

NOVEMBER 10, 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 10th day of November 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: Stella Gittle, Assessor; several residents

Supervisor Kamp opened the public hearing for the trailer age limit amendment to Chapter 59 of the Town Code at 6:30 PM. It was noted that this would limit the age of used trailers being placed within the Town as dwelling unit to 15 years old. There were no comments and Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to close the public hearing on the trailer age limit at 6:40PM.

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

Supervisor Kamp opened the public hearing for the 2022-2024 contract with the Canajoharie Volunteer Fire Department at 6:45 PM. There were no comments and Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to close the public hearing on the Canajoharie Volunteer Fire Department 2022-2024 fire contract at 6:47 PM.

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

Supervisor Kamp opened the public hearing on the proposed 2022 Town Budget at 6:50 PM. There were no comments and councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to close the public hearing on the 2022 Town Budget at 6:54 PM.

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

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 October 13, 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 Town Clerk, the Attorney and the Planning Board.

The Assessor reported that the state has released the valuation model for taxation on utility scale solar farms but that the rates are low. She also recommended that the Town opt out of the pilot exemption program for said solar farms.

The Highway Superintendent reported that the paperwork has been filed for the CHIPs reimbursement and the Town should receive the payment around December 15, 2021.

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 Law was tabled due to the absence of the Town Attorney.

The contract with the Canajoharie Volunteer Fire Department was adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 18 of 2021

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

RESOLVED that Supervisor Kamp be and he is hereby authorized to execute a new 3-year contract with the Canajoharie Volunteer Fire Department for fire protection in the town for the years 2022-2024, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Schedule “A”.

SECONDED by Board Member Quackenbush. Adopted by the following vote:

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

The 2022 Town Budget was adopted.

Resolution No. 19 of 2021

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

WHEREAS the 2022 proposed Town Budget has been presented and reviewed by the Town Board and the public and a public hearing was held on November 10, 2021,

RESOLVED that the 2022 Town Budget for the Town of Root be adopted as presented.

SECONDED by Board Member Quackenbush.

ADOPTED by the following vote:

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

Regarding the old highway garage, Supervisor Kamp will contact an electrician to get the electric moved and the Highway Superintendent will speak to the County for advice on the removal of the structure.

Cold storage was not discussed.

The following resolution was presented in reference to the virus recovery funds that the Town has received.

RESOLUTION No. 20 of 2021

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

WHEREAS the Town of Root has been awarded funds from the coronavirus relief appropriations act and the American Rescue Plan,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Root Town Board has agreed to accept the funding in the amount of \$85,538.20 which will be held in A668 Other Liability-COVID Relief account until such a time as the Town Board determines how said funding should be expended in accordance with the guidelines as established by New York State. At the time of expenditure of these funds said funding will be moved from A668 Other Liability-COVID Relief account to A4089 Federal Aid-Other Aid.

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

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

Councilwoman Quackenbush has been researching possible uses for these funds.

It was noted that there continues to be vacancies on the Board of Appeals and the Planning Board.

NEW BUSINESS

The plowing contract with Montgomery County was received and adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 21 of 2021

Resolution by Council Member Quackenbush

Seconded by Council Member VanKersen

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.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

The contract with the Youth Center was received.

RESOLUTION No. 22 of 2021

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board has agreed to accept the 2021 contract with the Community Youth Center in the amount of \$2,902.00 and that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign said contact.

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

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

The Clerk’s Office has reviewed the files contained the vault.

RESOLUTION No. 23 of 2021

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

WHEREAS the Town of Root adopted by Resolution No. 17 of 2020 the Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records and

WHEREAS in accordance with Article 57-A the Town Clerk has reviewed the records in storage following the minimum retention schedule as adopted

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached list of records have been declared valueless and will be destroyed through the use of a document destruction company.

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

AYES 5 – Kamp, Bramer, Cuomo, Quackenbush, VanKersen NAYS – 0

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| 1) Abstracts with Vouchers | 1976 – 2014 |
| 2) General Ledgers | 1967 – 2009 |
| 3) Banking Information | 1989 – 2014 |
| 4) Clerk Checking | 1997 – 2014 |
| 5) Justice Checking | 1997 – 2002 |
| 6) General Checking | 1986 – 2014 |
| 7) Highway Checking | 1986 – 2014 |
| 8) Collateral Statements | 1997 – 2014 |
| 9) Town Clerk Reports | 1964 – 2014 |
| 10) Supervisor Reports | 1964 – 2001 |
| 11) Highway Reports | 2013 – 2014 |
| 12) Justice Reports | 2013 – 2014 |
| 13) Constable Reports | 1999 – 2003 |
| 14) Code Officer Reports | 2001 – 2014 |
| 15) Dog Reports | 1982 – 2014 |
| 16) General Correspondence | 1989 – 2006 |
| 17) Hunting License Sales | 1948 – 2014 |
| 18) Fuel Oil Bids | 1995 |
| 19) Insurance Policies | 1969 – 2008 |
| 20) Tax Collection Records | 1998 – 2014 |
| 21) Tax Roll Tentative | 2007 – 2014 |
| 22) Tax Roll Final | 2000 – 2010 |
| 23) Certificate of Deposits | 1994 – 2011 |
| 24) Receipt Book | 1998 |
| 25) Traffic Tickets | 1957 – 2013 |

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #11 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 232-256 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$36,542.99.

Abstract #11 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 163-177 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$51,483.85.

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to accept the audit of abstract #11 of the general fund in the amount of \$36,542.99 and abstract #11 of the highway fund in the amount of \$51,483.85. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to adjourn at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk