

## MARCH 11, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

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

ABSENT: Robert Subik Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: John Thayer, Montgomery County Legislator; Brittany Kolbe, Montgomery County Clerk; Matthew Ossenfort, Montgomery County Executive; Stella Gittle, Assessor; Clifton Dorrough, Code Enforcement Officer; Tom Eriksen, Justice; Richard Bingham and Jim Herrick, Planning Board Members; several residents

Supervisor Kamp opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the pledge to the flag led by Montgomery County Executive Matthew Ossenfort.

Brittany Kolbe spoke to the Town Board and residents about the Real ID, Enhanced Drivers Licenses and Passports, advising all that beginning October 1, 2020 one of these forms of ID will be required for all flights as well as access to certain federal buildings, nuclear plants and military bases.

Matthew Ossenfort spoke to the Town Board and residents about the State of the County, namely the budget, the possible effects of the coronavirus on the financial picture, as well as the businesses coming into the County within the Town of Florida and the former Beech-Nut buildings in the Village of Canajoharie.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2020 meeting as presented.

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

### REPORTS

Reports were available from the Code Enforcement Officer, the Dog Control Officer and the Supervisor.

There were no reports from the Town Clerk, the Justice and the Attorney.

The Assessor reported on the continued issues with the STAR program.

The Highway Superintendent reported that the Town should be receiving this month the CHIP's funds that are due to the Town from the State. He also asked for the Board's

authorization to attend the 2 conferences/trainings for Highway Superintendents. Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush giving the Board's approval for Highway Superintendent Oeser to attend the two highway conferences/trainings.

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

The Planning Board minutes were available as well as a request from the Planning Board asking that they address the need again to reduce the speed limit on some Town roads as well as to install school signs for the many schools located within the Town most of these being Amish schools.

#### AGENDA

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

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

The marriage license policy was presented.

#### RESOLUTION 6 of 2020

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

RESOLVED that in compliance with the Town's STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT with the New York State Division of Human Rights. The Town does hereby adopt a new policy with regard to issuance of marriage licenses by the Town Clerk, a copy of said policy annexed hereto as SCHEDULE "A".

SECONDED by Board Member Cuomo. Adopted by the following vote:

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

Regarding the demolition of the old highway garage, Highway Superintendent Oeser will contact David Soulia, Deputy Commissioner of Montgomery County Public Works about getting the asbestos testing completed and necessary steps for demolition to take place in the very near future.

The Planning Board request for lower speed limits was discussed as well as the need to identify the schools for the placing of school signage. NYS Department of Transportation denied the first request for lower speeds.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Historical Society has requested \$500.00 from the Town to be used to help with the repairs on the Historical Society building. The Historical Society was asked to provide an itemized list stating what the funds would be used for. They will provide this for the April meeting.

The cold storage building committee will meet on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

#### ABSTRACTS

Abstract #3 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 54-74 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$20,372.40.

Abstract #3 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 23-38 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$55,172.02.

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to accept the audit of abstract #3 of the general fund in the amount of \$20,372.40 and abstract #3 of the highway fund in the amount of \$55,172.02. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to adjourn at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk

## SCHEDULE "A"

### TOWN OF ROOT

#### POLICY REGARDING ISSUANCE OF MARRIAGE LICENSES

It shall be the policy of the Town of Root to issue marriage licenses to any and all persons regardless of race, creed, religious affiliation or sexual orientation upon the presentation to the Town Clerk of the appropriate documents showing that the applications are legally eligible to receive such a marriage license.

This shall be done by the applicants at the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours. No prior appointment shall be required.

This policy was adopted by Resolution No. 6, 2020 by the Town Board Town of Root at their meeting on March 11, 2020.