

## January 10, 2024, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of January.

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

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING: There was no Public Hearing at this time.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Assemblyman, Robert Smullen came in and introduced himself to the Town Board and Town Residence.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no Correspondence at this time.

OTHERS PRESENT: Harold Wilday, Justice; Donald Oeser, Highway Superintendent; Clifton Dorrough, Code Officer; Stella Gittle, Assessor; Dustin Pank, Peter Ossie, & George Vosburgh, Planning Board; Collen Pank, Board of Appeals; 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 **VanKersen** to approve the minutes from the December 27, 2023 meeting as presented.

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

Nays 0

### REPORTS

Reports were available from the Assessor, the Code Enforcement Officer, the Justice, the Planning Board and the Supervisor.

There were no reports from the

The Attorney

The Dog Control Officer

The Highway Superintendent

The Town Clerk

Town Assessor reported that all Tax Exemption forms have been mailed out and are due no later than March 1, 2024.

Planning Board discussed all of the areas of the Solar Law that they feel needed to be discussed and reviewed and are hoping to have the final draft done by February or March.

#### AGENDA

Supervisor Kamp presented the agenda for the meeting. Councilwoman **Quackenbush** motioned seconded by Councilwoman **Weiss** to adopt the agenda.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS:

There is still a Vacancy for the Board of Assessment Review, (BAR).

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Solar Law Draft was discussed by the Planning Board, and are hoping to have the final draft done by February or March.

#### RESOLUTION No. 1 of 2024

BOARD MEMBER: **Weiss** presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

WHEREAS: The Town of Root Town Council is required annually to appoint certain offices, therefore be it.

RESOLVED: The following individuals are appointed to their corresponding position for the term of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

Registrar, Records Officer – Marcia Shults

Deputy Records Officer – Melinda McDuffee

Deputy Town Supervisor – LuEmma Quackenbush

Deputy Highway Superintendent – Scott Booth

Health Officer – Jane Hubschmitt

Attorney – Brett Preston.

Code Enforcement Officer – Clifton Dorrough

Dog Control Officer – Richard Rickard; secondary, Steven Fredenburg

Court Clerk – Patricia Ricotta

Deputy Court Clerk – Sarah Bramer

Historians – William Maring

Bank – NBT

Newspaper – The Recorder

SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER: **VanKersen**.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

Youth Center Contract will be tabled till February's Meeting.

Office of the Aging Contract will be tabled till February's Meeting.

Councilwoman **Quackenbush** motioned seconded by Councilman **VanKersen** to sign the Employee Assistance Program for St. Marys.

Ayes 4- Kamp, Bramer, Quackenbush, VanKersen, Weiss                      Nays 0

Councilwoman **Quackenbush** motioned seconded by Councilman **VanKersen** to accept the internet provider Spectrum, providing a 300mg for \$ 129.99 per month with a one time set up fee of \$99.99.

Ayes 4- Kamp, Bramer, Quackenbush, VanKersen, Weiss

Nays 0

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilwoman **Quackenbush** motioned seconded by Councilwoman **Weiss** to go into executive session at 7:32 Pm. to discuss Trailer Age Inspections.

Ayes 4 – Kamp, Bramer, Quackenbush, VanKersen, Weiss

Nays 0

Councilwoman **Quackenbush**, seconded by Councilman **Bramer** to come out of executive session at 7:41 Pm.

Ayes 4 – Kamp, Bramer, Quackenbush, VanKersen,

Nays 0

#### ABSTRACTS

Abstract #1 of the General fund for vouchers numbered 1-18 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$34,837.10.

Abstract #1 of the Highway fund for vouchers numbered 1-9 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$35,913.53.

Abstract #1 of the Capital fund for vouchers numbered 0 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$0.

Abstract # 1 of the Fire Protection for vouchers numbered 1-3 were audited and ordered paid.

Paid abstract total was \$ 176,000.00

Councilman **VanKersen** motioned seconded by Councilman **Bramer** to accept the audit of abstract #1 of the General fund in the amount of \$34,837.10, abstract #1 of the Highway fund in the amount of \$35,913.53 the abstract # 1 of the Capital fund in the amount of \$ 0 and abstract # 1 of the Fire Protection Fund in the amount of \$176,000.00. The vote was unanimous.

#### ADJOURN

Councilman **VanKersen** motioned seconded by Councilwoman **Weiss** to adjourn at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marcia Shults, Town Clerk