

JUNE 13, 2018, 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 June 2018.

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

ABSENT: Dominic Cuomo Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the Root Historical Society; Debbie Buck, reporter Courier-Standard-Enterprise; several residents

Supervisor Kamp opened the meeting at 7:07 PM with the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2018 meeting as presented.

Ayes 3 – Kamp, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0 Abstain 1 - Lindley

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Kamp opened the floor for public comment.

A number of residents commented on Frontier’s poor quality internet service. Christopher Szabo & Adam Weaver addressed the Board regarding the debris left on Columbia Road as farmer Eli Fisher does his farm work. Mr. Fisher neglects to clean up the farming debris and they are asking that the Board address this issue. Highway Superintendent Oeser and Code Office Dorrough will go talk to Mr. Fisher.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Charter Communications with the franchise fees due to the Town.

REPORTS

Reports were available from the Code Enforcement Officer, the Justice and the Bookkeeper/Supervisor. There were no reports from the Assessor, the Attorney, the Dog Control Officer and the Planning Board.

The Town Clerk turned over revenues in the amount of \$588.94 to the Supervisor for fees collected in May 2018.

The Highway Superintendent reported that the surplus 2600 Ford tractor with sickle mower sold on Auctions International on June 12, 2018 for \$3,500.00.

AGENDA

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the cold storage area, there is no information as to estimated cost at this time. The cold storage size building needed is estimated to be 80' x 54/48' x 16' high. It would need electric, a concrete floor, 4 overhead doors and 2 standard entrance doors.

The door security system for the Town Hall under the grant received from Court Administration is scheduled to be installed July 19 & 20, 2018. It was also noted that there is currently no security cameras on the east side of the building, yet there are 4 windows on that side which include the Judge's office. The camera installation company will be contacted regarding adding or changing a camera so that this area in question has camera surveillance.

The mowing of the cemeteries was discussed. Highway Superintendent Oeser will contact the alternatives to incarceration and community service program for possible help keeping the cemeteries mowed.

NEW BUSINESS

A resolution to adjust the Highway payroll budget was presented.

RESOLUTION No. 9 of 2018

BOARD MEMBER Quackenbush presents the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLVED That the Town Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to transfer from DA5148.1 - Services for Other Governments the amount of \$2,198.15 to DA5142.1 - Snow Removal to correct a deficit within this Highway account.

SECONDED by Board Member Lindley.

ADOPTED by the following vote:

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

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #6 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 131-158 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$38,485.91.

Abstract #6 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 67-82 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$53,615.89.

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to accept the audit of abstract #6 of the general fund in the amount of \$38,485.91 and abstract #6 of the highway fund in the amount of \$53,615.89. The vote was unanimous.

RESIGNATION

At 7:55 PM Councilwoman Lindley submitted her resignation as Councilwoman due to selling her home, health reasons and moving out of the Town into assisted care. She thanked Town residents for re-electing her to the Town Council every time she was on the ballot. She also thanked the Town Board as well as other past Town Officials that she has worked with through the years since she took office on January 1, 1982.

ADJOURN

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk