

**MAY 8, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 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 Thayer motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the April 10, 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 Town Clerk or the Planning Board.

The Attorney informed residents of the Town Kennel Law, how many dogs you can have before you must get a kennel license and some of the requirements of the kennel law. He has also been in contact with the special counsel Attorney Bailey regarding the human rights investigation following last month’s litigation settlement.

The Assessor reported that the tentative roll has been filed and on changes that the State is making to the STAR program.

The Highway Superintendent stated that the men will be attending the excavator training in June.

The Supervisor Kamp informed the Board and residents of the passing of former Councilwoman Evelyn Lindley on April 11, 2019.

**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 deed for the Historical Society was presented by Attorney Subik to Supervisor Kamp for his signature thereby giving possession of the old Town hall at 1067 Carlisle Road to the Historical Society.

The information on the proposed lighting changes from James Buono was given to Board Members. No decision was made on this due to the fact Mr. Buono was not present to discuss this fully with the Board Members.

A meeting of the cold storage committee was set for May 21, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Grass & Brush contract with Montgomery County was presented and adopted.

#### RESOLUTION #5 of 2019

Resolution by Council Member VanKersen

Seconded by Council Member Quackenbush

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works of this County has submitted a contract for the control of grass and brush on county roads within the Town of Root under Section 135A of the Highway law, now therefore be it and it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 135A of the Highway law, this Board accepts the contract for control of grass and brush, and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the aforesaid contract.

Vote of the Town Board:

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

There is a need for a new janitor. An ad will be placed in the paper.

There was a discussion about school zone signage and speed limits for the Amish schools on Darrow and Anderson Roads. Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to have Attorney Subik do a letter to Montgomery County Public Works requesting a lower speed limit and signs for the Amish schools located within the Town on Darrow and Anderson Roads.

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

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to have a plaque made and hung in the Town Hall honoring the years that Evelyn Lindley served on the Town Council with said years being January 1, 1992 thru June 13, 2018.

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

#### ABSTRACTS

Abstract #5 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 105-124 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$25,565.95.

Abstract #5 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 58-68 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$38,082.67.

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Thayer to accept the audit of abstract #5 of the general fund in the amount of \$25,565.95 and abstract #5 of the highway fund in the amount of \$38,082.67. The vote was unanimous.

#### ADJOURN

Councilman Cuomo motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to adjourn at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk