

DECEMBER 26, 2018, TOWN BOARD

The end of the year 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 26th day of December 2018.

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

ABSENT: Donald Oeser Superintendent of Highways
Robert Subik Attorney

Supervisor Kamp opened the end of the year meeting at 6:30 PM with the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilman Cuomo motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2018 meeting as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT / CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

There were no public comments, correspondence or reports for this meeting.

AGENDA

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

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

BUSINESS

The Oath of Office was taken by Councilman Thayer.

The need to close the 2018 budget year and to balance all accounts was brought to the Board and the following resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No 22 of 2018

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

RESOLVED that the fiscal year 2018 be and is closed with the payment of Abstract 13 of the General Fund and Abstract 13 of the Highway Fund and that all accounts be balanced accordingly.

SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER Quackenbush Adopted by the following vote:

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

Regarding the 3-year contract with Montgomery County for the control of snow and ice on county highways a meeting was held with Montgomery County Executive Ossenfort and several

Town Supervisors. The county has agreed to a 2-year contract for the control of snow and ice on county highways with a 2% increase per mile for 2019 and a 2% increase per mile for 2020 as well as an adjustment in the language under part (3) Services, section c. which required the Town to report to the County monthly from November through April the total labor hours spent, total materials and types used in keeping the roadways clear and total equipment hours used on County highways. Councilman Thayer motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to table a decision on this until they receive and have time to review the revised contract.

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

Open Meetings Law was discussed with regard to the inclusion of public comments in the minutes. Within the Open Meetings Law there is no requirement stating that comments made by the public must be included in the minutes of the meeting. Regarding public comments, all public comment is to be addressed to the governing board only with the governing board having the power to limit comments to 3-minutes per individual as well as to require the individual to identify themselves for the governing board.

Craig Speers audit report of the financial operations of the Town Clerk, the Bookkeeper and the Supervisor was received. The only recommendation was for the Supervisor's Office to prepare an annual capital projects budget as part of the annual budget process.

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #13 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 317-329 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$14,710.20.

Abstract #13 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 181-188 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$26,162.19.

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to accept the audit of abstract #13 of the general fund in the amount of \$14,710.20 and abstract #13 of the highway fund in the amount of \$26,162.19. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Thayer to adjourn at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk