

## **JANUARY 9, 2019, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Harris, Assessor; Clifton Dorrough, Code Enforcement Officer; Tom Eriksen, Justice; several residents

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Thayer to approve the minutes from the December 26, 2018 meeting as presented.

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

### **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 a matter for executive session.

The Assessor is handling exemption renewals.

The Highway Superintendent reported that Montgomery County will be revising the 3-year proposed contract for the control of snow and ice on county highways with a 2-year contract that includes a 2 cent increase per mile for each year. This new contract has not come yet.

The Supervisor reported that he had received a letter from Court Administration requesting an audit of the Court records for 2018. He will contact Craig Speers.

### **AGENDA**

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

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A list of the appointments for 2019 was presented.

RESOLUTION No. 1 of 2019

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

WHEREAS The Town of Root Town Council is required annually to appoint certain offices, therefore be it.

RESOLVED The following individuals are appointed to their corresponding position for the term of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

- Registrar, Records Officer – Laurel Sherrie Eriksen
- Deputy Clerk, Registrar and Tax Collector – Karen Kruppenbacher
- Deputy Town Supervisor – LuEmma Quackenbush
- Deputy Highway Superintendent – Scott Booth
- Health Officer – Jane Hubschmitt
- Attorney – Robert Subik, Esq.
- Code Enforcement Officer – Clifton Dorrough
- Dog Control Officer – Richard Rickard; secondary, Steven fredenburg
- Court Clerk – Virginia Clinansmith
- Historians – William Maring
- Bank – NBT & Key Bank (Justice Court)
- Newspaper – Courier-Standard-Enterprise

SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER Thayer.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays 0

The EAP Contract for 2019 was received from St. Mary’s and the following resolution presented.

RESOLUTION No. 2 of 2019

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

WHEREAS The Town of Root contracts with St Mary’s Healthcare for its Employee Assistance Program (EAP), and

WHEREAS The contract term is from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 for the sum of \$102.00, therefore be it

RESOLVED The Town Supervisor is authorized to sign the contract with St Mary’s Healthcare Employee Assistance Program.

SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER Cuomo.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to go into executive session for a personnel issue and pending litigation against the Town at 7:15 PM and to include the Highway Superintendent.

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to come out of executive session at 7:52 PM.

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Thayer to pay the deductible out of contingency for the car damaged by the Town snowplow. Proof of the insurance

deductible must be received and this payment is not to exceed \$1,000.00. The vehicle owner will be required to sign a written release which the Attorney will write before the payment will be issued.

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

#### ABSTRACTS

Abstract #1 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 1-18 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$7,503.22.

Abstract #1 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 1-8 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$34,835.27.

Abstract #1 of the fire protection fund for vouchers numbered 1-3 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$131,250.00.

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Thayer to accept the audit of abstract #1 of the general fund in the amount of \$7,503.22, abstract #1 of the highway fund in the amount of \$34,835.27 and abstract #1 of the fire protection fund in the amount of \$131,250.00. The vote was unanimous.

#### ADJOURN

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to adjourn at 7:56PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk