

MARCH 13, 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 13th day of March 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; Tom Eriksen, Justice; 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 Councilwoman Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2019 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 Clerk and the Planning Board.

The Attorney handled some correspondence but had nothing to report.

The Assessor is completing road review and the entering of exemption renewals. He also informed Board members that the County Director of real Property has retired and they have not filled the position yet.

The Highway Superintendent reported that he has received information that may exempt them from the excavator training discussed and approved last month. He will get further clarification before attending training. All the employees did attend a chainsaw safety class that was very informative.

The Supervisor advised residents that there is a statewide burn ban from March 16-May14, 2019. All burning is strictly forbidden.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The dog limits of the kennel law specifically applying to the number of dogs allowed before a kennel license was required was brought to the Board. Board members were in agreement that the law is the law and were not in favor of making any changes to it.

The deed for the old Highway Garage and Town Hall was not completed for the meeting. The Attorney is still working on it.

NEW BUSINESS

The retirement resolution for elected and appointed officials was presented.

RESOLUTION NO 3 of 2019

BOARD MEMBER VanKersen presented the following resolution and moved its adoption, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER Quackenbush.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Root hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement system based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

Elected Officials

Title	Name	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (Based on record of Activities)
Supervisor	Gary Kamp	6	01/01/2018-12/31/2019	N	2.89
Town Clerk	Laurel S. Eriksen	6	01/01/2018-12/31/2021	N	15.07
Highway Superintendent	Donald Oeser	8	01/01/2018-12/31/2021	N	35.73
Board Member	LuEmma Quackenbush	6	01/01/2018-12/31/2021	N	1.67
Board Member	John Thayer	6	08/08/2018-12/31/2019	N	1.24

Appointed Officials

Assessor	Robert Harris	6	10/01/2013-09/30/2019	N	4.67
Code Officer	Clifton Dorrough	6	01/01/2019-12/31/2019	N	4.20
Court Clerk	Virginia Clinansmith	6	01/01/2019-12/31/2019	N	8.81
Dog Control	Richard Rickard	6	01/01/2019-12/31/2019	N	2.50
	Robert		01/01/2019-		

Town Attorney	Subik	6	12/31/2019	N	2.98
Bookkeeper	Patricia Laux	6	04/11/2019- 12/31/2019	N	7.56

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes – Kamp, Cuomo, Quackenbush, Thayer, VanKersen

Nays – 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to go into executive session for a court related issue at 7:14 PM and to include Justice Eriksen and Attorney Subik.

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to come out of executive session at 7:31 PM. There were no decisions made.

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #3 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 54-74 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$39,227.21.

Abstract #3 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 30-47 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$44,765.40.

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Thayer to accept the audit of abstract #3 of the general fund in the amount of \$39,227.21 and abstract #3 of the highway fund in the amount of \$44,765.40. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to adjourn at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk