

SEPTEMBER 8, 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 8th day of September 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

OTHERS PRESENT: Marcia Shults, Deputy Town Clerk; 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 Cuomo motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to approve the minutes from the August 11, 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 were no reports from the Attorney, the Assessor and the Planning Board.

The Town Clerk reported that there are still approximately 200 unlicensed dogs.

The Highway Superintendent reported that the new dump truck has been delivered.

AGENDA

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Trailer Age Limit Law limiting the age of used trailers to 15 years or newer was tabled. There were no bids received for the engineered drawings and bid documents for the cold storage building. No decisions have been made concerning this building at this time.

The Town has received \$85,538.20 in monies from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds with an additional amount of \$85,538.20 to be received next summer. This money is currently being held in the General Fund in budget line A4089 Federal Aid. The use of this money is very specific to the coronavirus expenditures and losses incurred by the Town. The Town has made on decision as to what these monies will be used for.

Also, in regard to coronavirus the highway contract committee will be adding instructions for employees in regard to COVID protocols.

The old highway garage has been condemned by the Code Enforcement Officer and needs removed. The electrical service entrance will need moved from the garage building to the old town hall. The Historical Society will also need to remove any items that they have stored in the old highway garage so that the walls and roof of this condemned structure can be safely removed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Courier Standard Enterprise paper has ceased operation. With this being the paper the Town posts in it is necessary to change the Town paper of record. Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to name The Recorder as the paper of record for the Town.

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

Noah Radliff resigned from his position serving as an alternate on the Planning Board on August 14, 2021. Currently the Planning Board has no open positions except the alternate. The Board of Appeals has a vacancy and Colleen Pank's position on the Board of Appeals expired on July 31, 2021. She has requested reappointment. It is necessary to find an additional member for this Board. Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to reappoint Colleen Pank to the Board of Appeals with her new term expiring on July 31, 2026.

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

Councilman Cuomo motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to move the time of the Town Board meeting to 6:30. This was discussed but not voted on.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to go into executive session for personnel issues at 7:35 PM and to include the Town Justice.

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to come out of executive session at 7:50 PM.

Town Justice Eriksen read a letter announcing that he will be resigning as Town Justice at the end of 2021. His term in office does not expire until December 31, 2023. A legal notice will be put in The Recorder for 2 weeks seeking applications from interested town residents be submitted to the Town by September 30, 2021.

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #9 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 191-206 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$23,994.49.

Abstract #9 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 124-142 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$317,725.45.

Councilman Bramer motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to accept the audit of abstract #9 of the general fund in the amount of \$23,994.49 and abstract #9 of the highway fund in the amount of \$317,725.45. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilman Cuomo motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to adjourn at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk