

OCTOBER 13, 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 13th day of October 2021.

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

ABSENT: Donald Oeser Superintendent of Highways

OTHERS PRESENT: Marcia Shults, Deputy Town Clerk; Stella Gittle, Assessor; Tom Eriksen, Justice; 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 September 8, 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, and the Justice.

There were no reports from the Attorney, the Highway Superintendent and the Planning Board.

The Town Clerk that there are still about 36 unlicensed dogs and that the unlicensed dog list has been turned over to the Dog Control Officer

The Assessor reported on the model for assessing solar farms that has been provided by NYS Office of Real Property.

The Supervisor reported that he received from Montgomery County the mortgage tax for the time period of 10/1/2020-3/31/2021 in the amount of \$21,685.46.

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

One application was received in response to the advertisement placed in the paper seeking applications for Town Justice.

RESOLUTION No 16 of 2021

BOARD MEMBER VanKersen presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

WHEREAS Town Justice Thomas Eriksen has submitted his resignation from the position of Town of Root Town Justice with an effective date of December 31, 2021.

WHEREAS there will be a vacancy created with said resignation and an application of interest in said position was received.

RESOLVED That the Town of Root Town Board appoints Harold M. Wilday to fill the vacated position of Town of Root Town Justice beginning January 1, 2022.

SECONDED by Board Member Quackenbush Adopted by the following vote:

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

A letter will be sent to Court Administration seeking the necessary judicial training for Harold “Matt” Wilday.

The Attorney has prepared the local law on trailer age limit. A resolution was presented for the public hearing.

RESOLUTION No 17 of 2021

BOARD MEMBER Quackenbush presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 of 2021

- 1.) That Chapter 59 of the Town Code of Ordinances, entitled Mobile Homes be amended with the following language.
 - a.) “No Mobile Home or Trailer over Fifteen Years (15) in age from date of Manufacture, shall be issued a permit to locate within the Town, either as an individual home or within an existing Mobile Home Park, previously established.
 - b.) Nothing in this section shall affect Mobile Homes or Mobile Home Parks in existence on the date of adoption of this Local Law.
- 2.) That a copy of this Local Law shall lay upon the table of the Town Council at least ten (10) days before adoption.
- 3.) That a public Hearing to consider this Local Law shall be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the evening at the Town Hall 1048 Carlisle Road Sprakers, New York.

SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER Cuomo. Adopted by the following vote:

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

There was nothing new to discuss on the cold storage facility.

The virus recovery funds that the Town has received are in the bank, the determination on what the Town can expend the funds for is limited. Councilwoman Quackenbush and the Bookkeeper are working on this. A determination must be made by April 30, 2022.

The protocol for employees that have come in contact with a communicable disease will be posted in the Town Hall and in the Highway Department.

The Historical Society have removed their items from the old highway garage. The electrician will be contacted to move the electric service.

The Supervisor presented the 2022 proposed budget. Councilman Cuomo motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to set a budget workshop for Saturday, October 30, 2021

at 8:30 AM and to set a public hearing on the proposed 2022 budget for Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:50 PM.

Ayes 5 – Kamp, Bramer, Cuomo, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0
Board Members were given copies of the proposed 2022-2024 Highway Contract for review. This will be voted on at the November meeting.

The proposed rate increases for the 2022-2024 Canajoharie Fire Department were presented. The following increases were requested; 2022 - \$12,500.00; 2023 - \$13,250.00; 2024 - \$14,000.00. Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to set a public hearing on the propose 2022-2024 fire contract with Canajoharie Fire Department for Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:45 PM.

Ayes 5 – Kamp, Bramer, Cuomo, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0
Board Members were informed that John Lyker has resigned from the Planning Board creating a second vacancy on this board in addition to the vacancy on the Board of Appeals.

NEW BUSINESS

The Justice discussed the need to refurbish the entryways coming into the building especially at the courtroom entrance. He will contact Anderson & Son, Inc. for a quote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to go into executive session for personnel issues at 7:36 PM and to include the Attorney Subik. Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to come out of executive session at 7:49 PM.

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #10 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 207-231 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$28,144.76.

Abstract #10 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 143-162 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$72,216.24.

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to accept the audit of abstract #10 of the general fund in the amount of \$28,144.76 and abstract #10 of the highway fund in the amount of \$72,216.24. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilman Cuomo motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to adjourn at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk