

APRIL 12TH



2017

# Town Board ★★★★★★★★

## COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilwoman Bette Szesny and Councilmen Eric Kane, Anthony Lucenti and Robert VanDusen.

## — ALSO PRESENT WERE —

Superintendent of Highways Donald Sroka; Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia; Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green; Joe Boulia, Park Ranger; and Town residents: Clarence H. Caldwell, Peter Cardone, Richard and Jean Finster, JoAnn Mammone, Harry Robbins, Dan Trippoli and Donna Salamone. Absent was Assessor George Haskell.

Supervisor Kenneth M. Dodge led the assembled persons in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## PAY BILLS

Motion by Kane, second by Szesny, that the bills for the past month be paid as presented: General, #92 to #138; and Highway, # 82 to #105; all in favor.

## MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2017

Motion by VanDusen, second by Lucenti, that the Town Board dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 8, 2017 and approve them as printed; all in favor.

## RESIDENT COMMENT

Town Resident Harry Robbins spoke on animal abuse. He wants something done about tracking people who abuse animals. He said they can abuse animals, and three days later, buy more. He said he did not think anything would be done by the State, and wondered if Herkimer County would be able to do something.

Harry Robbins also inquired about more hats for the 225<sup>th</sup> Birthday party. Councilman Lucenti said he will call and see if more are available.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ASSESSOR'S REPORT — BY GEORGE HASKELL

The Town Clerk said George called her and is not able to make meeting. He told her the Tentative Roll will be turned over to Herkimer County, and that everything is fine.

### CODES OFFICER'S REPORT — BY PHILIP GREEN

Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green said he has received three or four maintenance issues, which he will follow up on. He also stated that he received his 24 hours of training.

## HIGHWAY REPORT

### — BY DONALD SROKA —

Superintendent of Highways Sroka said they have been sweeping the roads, and repaired plow marks from plowing the intersections.

He said they have problems with the overhead doors at the Town Garage, and the door slams down. He said he can get an automatic door opener for \$1,150.00.

Motion by Kane, second by Lucenti to give Donald Sroka permission to get a quote on an automatic door opener and have it installed; all in favor.

Mr. Sroka said they hauled top soil to 2090 State Route 5, and later on will seed the area.

Motion by Kane, second by Lucenti, authorizing the Highway Superintendent to attend Highway School — June 12<sup>th</sup> thru June 13, 2017; all in favor.

## MILLERS GROVE ROAD

### DESIGN REORT

Superintendent of Highways Sroka said the Millers Grove Road bridge will be closed for two years due to the construction of a new bridge. He said work will start in April of 2018.

## SEWER REPORT

### — BY DONALD SROKA —

Superintendent of Highways Sroka said there is nothing to report. They have had no meetings.

**GRANT WRITER REPORT — BY ANTHONY LUCENTI**

Councilman Anthony Lucenti said he is disappointed with Templeton Landscaping, who put the grant in for the park. When Tom Breiten put the application in, he told Anthony that the political support section was never received by N.Y. State. Councilman Lucenti said we paid him over \$9,000.00 for that application. Councilman Lucenti said he wants the money back from this application. He said he would like to contact the Town Attorney and see what he has to say, and try to recoup some of the money.

Town Resident Joe Boulia asked why we are paying \$9,000.00 for a grant that we may or may not get. He suggested to give a % down, and if we have a good chance, give another %, and the balance when we get it.

The Town Clerk said she will fax it to the Town Attorney.

**RECREATION — BY ROBERT VAN DUSEN**

Councilman VanDusen said the Easter Egg Hunt went well. He said there was a small crowd, and this will be the last year.

Councilman VanDusen asked the Town Clerk about what she found out regarding wood chips for under the slides and swings at the Park. She informed him she can get rubber, or the Town of Deerfield uses a small round stone bought locally, and she gave him the specs on it. He said he would like chips, and he will find a source.

Councilman Lucenti said Nancy & Ted Lange donated two fishing poles, and they were raffled off at the Easter Egg Hunt.

**225<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR SCHUYLER**

Town Resident Jean Finster said the event went very well. She said a nice article was in the O.D. She also said Stewarts donated 9 gallons of ice cream for the event.

**EXTRAVAGANZA MEETING**

Councilman Lucenti said the next meeting is April 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM, and it is open to the public.

**REPORT BY PARK RANGER — SET INSPECTION DATE**

Joe Boulia said the water has been hooked up, the propane tank is filled, and he is getting it ready to go. He said he bought paint today, and is doing the picnic tables and whatever else needs painting. He also said Soccer started at the Town Park.

**WATER BOARD REPORT — BY BETTE SZESNY**

Councilwoman Szesny said there is nothing going on; the next meeting is Monday night.

**PLANNING BOARD REPORT — BY BETTE SZESNY**

Councilwoman Bette Szesny said they had a Planning Board Meeting for a subdivision, which would have been 31 new homes. She said the engineer was at the meeting, and nothing could be done because they did not have a quorum. She said it was an embarrassment for the Town. She said we need to get alternates for both the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion by VanDusen, second by Lucenti to put an ad in the newsletter for a alternate for Planning and Zoning Boards, which is a paid position; all in favor.

**WALL MAP DONATION**

Councilman Lucenti said he wanted to thank Chris and Rick Proulx for making the frame work for the Zoning Map to be on the wall of the court room.

**COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT**

Not available.

**RESIDENT COMMENT**

- Town Resident Peter Cardone said he has pictures of the 225<sup>TH</sup> Birthday Party, if anyone wanted to see them. He said he did not take pictures of the Easter Egg Hunt, and he said if any person has pictures they would like to donate, he would put them in a book.
- Councilman Lucenti read a letter from Henry Crofoot, Supervisor of the Town of Fairfield. He said the letter is regarding Governor Cuomo’s County-wide Shared Service Property Tax Saving Plan. He said the letter is asking our representatives to remove Governor Cuomo’s County-wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plan from the adopted State budget, and protect the Home Rule of Town Governments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

— Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk