

Regular Town Board Meeting
July 18, 2012

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 Gordon Carroll	Present
	Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Present
	Councilwoman Barbara McCall	Present
	Councilman Kyle Collinsworth	Present

Others: Town Clerk, Terry Smith
Planning Board, Vice Chairman, Tom Bouchard
Code Enforcement Officer, David Hayes
Finger Lakes Community Paper, Aneta Glover, Reporter
Residents 5

Pledge of allegiance: followed by moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes:

- a. June 20, 2012
Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Seconded: Councilman Gordon Carroll
Carried Unanimously

Petitioners to the Board:

a. Millie Colburn – Ms. Colburn is having a problem with her neighbors as they are raising a lot of problems with parties in their yards. These parties have lasted till 2 – 4 AM. The party last week had rented chairs and tables, porta-potties, fireworks, a stage, with a live band and disc jockey. These people are rude and have made threats to Ms. Colburn. They know the police are coming and have everything shut down before the police get there. Supervisor Kaiser read the Noise Ordinance and will call 911 and find out what can be done.

b. Ralph Walborn, Jr. – 5636 Rte 96 has rats – what can be done. This property was condemned. The property maintenance caretaker was the one that reported the infestation of the rats. I personally have had one rat in the house and have caught two more outside. I don't know much about rats but have been told that they follow chickens and also that two or three houses in Romulus have chickens. What avenue is open to take? Supervisor Kaiser said, "the county is aware of it and I have been made more aware of it the last few days. The county owns a building down there next to the one Mr. Walborn is referring to, which was condemned and now the one next to it is condemned. The county at its last meeting authorized the hiring of an exterminator. Now they have found rats in the apartment building next to these two buildings. Tenants in the apartment

building have a new born infant and rats were caught by the crib. They also found rat feces in the crib. The county immediately condemned the building and the tenants had to move out. Also, I have been made aware that there are several locations in the area that are raising chickens. The health department has been made aware of that and that they don't have the authority to search the residence. They recommend that we work through our town zoning department. They have told me that chickens will attract rats not for feed but for the feces. Mr. Hayes will be addressing this problem.

c. Larry Yehle – “Is there anything in the working to review the budget on a quarterly basis? I think it would be in the public's interest to look at all the financial performances along with everything else. Are we pretty close to being half way through the budget? Is there any significant issues one way or another not necessarily whether it is nickel or dime but a significant overage or underage? Is there an understanding of it and is there any action to address it? That is the type of high level overview on a quarterly basis which should be in place. There should be a business process in place to keep this going”. Supervisor Kaiser showed Mr. Yehle the Town's variance so that the average resident could figure out the budget. Councilman Kyle Collinworth explained “that the Board all look at the variance and if there was something out of place they would question the fact. Any transfers that are done, they are looked at monthly as part of our meeting”. Mr. Yehle asked that the variance be put on the website each month.

d. Dave Hayes - There are at least two houses that we know of that have chickens. We sent a letter to them today and we have to give them at least 10 days to try and comply. They will be investigated after the 10 days. If they are still there, then a summons can be issued to the property owner. Each summons that you issue, according to town law, is a minimum of \$100.00 fine. When you go in front of the judge and you are found guilty, the fine is \$100.00 each time. Also located at these two residences there is a bunch of garbage there. There is another residence that has a terrible odor coming from behind the fence. We tried to investigate the odor but were refused admittance. Also, there is a building on Main Street that has shrubbery in the back that is hampering the destruction of the infestation. The county is going to try and get this building torn down. They do need to make sure the rats are under control because if they tear it down and the rats are not under control, they will scatter further.

Communications to be filed:

- a. Time Warner Cable - attached

Code Enforcement Officer

- a. 2657 Swick Road, Romulus, New Building, Warehouse
- b. 5758 Lake Hill Drive, Romulus, Addition
- c. 2796 Vineyard Road, Ovid, Adding Tow Porches, Replace Roof
- d. 5742 Lake Hill Drive, Romulus, Storage Shed
- e. 5703 Rte 89, Romulus, Addition

Romulus Planning Board:

- a. Romulus Planning Board Minutes – attached

Planning Board Vice Chairperson Tom Bouchard supplied the Town Board with a copy of the Ovid Moratorium and the Town of Romulus Moratorium for review. The moratorium from Town of Romulus is more comprehensive than the Ovid one. Ovid has a Public Hearing on this moratorium on August 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Mr. Bouchard asked the Board if it would be possible to get this put on the agenda for the August 15, 2012 Board Meeting. The moratorium that the Town of Romulus Planning Board came up with is broader than just hydro-fracking. There is a grandfather clause in there and fairly completed hardship clause in there. Also, instead of 12 months we will ask for 16 months duration. When the Board comes up with a moratorium that they are comfortable with then we would schedule a public hearing. We will be sending a copy of this to Harriet Haynes.

Also, we have been tweaking on the draft for alternative members and we shall have that at the next meeting.

Right to farm bill was sent to Town Attorney Steve Getman as was the Docks and Mooring with a copy to Harriet Haynes for review.

We missed the dead line for the waterfront grant.

- b. Seneca County Planning Board Agenda and Minutes – attached

Romulus Zoning Board

- a. No Report This Month

Highway Superintendent

- a. Report Attached

Dog Control Officer:

- a. No Report this Month

Bookkeeper:

- a. Report attached.

Old Business – The Town Hall has been landscaped. There were no responses to our bid so Councilman Gordon Carroll volunteered his services to do the project out front. Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr. helped.

Resolutions:

52-12 Verification of Payables

Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

53-12 Resolution Introducing Local Law __AA__ of the Year 2012

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded; Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

54-12 – Clerk Authorized to Advertise Regarding Local Law

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

55-12 – Modify Budget

Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Seconded: Councilman Gordon Carroll

Carried Unanimously

Town Clerk's Report:

a. Thirsty Owl, Liquor License Renewal

b. Report Attached

Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara Mc Call

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

Adjournment: Motioned: Councilman Gordon Carroll

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

Next Meeting: August 15, 2012 at 7:30 PM.