

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FORESTPORT TOWN HALL
10275 State Rte. 28, Forestport, N.Y. 13338
February 16, 2022**

PRESENT: Supervisor Entwistle
Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Scouten
Councilwoman Abrial
Councilwoman Verschneider

ABSENT: No members of the Town Board were absent.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Tracy Terry, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Supervisor Entwistle.

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to pay Abstract #2, Vouchers #64- #141 in the amount of \$43,364.31.

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes
Councilman Scouten- abstain
Councilwoman Abrial – yes
Councilwoman Verschneider-yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Verschneider to pay Abstract #2, vouchers #21- #59 in the amount of \$29,541.72.

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes
Councilman Scouten- yes
Councilwoman Abrial – yes
Councilwoman Verschneider-yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to accept the minutes from the:

Town Board Regular Meeting- January 19, 2022

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial – yes

Councilwoman Verschneider-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

REPORTS

TOWN CLERK REPORT

JUSTICE REPORT

PLANNING REPORT

DOG REPORT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Verschneider and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to approve the reports as a whole.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial – yes

Councilwoman Verschneider-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

NOCCOG:

- Mr. Rowlands attended a webinar for ARPA funds. If the Towns ARPA funds are under ten million dollars, the funds can be used for almost anything. The Final report can be found on home.treasury.com.
- The NOCCOG Inter-municipal agreement amendment needs to be renewed.
- Local Government Conference is still scheduled for April 19th.
- Cannabis Management: Seminar was conducted February 9th.
- Remote Meetings have been extended.
- Local Roads webinars are almost over.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD

Highway Uniforms: Supervisor Entwistle signed a contract with Aramark in 2019 for the highway uniforms, thinking it was a three- year contract. It is actually a 60-month contract. In order to get out of the Aramark contract, it would cost \$4,900.00. Supervisor Entwistle stated all the highway employees have their own t-shirts and pants and a contract not taking part in the Aramark contract anymore. Bill Gardner, Highway Superintendent will continue to maintain his uniform and allow Aramark to pick his

uniform up and drop them off. It lowers the uniform bill and allows the Town to not breach the contract.

Quarry: The APA and the DEC have approved the Red Rock Quarry Associates application for a dimensional quarry at Stone quarry Road in White Lake. The applicant is currently in front of the Town Planning Board and a Public Hearing is set for March 9, 2022 at 6:15 PM. The Planning Board is currently looking at signage, and DOT traffic safety, road improvements. The Public Hearing will be available by Zoom and the link will be posted on the website.

Local Government Conference: Sign-ups need to be given to Tracy or Sandy.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

- **Kim Lambert-Variance Request:** Dustin/McKoon Road appeared at the Planning Board meeting for an area variance for an addition. They are within the 100 feet setback from the water. Sandy has the maps in her office for viewing.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to schedule a Variance Hearing for March 16, 2022 at 6:15PM.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes
Councilman Scouten- yes
Councilwoman Abrial – yes
Councilwoman Verschneider-yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- **Jamie Allison-Variance Request:** They were denied by the Planning Board last week for a two-lot subdivision on Bear Creek Road. The frontage for the lots are 90' and 90'.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Verschneider and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to schedule a Variance Hearing for March 16, 2022 at 6:00PM.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes
Councilman Scouten- yes
Councilwoman Abrial – yes
Councilwoman Verschneider-yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- **Website:** Tracy has taken over the website this year. She rearranged and added some pictures. She has researched other companies that handle municipal websites. Digital Towpath is \$800/year and the Town has to pay the host for the website. The website is currently not ADA compliant. There has to be a method for the visually/audially impaired to use the website. Tracy will continue to do a

little more homework and next month, the town Board will make a decision.

- **Sharon Cihocki:** Supervisor Entwistle was approached by Sharon Cihocki that the Town/Village of Boonville will not be holding a summer recreation this year. They are trying to look at different townships that encompass the school district for a summer recreation program in the school district. That would come from the stimulus money. Councilwoman Kardash asked what town this would be held in, and Supervisor Entwistle stated Boonville. He thinks this program is aimed at kids that are going to summer school already for academic reasons. Councilwoman Kardash asked if they would be bussing the children from Forestport or if they would have to have a ride. Supervisor Entwistle thinks they would have to drive them as they drive them to summer school. Councilwoman Abrial stated summer school now isn't like it was as anyone can go to summer school. Councilwoman Kardash stated the school was supposed to give Forestport an extra bus and they didn't. The kids have to get on the bus at 6:20-6:30am.
- **Summer Recreation:** Supervisor Entwistle stated summer recreation will probably start being discussed at next month's meeting. Councilwoman Kardash asked if Camp Nazareth was going to be part of the summer recreation this year. Supervisor Entwistle stated he is planning on Camp Nazareth as long as they are able to function. The town is still holding onto money from those who donated money for children to attend camp Nazareth last year. Supervisor Entwistle wants the Board to think about where they would like the Stem Program to be held this year the Town Hall or the Woodgate School building.
- **Jen Piper:** The Town has received the initial contract for the Master Plan Grant. The State is finalizing the budget and how that is broken up to the Town. Supervisor Entwistle has reached out to a Municipal Planner that he knows in Ithaca, and she has offered to help with her services for free. They discussed the initial survey out to the community. Do they want it online and send the community a post card? The survey questions and answers drive the project. A small committee of five people representing all walks of life and incorporating a ton of input through open houses and meetings. The goal is to have a committee and kick off plan but Memorial weekend. There is one volunteer that will be a good candidate.
- **Yoga:** Councilwoman Kardash asked if Ash Fletcher could submit a list of seniors that are attending the yoga classes. Supervisor Entwistle stated he would let her know. Ash Fletcher has asked to use the library for dance classes Monday's and Wednesday's. Supervisor Entwistle said he'll talk to her about the sign-up sheet and building use. Councilwoman Verschneider asked if she was going to be charged. Supervisor Entwistle stated he would find out what kind of participation she will be having. If someone is making money off the use of the building, they charge a fee. If there is a community activity, they do not charge a fee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to enter into executive session regarding a personnel matter.

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial – yes

Councilwoman Verschneider-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

The Board returned at 8:06PM with no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Verschneider to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial – yes

Councilwoman Verschneider-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry

Forestport Town Clerk