

OCTOBER 11, 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 11th day of October 2017.

PRESENT:	Gary Kamp	Supervisor
	Dominic Cuomo	Councilman
	Evelyn Lindley	Councilwoman
	LuEmma Quackenbush	Councilwoman
	John VanKersen	Councilman
	Laurel Eriksen	Town Clerk
	Robert Subik	Attorney
	Donald Oeser	Superintendent of Highways

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Harris, Assessor; Clifton Dorrough, Code Enforcement Officer; Tom Eriksen, Justice; Vito Powylan, Planning Board Member; Members of the Historical Society; several residents

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2017 meeting with a correction, that being that Deputy Supervisor Quackenbush presented the agenda not Supervisor Kamp.

Ayes 5 – Kamp, Cuomo, Lindley, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Kamp opened the floor for public comment.

Resident John Rebokis claims that he has fence damage caused by the Highway Department when the road shoulders were being mowing in September and he wants the Town to pay for said damages. After Mr. Rebokis stated his claim, Highway Superintendent Oeser reported that a deputy from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office responded, investigated, and determined there was no basis for the complaint. No action was taken on this complaint.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from FEMA with regard to the updated floodplain regulations.

REPORTS

Reports were available from the Code Enforcement Officer, the Dog Control Officer, the Justice, the Bookkeeper and the Planning Board minutes.

The Town Clerk turned over revenues in the amount of \$1,829.92 to the Supervisor for fees collected in September.

The Attorney has reviewed and prepared the necessary paperwork for the floodplain regulations as well as a noise ordinance.

The Assessor reported that the Cold War Veteran exemption needs adopted before the end of the year; also stated that he will be attending required schooling later this month and that he will be working on non-reappraisal assessment adjustments.

The Highway Superintendent reported that the generator is being installed; the new well has been hooked up and the new loader has arrived. Mowing and hauling of winter sand continues. The Board was asked to consider the old generators as surplus equipment and to seek closed bids.

The Supervisor prepared the 2018 budget.

AGENDA

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

Ayes 5 – Kamp, Cuomo, Lindley, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0

OLD BUSINESS

The proposed 2018 Town Budget was presented. Board Members agreed to have a budget work session on October 28th at 8:00 AM and to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2018 budget on November 8, 2017 at 6:40 PM.

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to introduce the Local Law regarding the adoption of flood plan management regulations to adopt new Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Montgomery County, which shall become Chapter 30 of the Town of Root Code and to set a public hearing on said Local Law for November 8, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Ayes 5 – Kamp, Cuomo, Lindley, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0

Attorney Subik explained the Local Law concerning Noise. Board Members will review this and bring it back to the table for discussion in November.

The discussion regarding adjusting the Kennel Law to make allowance for more than 5 adult dogs being kept as companions and not for sale from the September meeting was discussed. Much time was spent developing the Kennel Law and a cut off number of 5 was set, to adjust the law undermines the value of the law. Case by case requests cannot be considered. Board Members were not in favor of making any adjustments.

NEW BUSINESS

The LP service for the generators was discussed. Country Tyme Propane is a company located within the Town and does not charge any extra fees or tank rental charges and does the installation for free. Councilwoman Lindley motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to switch the LP service to Country Tyme Propane.

Ayes 5 – Kamp, Cuomo, Lindley, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0

The Cold War Veterans Exemption was recently amended by the Governor making it a permanent exemption instead of ten-years. The Town must amend Local Law No 1 of 2008, adopted on February 20, 2008, to reflect this change. This local law is a replica of Montgomery County's Local Law #3 of 2007. Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to reintroduce Local Law No 1 of 2008 amending the language making the Cold War Veterans exemption permanent and to make it specific to the Town, also to set a public hearing on said Local Law for November 8, 2017 at 6:50 PM.

Ayes 5 – Kamp, Cuomo, Lindley, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0

The old generators were discussed. Board Members were in favor of seeking sealed bids but will do this at a later date.

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #10 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 238-261 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$27,964.91.

Abstract #10 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 132-145 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$264,421.44.

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to accept the audit of abstract #10 of the general fund in the amount of \$27,964.91 and abstract #10 of the highway fund in the amount of \$264,421.44. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to adjourn at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk