

August 10, 2022, 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 August.

PRESENT:	Gary Kamp	Supervisor
	Donald Bramer	Councilman
	Dominic Cuomo	Councilman
	LuEmma Quackenbush	Councilwoman
	John VanKersen	Councilman
	Marcia Shults	Town Clerk
	Brett Preston	Attorney

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Donald Oeser, Superintendent of Highways; Harold Wilday, Justice; Stella Gittle, Assessor, Clifton Dorrough, Code Officer; George Vosburgh and Nicolas Bordieri of the Planning Board; few residents

Supervisor Kamp opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2022 meeting as presented.

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

Nays 0

REPORTS

Reports were available from the Assessor, the Code Enforcement Officer, the Dog Control Officer, The Highway Superintendent, the Justice, the Town Clerk, the Planning Board and the Supervisor. There were no reports from the The Attorney

The Code Officer reported he would like to put a limit on Building Permit Renewals.

Town Clerk reported that it is Dog licensing month along with the start of Hunting Licenses.

The Assessor reported that if anyone who hasn't received their Property Tax Checks that they can now call (518) 453-8146, There is also a web address for those who prefer www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/credit-lookup.htm. Property owner must have their Social Security number as well as their 2020 Tax return available.

Highway Superintendent reported that Hansen Paving company would like permission to store their paving equipment by the Rural Grove Fire Department on the town's property until their job is finished. They would also like Highway Superintendent to sign an agreement stating they have permission. The Town Board agreed to sign such Agreement.

The Planning Board discussed how they need extended help in regards on writing The Town of Root's Solar Law.

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

In regards to the Cold Storage building, there were two Proposal's that were received. The first Proposal was from Jeffrey M. McDonald and the Second proposal was from Walz Consulting and Engineering. A decision was made from the Town Board to choose Walz Consulting and Engineering to provide the design for the 60' x 80' cold storage building.

Councilman Cuomo motioned seconded by councilwoman Quackenbush.

Ayes 5- Kamp, Bramer, Cuomo, Quackenbush, VanKersen

Nays 0

There is a continuing Vacancy on the Board of Appeals.

The Planning Board still has a Vacancy for a Secretary.

In regards to the water system, it was discussed to contact Richard Bingham to get a quote on putting a filtration system for both the Town Hall and Highway Garage.

The town clerk is going to call T.C. Flooring in regards to the Floors/Tiles.

We are still awaiting on a quote on redoing both entrances to the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution # 11 of 2022

The Transfer within the Highway fund to keep budget lines current.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Root Town Board make the following transfer within the highway fund to keep budget lines current.

TO: DA 5110.1 payroll General Repairs \$4,051.30 (to cover overage charged to the line)

From: DA5148.1 payroll Service to other Governments

Motion to pass made by Councilwoman Quackenbush Seconded by Councilman VanKersen.

Ayes-5 Kamp, Bramer, Cuomo, Quackenbush, VanKersen

Nays 0

Resolution # 12 of 2022

Solar Farm Moratorium

Board Member Bramer presented the following resolution and voted it adoption.

WHEREAS, A six (6) month moratorium on UTILITY SCALE SOLARE ENERGY SYSTEMS was passed Resolution No. 4 of 2020 on February 12,2020 and consecutively updated by the following Resolutions: Resolution No 9 of 2020 on August 12,2020; Resolution No. 6 of

2021 on February 10, 2021, Resolution No. 14 of 2021 on July 14, 2021, Resolution No. 12 of 2022 on February 9, 2022 be it further,

RESOLVED, that for a period of six (6) months commencing on August 10, 2022 with the expiration of the previous moratorium and upon the passage of this Resolution by the Town Board, A Moratorium is hereby enacted on the construction or installation of any new UTILITY SCALE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS, also known as SOLAR FARMS with the Town, and it is further, Resolved that the Town Code Enforcement Officer is hereby prohibited for approving or issuing any building permits for any SOLAR FARMS while this Moratorium is in effect. Nothing in this Resolution shall prohibit a home owner from installing solar panels for the generation of electrical power from his/her own domestic consumption and usage.

Seconded by Board Member Quackenbush

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes 5- Kamp, Bramer, Cuomo, Quackenbush, VanKersen

Nays 0

In regards to the LED Sign update, the Highway men will pour the foundation to the sign and the sign should be arriving around August 18, 2022.

Supervisor Kamp would like to discuss on a New Local Law that opts The Town of Root out of the exemption of Real Property Tax Law RPTL 487. This Real Property Tax Law makes all solar automatically tax exempt.

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #8 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 180-200 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$30,376.53.

Abstract #8 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 95-110 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$59,309.50.

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to accept the audit of abstract #8 of the general fund in the amount of \$30,376.53 and abstract #8 of the highway fund in the amount of \$59,309.50. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Quackenbush motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to adjourn at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Shults, Town Clerk