

**DECEMBER 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

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

ABSENT: Dominic Cuomo Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Clifton Dorrough, Code Enforcement Officer; Tom Eriksen, Justice; a few 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 November 10, 2021 meeting as presented.

Ayes 4 – Kamp, Bramer, 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 Assessor and Planning Board.

The Town Clerk reported that there are still about 15 unlicensed dogs. A letter was also read regarding the placement of a sign on Anderson Road honoring Peter Abraham Yates, a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War who is buried in the Yate Family Burial Ground located on Anderson Road.

The Attorney presented Local Law No. 2 of 2021 which limits the age of used trailers being installed as dwelling units to 15 years. He also advised that we add to new business the cannabis dispensaries and lounges opt in or out to new business.

The Highway Superintendent provided 3 bids for new equipment. This was added to new business.

**AGENDA**

Supervisor Kamp presented the agenda for the meeting. Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to adopt the agenda with the additions from the Attorney and the Highway Superintendent.

Ayes 4 – Kamp, Bramer, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0

OLD BUSINESS

LOCAL LAW No 2 of 2021

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

BE IT ENACTED

- 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.

SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER VanKersen. Adopted by the following vote:  
 Ayes 4 – Kamp, Bramer, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0

The 2022-2024 Highway Contract was presented.

RESOLUTION 24 of 2021

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

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Gary Kamp be and is hereby authorized to execute a new three (3) year contract beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Schedule “A” with the employees of the Town Highway Department.

SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER Bramer. Adopted by the following vote:  
 Ayes 4 – Kamp, Bramer, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0

The Code Officer has asked for the status on the removal of the old highway garage. Currently we are waiting on the electrician to move the electric.

There was nothing new to report on the cold storage. The Attorney has contacted the Association of Towns for advice on this matter with regard to construction.

Regarding the virus recovery funds, Councilwoman Quackenbush is seeking prices on a new electronic outdoor sign. She is also looking into a possible website for the Town that we would manage.

It was once again mentioned that there are continuing vacancies on the Planning Board and the Board of Appeals. To date there has been no interest in these positions.

NEW BUSINESS

The Forest Preserve Users, Inc snowmobile club has asked that the Supervisor sign the authorization showing that the Town has no objections to the snowmobile trail that utilizes land owned by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation. Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to authorize the Supervisor to sign the requested from the Forest Preserve Users, Inc. snowmobile club showing no objection to the club’s use of the Niagara Mohawk property for their trail.

Ayes 4 – Kamp, Bramer, Quackenbush, VanKersen Nays 0

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to set the end of the year meeting for Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Ayes 4 – Kamp, Bramer, Quackenbush, VanKersen          Nays 0

The 2022 Ayres Memorial Animal Shelter contract was received. The 2022 rate remains the same at \$4,500.00.

RESOLUTION 25 of 2021

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board has agreed to accept the 2022 contract with the Ayers Memorial Animal Shelter in the amount of \$4,500.00 and that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign said contact.

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

Ayes 4 – Kamp, Bramer, Quackenbush, VanKersen          Nays 0

The possibility of a Town Dinner was discussed. Menu, price and available dates will be obtained from the Winner’s Circle in Fonda.

The Board has set a public hearing on whether to opt in or out of the siting of cannabis dispensaries and lounges within the Town. Councilman Bramer motioned seconded by Councilwoman Quackenbush to set a public hearing for December 29, 2021 at 6:20 PM for public comment on the siting of cannabis dispensaries and lounges within the Town.

Ayes 4 – Kamp, Bramer, Quackenbush, VanKersen          Nays 0

The bids given to the Board Members by the Highway Superintendent were discussed. Board Members will review these and discuss this further at the January 12, 2022 meeting.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to go into executive session for personnel issues at 7:37 PM.

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to come out of executive session at 7:48 PM.

There were no decisions made during the executive session.

#### ABSTRACTS

Abstract #12 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 257-285 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$59,109.35.

Abstract #12 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 178-189 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$67,716.57.

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to accept the audit of abstract #12 of the general fund in the amount of \$59,109.35 and abstract #12 of the highway fund in the amount of \$67,716.57. The vote was unanimous.

#### ADJOURN

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurel Sherrie Eriksen, Town Clerk