

AUGUST 11, 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 11th day of August 2021.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Marcia Shults, Deputy Town Clerk; Stella Gittle, Assessor; Clifton Dorrough, Code Enforcement Officer; John Lyker, 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 VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2021 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 was no report from the Attorney.

The Town Clerk reminded residents that they must license their dogs and that the new year hunting licenses are available for purchase.

The Assessor spoke on utility scale solar leases advising residents to read the lease carefully before signing.

The Highway Superintendent asked to attend the Highway Conference.

The Planning Board spoke about the utility scale solar issues and stated that they appreciated the presence of a Town Board Member at their meeting.

AGENDA

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

The trailer age limit for used housing units being brought in for dwelling purposes was discussed and an age limit of 15 years was decided upon. The Attorney will begin the process of writing the local law for this.

The cold storage building was discussed at length. Councilman Bramer motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to solicit sealed bids for engineered drawings and bid documents for the construction of a 60’ x 80’ x 16’ cold storage building to be constructed at the rear of its premises on Carlisle Road, Sprakers, New York. All bids must be submitted by 6:00 PM on August 23, 2021 to the Town Clerk’s Office located at 1048 Carlisle Road, Sprakers, NY 12166. Bid to be awarded on August 25, 2021 at 6:30 PM. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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

The Town has applied for and received \$85,109.39 in monies from the American Rescue Plan, part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Act for the first half of 2021. These funds need to be assigned to a line within the budget and usage of the funds needs to be decided upon. This was tabled until next month.

Earlier in the year Board Members discussed the handling of employees quarantined by the New York State Department of Health due to coronavirus contact. The need to establish a policy and procedure for handling incidents in the future was discussed. This will be looked at further next month.

NEW BUSINESS

The EAP agreement for 2021 was received from St Mary's Healthcare. The contracted amount remains the same as previous years at \$102.00.

RESOLUTION NO 15 of 2021

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

WHEREAS The Town of Root contracts with St Mary's Healthcare for its Employee Assistance Program (EAP), and

WHEREAS The contract term is from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 for the sum of \$102.00, therefore be it

RESOLVED The Town Supervisor is authorized to sign the contract with St Mary's Healthcare Employee Assistance Program.

SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER Cuomo Adopted by the following vote:

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

Highway Superintendent Oeser has asked to go to the Highway Conference in Saratoga. Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to allow Highway Superintendent Oeser to attend the highway conference to be held in Saratoga.

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

On August 4, 2021 Councilwoman Quackenbush and Councilman Cuomo met with 2 representatives from the highway department to discuss the Highway Employee Contract for January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2024. A summary of their discussion was given to Board Members for their consideration in the upcoming contract process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to go into executive session for personnel issues at 7:59 PM and to include the Attorney.

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to come out of executive session at 8:05 PM.

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #8 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 169-190 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$36,531.04.

Abstract #8 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 108-123 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$41,196.08.

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to accept the audit of abstract #8 of the general fund in the amount of \$36,531.04 and abstract #8 of the highway fund in the amount of \$41,196.08. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to adjourn at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk