

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017, TOWN BOARD

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Root, County of Montgomery and State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 1048 Carlisle Road, Sprakers, New York on the 13th day of September 2017.

PRESENT: LuEmma Quackenbush Deputy Supervisor
Dominic Cuomo Councilman
Evelyn Lindley Councilwoman
John VanKersen Councilman
Laurel Eriksen Town Clerk
Robert Subik Attorney
Scott Booth Deputy Superintendent of Highways

ABSENT: Gary Kamp Supervisor
Donald Oeser Superintendent of Highways

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Harris, Assessor; Clifton Dorrough, Code Enforcement Officer; Tom Eriksen, Justice; Vito Powylan, Planning Board Member; Bill Maring Historian; Debbie Buck, reporter Courier-Standard-Enterprise; several residents

Deputy Supervisor Quackenbush opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2017 meeting as presented.

Ayes 4 – Quackenbush, Cuomo, Lindley, VanKersen Nays 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Supervisor Quackenbush opened the floor for public comment.

Historian Maring inquired on the deed for the Historical Society. He was told that it should be completed by the end of the year.

Ed Fredericks spoke with the Board regarding a noise issue in the Currytown area. He is seeking some type of legislation that could be used to issue citations to the offending individuals.

Willard Carpenter spoke with the Board regarding the kennel law. He has 8 dogs some of which were rescued. The dogs are not for sale or profit. The kennel law allows for 5 dogs then requires a kennel license. In his present location he cannot meet the demands of the law. He did meet with the Planning Board.

Vito Powylan inquired on the paving recently done; he is seeking to have Shafer Road paved on the western end that butts up next to the Schoharie County line.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for the meeting.

REPORTS

Reports were available from the Code Enforcement Officer, the Dog Control Officer, the Justice and the Bookkeeper/Supervisor.

The Town Clerk turned over revenues in the amount of \$2,898.82 to the Supervisor for fees collected in August.

The Attorney submitted to NYS Department of State Local Law #3 of 2017; a local law establishing a payment of lieu of taxes schedule for the taxation of solar and wind energy systems that was adopted on August 9, 2017.

The Assessor reported that he met with NYS to review the data for the 2018 tax rolls.

The Deputy Highway Superintendent reported that 3 roads were paved – Donato, King and Rouse Roads and that the mowing continues.

The Planning Board reported that they had a public hearing for a 2-lot subdivision which was approved. They also approve an exception to the subdivision regulations and discussed tiny houses. Montgomery County is working on tiny house legislation as well and the Planning Board is waiting on the determination from the County. Mr. Carpenter was also before the Planning Board to discuss the kennel law and his situation. The Planning Board is asking that the Town Board revisit §34.2 B of the kennel law to amend it to include a non-commercial usage, namely more than 5 dogs kept as pets.

AGENDA

Supervisor Kamp presented the agenda for the meeting. Councilman Cuomo motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to adopt the agenda.

Ayes 4 – Quackenbush, Cuomo, Lindley, VanKersen Nays 0

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for this month.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Cuomo presented Board Members with a proposal for site security, phase 2 - access control. This would be the installation of audio and visual equipment at both entrances allowing for controlled entry into the building by visitors. Funding of this project will be sought for through the Office of Court Administration. The resolution granting the Justice authorization to seek a grant from Court Administration was discussed and the following resolution adopted.

Resolution No 10 of 2017 – Authorizing the Town Justice to apply for grant funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program.

WHEREAS, New York State provides grants through the Unified Court System to assist municipal courts financially; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Root in the past has applied for such;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Root authorizes the Town Justice to apply for grants through the New York State Justice Court Assistance Program, not to exceed \$7,565.00

Resolution sponsored by Councilman VanKersen, seconded by Councilman Cuomo.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 3 – Quackenbush, Cuomo, VanKersen Nays 1 - Lindley

The 2018 budget process has begun. All budget change request need turned into the Supervisor Kamp before the end of September. A budget workshop will be scheduled at the October meeting.

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #9 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 217-237 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$28,665.76.

Abstract #9 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 111-131 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$55,885.78.

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to accept the audit of abstract #9 of the general fund in the amount of \$28,665.76 and abstract #9 of the highway fund in the amount of \$55,885.78. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to adjourn at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk