

MAY 12, 2021, 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 12th day of May 2021.

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
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OTHERS PRESENT: Marcia Shults, Deputy Town Clerk; Clifton Dorrough, Code Enforcement Officer; Tom Eriksen, Justice; Richard Bingham, Planning Board Member; 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 Councilwoman Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2021 meeting as presented.

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

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

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

The Highway Superintendent reported that the surplus 2011 F-250 pickup truck was auctioned off on Auctions International and a closing bid in the amount of \$16,300.00 was received, this will be discussed in new business. The property owner at the end of Donato Road has contacted the Highway Superintendent about turning over the ownership of the end of the road to him; this will need further review with the Attorney.

The Planning Board reported that they are continuing to review the solar farm law and that in August we may need to extend the moratorium on solar farms.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was available and he reported that he received the 1st quarter sales tax distribution from Montgomery County in the amount of \$133,758.63.

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
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OLD BUSINESS

Cold Storage was briefly discussed. Committee Members are waiting on information from the Attorney. Architectural services for this project have not been awarded yet.

The mowing and brush contract was received from Montgomery County. The amount of the contract is \$18,880.00. The following resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 13 of 2021

BOARD MEMBER Quackenbush presented the following resolution and moved its adoption,

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works of this County has submitted a contract for the control of grass and brush 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 control of grass and brush, and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the aforesaid contract.

SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER Cuomo. Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 5 – Kamp, Bramer, Cuomo, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0

NEW BUSINESS

Notification has been received from Montgomery County that there will be a tipping fee of \$72.50 per ton to dispose of recycling material beginning June 1, 2021. On Time Waste our recycling provider has asked for clarification on how the Town would like to pay for this additional fee. Board Members have asked that 2 bills be sent, the first bill for the normal monthly recycling charge and a second bill for the tipping disposal fee.

The furnaces for the Town Hall need replaced. Quotes were received from three companies.

- 1. Allen’s Family Heating & Cooling \$7,740.00
- 2. Egelston Energy Co., \$8,080.00
- 3. Mattice Mechanical LLC \$8,560.00

Councilman Bramer motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to accept the estimate from Allen’s Family Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$7,740.00 for the replacement of 2 furnaces in the Town Hall.

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

The surplus 2011 F-250 pickup truck was placed on Auctions International for sale. The winning bid was \$16,300.00. Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to accept the winning bid amount of \$16,300.00 for the 2011 F-250 pickup truck.

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

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #5 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 99-119 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$33,104.53.

Abstract #5 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 68-80 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$61,252.46.

Councilman Cuomo motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to accept the audit of abstract #5 of the general fund in the amount of \$33,104.53 and abstract #5 of the highway fund in the amount of \$61,252.46. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to adjourn at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk