

AUGUST 14, 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 14th day of August 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; Marguerite Wells, a representative from Invenergy; 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 Councilwoman Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2019 meeting as presented.

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

REPORTS

Reports were available from the Dog Control Officer and the Bookkeeper.

There were no reports from the Planning Board and the Justice.

The Code Enforcement Officers report was available and he provided copies of the law relating to the requirement of Architect or Professional Engineered plans for dwellings 1500 square feet and greater as well the procedure for applying for a variance to the uniform building code to NYS Building Standards and Codes.

The Town Clerk reminded residents to get their dogs licensed.

The Attorney that he has received correspondence from the NYS Division of Human Rights scheduling a meeting for August 26, 2019, he is requesting an executive session; he also provided a quote on the reprinting of the Town Code Book.

The Assessor reported on the continuing issues with NYS and the STAR program.

The Highway Superintendent reported that Rappa road was partially paved today and will be completed next year; he also supplied the Town Board with a quote on a new 1-ton Chevrolet pickup.

The Supervisor received a note of thanks to the Town for the donation that was made to the Canajoharie Little League; he also received the 2nd quarter sales tax revenue from Montgomery County in the amount of \$133,652.84.

Marguerite Wells from Invenergy reported to the Town Board and residents about a possible solar project in the Town that is still in the beginning developmental stages.

AGENDA

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

The quote the Attorney received from Post Mark Ship Print in Gloversville was \$2,234.00 for 100 copies. It was decided to get more quotes.

The new 1-ton pickup was discussed; because the need is not urgent this was put on hold.

NEW BUSINESS

Assessor Robert Harris is not seeking reappointment in September for an additional 6-year term. Four applications for his soon to be vacant position have been received and distributed to Board Members for consideration and review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to go into executive session for litigation issues at 7:47 PM and to include the Town Clerk.

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Thayer to come out of executive session at 8:03 PM.

There were no decisions made in executive session.

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #8 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 184-217 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$43,666.47.

Abstract #8 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 100-114 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$86,915.66.

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to accept the audit of abstract #8 of the general fund in the amount of \$43,666.47 and abstract #8 of the highway fund in the amount of \$86,915.66. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilman Thayer motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to adjourn at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk