

NOVEMBER 10, 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 10th day of November 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: Marcia Shults, Deputy Town Clerk; Stella Gittle, Assessor; Clifton Dorrrough, Code Enforcement Officer; Attorneys Gregory & Kirsten Dunn; several residents

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Kamp opened the public hearing on the 2021 Town Budget at 6:50 PM. The Supervisor explained the changes in the 2021 budget. Councilman Cuomo motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to close the public hearing at 6:56 PM.

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

Supervisor Kamp opened the town board 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 October 14, 2020 meeting as presented.

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

REPORTS

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

There were no reports from the Dog Control Officer; the Town Clerk; the Planning Board and the Attorney.

The Assessor is currently working on Agricultural and Aged Exemption for the coming tax season.

The Highway Superintendent reported that the equipment has been readied for winter.

AGENDA

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

The 2021 Town Budget was presented for adoption.

Resolution 15 of 2020

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

WHEREAS the 2021 proposed Town Budget has been presented and reviewed by the Town Board and the public and a public hearing was held on November 10, 2020,

RESOLVED that the 2021 Town Budget for the Town of Root be adopted as presented.

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

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

The Planning Board has provided and asked that the Town Board review the solar law from the Town of Cobleskill for possible inclusion into our solar law. Attorney Kirsten Dunn is currently writing a solar farm law for another Town and will review and advise at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The contract with Montgomery County for control of snow and ice on county highways was received. Said contract is for only 2021 with the contract totaling \$278,828.60 which is the same amount as the 2020 contract.

RESOLUTION #16 of 2020 BY ROOT TOWN BOARD ACCEPTING CONTRACT FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021

Resolution by Council Member VanKersen

Seconded by Council Member Quackenbush

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works of this County has submitted a contract for the removal of snow and ice control on county roads within the Town of Root under Section 135A of the Highway law, now therefore be it and it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 135A of the Highway law, this Board accepts the contract for snow removal and ice control, and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the aforesaid contract.

Vote of the Town Board:

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

The Rural Grove Volunteer Fire Department contract expires on December 31, 2020. The contract amount for 2020 was \$113,500.00. They are asking for \$116,000.00 for 2021; \$119,000.00 for 2022 and \$122,500.00 for 2023. Councilman Bramer motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to set a public hearing on the proposed Rural Grove Volunteer Fire Department contract for Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6:50 PM.

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

The dental and health insurance rates for 2021 were received. The dental insurance rates with CDPHP will remain unchanged for 2021; the health insurance rates with MVP will increase by approximately 10%. The Supervisor needs to sign the renewal agreements. Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush authorizing Supervisor Kamp to sign the insurance renewal agreements with CDPHP and with MVP.

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

The New York State Archives – Government Records Services has revised the Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records. LGS-1 will supersede and replace schedules CO-2, MU-1, MI-1 and ED-1 thereby combining these schedules into one schedule. This new schedule begins officially on January 1, 2021 and all municipalities must adopt by resolution this new schedule before destroying any documents after the end of 2020.

RESOLUTION No. 17 of 2020

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

RESOLVED, By the Town Board of the Town of Root that Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

- (a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;
- (b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

SECONDED by Board Member Bramer.

ADOPTED by the following vote:

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

Nays 0

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #11 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 237-263 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$50,581.34.

Abstract #11 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 148-167 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$89,443.89.

Councilman Bramer motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to accept the audit of abstract #11 of the general fund in the amount of \$50,581.34 and abstract #11 of the highway fund in the amount of \$89,443.89. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to adjourn at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk