

## OCTOBER 14, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

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

ABSENT: Robert Subik Attorney  
Donald Oeser Superintendent of Highways

OTHERS PRESENT: Marcia Shults, Deputy Town Clerk; Stella Gittle, 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 VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to approve the minutes from the September 9, 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, the Justice and the Supervisor.

There were no reports from the Town Clerk; the Attorney; the Assessor; the Highway Superintendent and the Planning Board.

### 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 need for a budget workshop and public hearing on the 2021 budget was discussed as well as budget recommendations from Craig Speers following the independent audit that he did for the Town. Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to set a workshop on the 2021 budget for October 24, 2020 at 8:30 AM and to set a public hearing on the 2021 budget for Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:50 PM.

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

### NEW BUSINESS

The need to move funds in the Highway payroll was presented and the following resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No 13 of 2020

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

RESOLVED That the Town Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to transfer from DA5142.1– Snow Removal, Personnel Services Account the amount of \$2,400.00 to DA5110.1–Repairs, Personnel Services Account.

SECONDED by Board Member Quackenbush Adopted by the following vote:

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

The need of a prosecuting attorney in the absence of the Town Attorney was discussed. A letter of interest was received from the law firm of Dunn & Dunn, PLLC in Palatine Bridge. Following discussion Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to appoint the law firm Dunn & Dunn, PLLC as interim prosecuting attorneys in the absence of the Town Attorney as needed.

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

The Code Officer and the Town Board discussed the installation of old trailers; that is trailers older than 20 years being installed for residents. This needs to be addressed by the Planning Board first before changes can be made through their recommendations to the Town Board to the Town Law. A decision was made to place a 6-month moratorium on trailers older than 15 years while this is being addressed by the Planning and Town Boards for adoption into the Town Law.

RESOLUTION No. 14 of 2020

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

RESOLVED that for a period of six (6) months commencing upon passage of this Resolution by the Town Board a Moratorium is hereby enacted on the installation of any used mobile homes 15 years and older, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Code Enforcement Officer is hereby prohibited from approving or issuing any building permits for any resident seeking to install a used mobile home 15 years and older while this Moratorium is in effect.

SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER Quackenbush Adopted by the following vote:

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

Supervisor Kamp stated that an organization has contacted him regarding a solar farm slated to be installed on Rappa Road. This is still in the preliminary stages of planning and will be at least a year before any ground breaking takes place.

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #10 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 215-236 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$29,405.40.

Abstract #10 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 128-147 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$81,979.58.

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Coumo to accept the audit of abstract #10 of the general fund in the amount of \$29,405.40 and abstract #10 of the highway fund in the amount of \$81,979.58. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to adjourn at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk