

SEPTEMBER 12, 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 12th day of September 2018.

PRESENT: Gary Kamp Supervisor
Dominic Cuomo Councilman
LuEmma Quackenbush Councilwoman
John Thayer Councilman
John VanKersen Councilman
Laurel Eriksen Town Clerk
Robert Subik Attorney

ABSENT: Donald Oeser Superintendent of Highways

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Harris, Assessor; Clifton Dorrough, Code Enforcement Officer; Tom Eriksen, Justice; Planning Board Member; Members of the Root Historical Society; Debbie Buck, reporter Courier-Standard-Enterprise; several residents

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilman Thayer motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2018 meeting as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Kamp opened the floor for public comment.

Bob Morgan stated that there is a hidden driveway sign missing on Klemme Road.

Historian Bill Maring informed those present that they will be having a chicken barbeque fund raiser on October 6, 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

An invitation was received from Fulmont Community Action Program regarding its annual dinner on October 1, 2018.

REPORTS

Reports were available from the Code Enforcement Officer, the Dog Control Officer, the Justice, the Highway Superintendent and the Bookkeeper.

The Town Clerk turned over revenues in the amount of \$3,496.45 to the Supervisor for fees collected in August and reminded residents of the need to license their dogs before late fees start on September 15th.

The Attorney reported that he had handled a number of media inquiries with regard to the issuing of marriage licenses and he has scheduled a public inquiry hearing to address this issue.

The Assessor advised residents that the state is phasing in changes to the STAR program for 2019 and to see him for further clarification.

The Planning Board reported that they had 3 kennel applications come before them; they also discussed housing minimum square footage and tiny houses. They also reported that the County is still working on a solar farm law and there is still a moratorium in place.

The Supervisor is working on the 2019 budget.

AGENDA

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Gradall needs approximately \$11,000.00. Because of the cost of the repairs Highway Superintendent Oeser is looking for Board approval to expend the necessary funds. Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to authorize Highway Superintendent Oeser to repair the Gradall at the estimated cost of \$11,000.00.

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

With the new plow truck scheduled for delivery later this month Highway Superintendent Oeser is looking to surplus the 2007 10-wheel Mack plow truck. Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to declare the 2007 10-wheel Mack plow truck as surplus equipment thereby allowing for the sale of said truck.

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

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #8 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 210-233 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$27,394.42.

Abstract #8 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 115-129 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$101,107.96.

Councilman Thayer motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to accept the audit of abstract #8 of the general fund in the amount of \$27,394.42 and abstract #8 of the highway fund in the amount of \$101,107.96. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilman Cuomo motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to adjourn at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk