expect we would be sending the final plan to the town board in November 2011 and the time frame would be that the town board would have to hold a hearing and vote on the draft. I did receive a letter from

the Seneca County Dept. of Building and Fire Codes Enforcement. They provided us with definition of agricultural building and that there is confusion for the public about that. I will be presenting that to the planning board and I think it will have to go into our Zoning. Tom Bouchard will report on the Park grant. We are scheduled to meet with Peter Brown and Mitch Rowe tomorrow. There are about 30 applicants and they expect only 2 will get the grants. The deadline is September 1, 2011.

- b. Seneca County Planning Board Agenda/Minutes

### **Romulus Zoning Board**

- a. No report this month

### **Highway Superintendent**

- a. Report Given at meeting - attached

### **Dog Control Officer**

- a. No report this month

### **Bookkeeper**

- a. Report Attached

### **Committees Report**

**Old Business** – Councilman Gerlach had some concerns regarding the Town owned building on the Depot. Supervisor Kaiser and Jim Williamson are working on a plan for the existing Highway facility that would entail a considerable savings. He would like to work with Jim on that plan to see what is feasible, what the cost is so that the board may balance that with the cost of opening up the site on the Depot. The Depot building is heated and being used by the Army to stage their white deer hunt. The Army is maintaining the building. Supervisor Kaiser recommended that the town keep possession of the property for now. Councilman Gerlach wanted to know what the plans were. Supervisor Kaiser said “we are looking at putting a lean to bay on the back of the building to allow for a truck with a plow on it to be inside with the door closed. That would allow the truck to be worked on without taking the snow plow off. Some of the things we have to do is find what the NYSEG easement allows in the back of the building. We have talked with the owner of the property behind the building, a 3 or 4 acre site, that we think would be a good place to locate a new well. The Cold Storage building has been approved to have some work done. Jim is paving the parking lot this year. With all that work, Jim and think we can do all this for a lot less money. We won’t take building at the Depot off the table but lets find out what the cost would be for both buildings and go from there.” Supervisor said he has asked Mr. Getman to be here tonight because the Board was trying to pursue a truck parking law in the Town of Romulus. I have talked to Mr. Getman and Mr. Williamson and it became apparent that we need a dialog with the Board members. We need to decide what we want to accomplish with the parking law, what do we want in it, and how extensive we want it to be.

Supervisor Kaiser would like to have in a law, that a truck parked in the Hamlet would be allowed if it did not cause a problem for residents. We have to be careful with the type of truck we do not want because we cannot discriminate. Mr. Getman said that we have two issues and they are one parking on private property and one on public highway. Parking on private property, the town does not have specific authority on a vehicle in traffic law to do that. The town would be able to enact a zoning ordinance for everyone parking on private property without the owner's permission and providing the vehicle is parked without the owner's approval. The Town would have to go thru a zoning process. Zoning is not prohibiting something it is regulating something. The town will have to decide what the need is and where they allow it or not allow it. Issue #2 is just a public parking law parking on public streets. The town has the right normally without parking regulations that prohibit the parking of tractor trailers on public roads according to the Attorney General. The town can regulate truck traffic including interstate trucks on County Roads in the town. If you do pass a law, on truck traffic, you will have to describe what trucks are prohibit and what trucks are regulated. Truck is a very broad term. We cannot prohibit by what is on the truck but only by size.

**New Business** – The tentative budget will be presented at the September 21, 2011 board meeting. The first workshop will be on September 13, 2011 at 10:00 AM to discuss the tentative.

We have had several complaints about the cats in the Hamlet of Willard. Jim Hicks and several residents have complained the past couple of weeks. A meeting was held Tuesday August 16, 2011 about what to do with all the cats. Some of the options are to trap, neuter and release back to where they trapped them. There are grants available so that there is no charge to the town. There was a study done and this program does work.

Councilman Gerlach had a Pamphlet on Hydrofracking and he passed them out to the Board.

Mike Karlson has the document on the entrance to the Park and there is an easement. We do own the right away to the Park. We have several options to consider.

Supervisor Kaiser is asking the Local police department to patrol the area near the Park as there are several people complaining about the older children ruining items and landscaping. The Town Board is talking about advertising the Park being available for use with some restrictions.

### **Romulus Town Justice**

Reported that he received the high desk top that the court should have to be above the patrons. This desk top was paid for by a grant that the court received.

### **Resolutions:**

- a. 51-11 Verification of Payables  
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinworth  
Carried Unanimously

- b. 52-11 Budget Transfers-Appropriations  
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth  
Carried Unanimously
- c. 53-11 Authorize Clerk to Advertise Tentative Budget  
Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall  
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth  
Carried Unanimously

**Town Clerk's Report**

- a. Report Attached:  
Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth  
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Carried Unanimously

**Adjournment:**

- Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth  
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach  
Carried Unanimously

**Meeting adjourned:**