

SEPTEMBER 9, 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 9th day of September 2020.

PRESENT: Gary Kamp Supervisor
Donald Bramer Councilman
LuEmma Quackenbush Councilwoman
John VanKersen Councilman
Laurel Eriksen Town Clerk

ABSENT: Dominic Cuomo Councilman
Robert Subik Attorney
Donald Oeser Superintendent of Highways

OTHERS PRESENT: Stella Gittle, Assessor; Tom Eriksen, Justice; Ariel Shaul and Noah Radliff, Planning Board Members; several residents

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilman motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2020 meeting with the correction on 2 motions containing the approval citing Thayer instead of Bramer on page 4.

Ayes 4 – Kamp, Bramer, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0

REPORTS

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

There were no reports from the Attorney and the Highway Superintendent.

The Town Clerk reported that dog licensing continues but there are still over 200 dogs that are not licensed.

The Assessor reported on continuing problems with the New York State and the STAR exemption program.

The Planning Board is seeking to have the square footage on new homes lower from 900 to 450; they will present this in writing at the next Town Board meeting. They are still working on the solar farm law revisions. They are still asking that the Town Board pursue having the speed limits lowered on all Town roads as well as areas of the State and County roads following the tragic death on State Highway 162 involving a farmer with farm equipment and a motor vehicle. They also asked that the Town ask the State to install buggy signage on all state highways within the Town.

AGENDA

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

Ayes 4 – Kamp, Bramer, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0

OLD BUSINESS

A letter was received from the Historical Society requesting the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of moving the electrical entrance from the old highway garage to their building. Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to give the Historical Society \$500.00 for the new electrical entrance.

Ayes 4 – Kamp, Bramer, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0

The committee researching the cold storage project met on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 but have no proposed cost information to give to the Town Board. They are still working on the size, doors and layout.

The purchase of a new 1-ton truck for the Highway Department was discussed. A proposed state contract price on a 2020 Ram cab and chassis as well as the dump body and snow plow equipment was received; they will use the sander from the old 1-ton Town truck. The Board Members were made aware of the fact that the quote was for a 2020 model year price and was good until August 26, 2020; a 2021 model will be ordered at a slight cost increase.

RESOLUTION No. 12 of 2020

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

WHEREAS funds are available for the purchase of equipment by the Highway Superintendent, and

WHEREAS Towns may piggyback the cost of major purchases through state contracts already agreed upon and purchased by other municipalities and government agencies, and

WHEREAS the Highway Department is in need of a new 1-ton truck,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to purchase a 2021 1-ton Dodge Ram Dump Truck from Main Motorcar, 224 W Main St, Johnstown, NY 12095 in the projected amount of \$46,133.00 under the NYS Metro North Railroad Bid #4054 and in addition to purchase the plow and dump body from T & T Sales, Inc., 411 Old Niskayuna Rd, Latham, NY 12110 in the projected amount of \$19,113.00. The total cost of the new 1- ton Dump Truck to be a slightly more than the \$65,246.00 for the 2020 model.

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

Ayes 4 – Kamp, Bramer, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0

There is currently no interest in the open position on the Board of Appeals.

NEW BUSINESS

The Town Clerk’s contractual line is short on funding due to funds being removed earlier in the year to pay the wages of the Deputy Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION No. 11 of 2020

BOARD MEMBER VanKersen presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLVED That the Town Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to transfer from A1990.4 – Contingency Account, the amount of \$1,500.00 to A1410.4 – Town Clerk, Contractual Expenses.

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

Ayes 4 – Kamp, Bramer, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0

The 2021 Budget process has started. Any department fund adjustment requests need to be given the Supervisor before the next Town Board meeting.

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #9 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 193-214 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$46,634.71.

Abstract #9 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 112-127 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$70,423.57.

Councilman Bramer motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to accept the audit of abstract #9 of the general fund in the amount of \$46,634.71 and abstract #9 of the highway fund in the amount of \$70,423.57. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to adjourn at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk