

**NOVEMBER 14, 2018, TOWN BOARD**

A public hearing and 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 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 Dorrrough, Code Enforcement Officer; Members of the Root Historical Society; several residents and nonresidents

Supervisor Kamp opened the public hearing on the proposed 2019 Town Budget at 6:45 PM. There were a few comments. Supervisor Kamp explained the changes in the 2019 proposed budget and closed the public hearing at 6:50 PM.  
Supervisor Kamp opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the pledge to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Councilman Thayer motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2018 meeting as presented.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public was told that donations are being accepted for the Burke Family who lost everything in a fire on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Rural Grove Volunteer Fire Department will have a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Historical Society thanked the residents for their support of their bake sale on Election Day.

Mark Kelly read a letter discussing the August 8<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting.

Margrethe Lauber spoke about the experience of getting her marriage license in 2012.

A resident asked about a letter from the Attorney for a previous Town Board meeting that was not read and another asked about the timeliness of the minutes on the website.

**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.

There were no reports from the Town Clerk and the Planning Board.

The Attorney reported that he had responded to a FOIL request from Litz & Litz regarding the dog bite incident that occurred on January 28, 2018; he also reported that he has spoken to Attorney John Bailey from Bailey, Johnson & Peck, the firm hired by the Town’s insurance company regarding a notice of claim that has been filed against the Town Clerk and the Town.

The Assessor spoke about the senior sliding scale that is on the agenda.

The Supervisor reported for the Highway Superintendent that funds from CHIP’s, Extreme Winter Recovery and Pave NY totaling \$121,513.68 should be paid out to the Town on or before December 17<sup>th</sup> and that the check for the surplus truck sold through Auction International has been received in the amount of \$37,200.00. He also reported that he has received the Town’s portion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter sales tax in the amount of \$126,413.95.

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

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to adopt the 2019 Town Budget as presented at the public hearing held on November 14, 2018.

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

NEW BUSINESS

The need to move funds within the Highway personnel services was presented and the following resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No 15 of 2018

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

RESOLVED That the Town Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to transfer from DA5110.1 – Repairs, Personnel Services the amount of \$3,816.56 to DA5142.1 – Snow Removal, Personnel Services.

SECONDED by Board Member Thayer

ADOPTED by the following vote:

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

Public hearings are needed for the Canajoharie Volunteer Fire Department and the Rural Grove Volunteer Fire Department for a new contract to be adopted with these departments. Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to set a public hearing for the 3-year Canajoharie Volunteer Fire Department contract at 6:45 PM followed by a public hearing for the 2-year Rural Grove Volunteer Fire Department contract at 6:50 PM on December 12, 2018.

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

A resolution for the partial exemption from taxation of real property owned by certain persons over 65 years of age was presented. This requires a public hearing. Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Thayer to set a public hearing on the senior sliding scale at 6:55 on December 12, 2018.

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

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to go into executive session for pending litigation issues at 7:39 PM.

Councilman Thayer motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to come out of executive session at 8:16 PM. There was no action taken in executive session.

#### ABSTRACTS

Abstract #11 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 257-286 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$41,848.88.

Abstract #11 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 147-168 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$115,194.72.

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Thayer to accept the audit of abstract #11 of the general fund in the amount of \$41,848.88 and abstract #11 of the highway fund in the amount of \$115,194.72. The vote was unanimous.

#### ADJOURN

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Thayer to adjourn at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk