

OCTOBER 10, 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 10th day of October 2018.

PRESENT:	Gary Kamp	Supervisor
	Dominic Cuomo	Councilman
	LuEmma Quackenbush	Councilwoman
	John Thayer	Councilman
	John VanKersen	Councilman
	Laurel Eriksen	Town Clerk
	Donald Oeser	Superintendent of Highways

ABSENT:	Robert Subik	Attorney
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OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Harris, Assessor; Tom Eriksen, Justice; Vito Powylan, Planning Board Member; Members of the Root Historical Society; several residents as well as many others from outside the Town

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 VanKersen to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2018 meeting as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Kamp opened the floor for public comment.

Dan Clancy, trail coordinator for the Forest Preserve Users asked the Board for consent to use the trails that are on the lands owned by the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation. This was added to new business.

Karla Hoyt let residents know that the recent chicken barbecue was a success for the Historical Society.

The Board was asked when the postponed inquiry hearing would be taking place; this has not been rescheduled at this time.

Resident Margrethe Lauber expressed her disappointment with the public comment section of the August 8, 2018 minutes on marriage equality.

Nonresident Heather Murphy spoke about the responsibilities of the clerk’s office in regard to marriage equality.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received reporting on the Braking Aids Ride that went through the Town on September 14, 2018.

A letter was received from Verizon on making broadband internet available across NYS.

REPORTS

Reports were available from the Justice, the Supervisor and the Bookkeeper.

There were no reports from the Code Enforcement Officer, the Town Clerk, The Assessor and the Dog Control Officer.

The Highway Superintendent reported that the new plow truck has arrived and that the 2007 Mack truck that was declared surplus was put out for bid on Auctions International with a high bid of \$37,200.00. This was put on old business.

The Planning Board reported that they had an individual seeking approval for a kennel license and that they discussed tiny houses and solar panels.

AGENDA

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

With the arrival of the new truck it is necessary to move the funds from the equipment capital reserve account and into the equipment purchase budget line.

Resolution 14 of 2018

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

WHEREAS By Resolution made on May 10, 2017 which transferred the sum of FIVE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$540,000.00) from the A General Fund Balance to an account designated as No. DA878 to be entitled EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND and

On December 27, 2017 the Board agreed to purchase a 2019 Western Star Plow Truck in the amount of \$135,126.00 and to also purchase the tandem chassis and plow package in the amount of \$91,235.34 which totals \$226,361.34 and

RESOLVED Since said truck has now been delivered and the bill has been received to transfer the sum of \$226,266.82 from DA878 Equipment Capital Reserve to DA5130.2 Machinery EQ and to authorize payment.

SECONDED by Board Member Cuomo.

Adopted by the following

vote:

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

The 2007 Mack plow truck was declared as surplus equipment at the September 12, 2018 meeting. Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to accept the closing bid on Auctions International in the amount of \$37,200.00 for the 2007 Mack plow truck.

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

NEW BUSINESS

The need for a Deputy Court Clerk was discussed. Councilman Coumo motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to appointment the court's recommended choice of Patricia Ricotta as Deputy Court Clerk and to pay her at the current minimum wage of \$10.40 per hour.

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

The Forest Preserve Users snowmobile club’s request for the Town’s authorization to use the trails on the land owned by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation was discussed. This permission must be renewed every five years. Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to authorized Supervisor Kamp to sign the consent for the Forest Preserve Users to utilize the trail on the Niagara Mohawk property thereby stating that the Town has no objections to this seasonal snowmobile use.

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

The discussion on a cold storage building was put on hold until after budget season. The need for a budget workshop was discussed and Board Members agreed to meet on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

A public hearing on the proposed 2019 budget public is necessary. Councilman Thayer motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to set a public hearing for the 2019 Town Budget on November 14, 2018 at 6:45 PM.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Thayer motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to go into executive session for personnel issues at 7:30 PM and to include the Justice.

Councilman Thayer motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to come out of executive session at 7:57 PM.

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #10 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 234-256 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$29,128.47.

Abstract #10 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 130-146 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$271,354.73.

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to accept the audit of abstract #10 of the general fund in the amount of \$29,128.47 and abstract #10 of the highway fund in the amount of \$271,354.73. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to adjourn at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk