

JANUARY 8, 2020, 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 8th day of January 2020.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Marcia Shults, Deputy Clerk; Tom Eriksen, Justice; Richard Bingham and Noah Radliff, Planning Board Members; a few residents

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to approve the minutes from the December 30, 2019 meeting as presented.

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

REPORTS

Reports were available from the Justice and the Supervisor as well as the minutes for the Planning Board.

There were no reports from the Code Enforcement Officer, the Assessor, the Town Clerk, the Dog Control Officer and the Attorney.

The Highway Superintendent reported that he had obtained a nuisance permit for the removal of beavers plugging up culvert on Melick Road. There was also discussion on the asbestos testing of the old highway garage. The Code Officer will be tasked with overseeing this testing and removal of the old garage structure.

AGENDA

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Cuomo asked that the discussion on the Town website be tabled until next month.

Resident Mark Brody is interested in the open position on the Board of Assessment Review. Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to appoint Mark Brody to the vacant position on the Board of Assessment Review with his term set to expire on September 30, 2024.

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

Nays 0

NEW BUSINESS

The yearly appointments were presented and the following Resolution adopted:

RESOLUTION No. 1 of 2020

BOARD MEMBER Cuomo 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, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Registrar, Records Officer – Laurel Sherrie Eriksen

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 VanKersen. Adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays 0

An accounting adjustment needs to be made in the budget. The following resolution was presented and adopted:

RESOLUTION No. 2 of 2020

BOARD MEMBER VanKersen presents the following Resolution and moved its adoption,

RESOLVED that Budget/Accounting adjustment line #A1410.11 (Town Clerk personal services, Deputy Clerk) be added to the General Fund Budget to establish a separate payroll line for the Deputy Town Clerk to be paid from beginning January 1, 2020 and the amount of \$4,500.00 be moved from A1410.4 to establish funds in line A1410.11.

SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER Quackenbush. Adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to go into executive session for personnel issues at 7:34 PM and to include Clerk Eriksen.

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to come out of executive session at 7:57 PM.

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #1 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 1-16 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$25,898.03.

Abstract #1 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 1-7 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$34,053.09.

Abstract #1 of the special fund for vouchers numbered 1-3 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$134,500.00.

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to accept the audit of abstract #1 of the general fund in the amount of \$25,898.03, abstract #1 of the highway fund in the amount of \$34,053.09 and abstract #1 of the special fund in the amount of \$134,500.00. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilman Bramer motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to adjourn at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk