

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WOODGATE FIRE HALL  
12445 State Rte. 28, Woodgate, N.Y. 13494  
October 19, 2022**

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

**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 6:39 PM by Supervisor Entwistle.

**ABSTRACTS:**

**GENERAL:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Verschneider to pay Abstract #10, Vouchers #522- #573 in the amount of \$28,079.58.

5 ayes/ 0 nays/ 0 absent MOTION CARRIED

**HIGHWAY:**

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to pay Abstract #9, Vouchers #377- #419 in the amount of \$94,015.45.

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

**TOWN CLERK MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Verschneider to accept the minutes from the:

Town Board Regular Meeting- September 21, 2022

Public Hearing BAN for the Highway Truck- September 21, 2022

Budget Workshop Meeting: October 4, 2022

3 ayes/ 0 nays/2 abstain (Abrial, Scouten)/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

**REPORTS**

- TOWN CLERK REPORT**
- JUSTICE REPORT**
- PLANNING REPORT**
- DOG REPORT**
- CODES REPORT**
- SUPERVISOR REPORT**

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

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

**NOCCOG:**

Lisa Bellinger, of NOCCOG went over the announcements.

**OLD BUSINESS BOARD:**

- **Mark Fuller Variance:** Supervisor Entwistle read the 5 factors for a Variance aloud.

**VARIANCE**  
**Factors considered**

(25) (4V)

1. Whether undesirables change will be produced in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties will be created by granting of the variance:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES       NO

2. Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by some method, feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than a Variance:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES       NO

3. Whether the requested Variance is substantial:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES       NO

4. Whether the requested variance will have an adverse effect or impact on that physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES       NO

5. Whether the alleged difficulty is self-created, which consideration shall be relevant to the decision of the board of appeals, but shall not necessarily not necessarily preclude the granting of the Variance:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES       NO



A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Verschneider to approve Mark Fuller's Variance.

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

- **Budget:** The Town will be staying under the tax cap. Supervisor Entwistle would like to discuss the contracts with both ambulances together next year. He stated the reason they were able to stay under the tax cap this year is because the Town Board has done an excellent job spending less money than they make.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Verschneider to accept the Preliminary Budget.

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilwoman Verschneider and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to schedule a Public Hearing for the 2023 Preliminary Budget on November 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

5 ayes/ 0 nays/ 0 absent MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Entwistle said the Preliminary Budget will be available in the Town Clerk's office for inspection from now until November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **NEW BUSINESS BOARD:**

- **Tax Cap Compliance:** Supervisor Entwistle submitted paperwork for the tax cap compliance. By submitting this paperwork, it guarantees a rebate check in 2023. It's a courtesy of the Town Board.
- **General Health Insurance:** The insurance is going up 14%. The Board decided to leave it at \$650 for 2023.
- **Laurie Fessler:** She stated she purchased her property 5 years ago. She wanted to email the Board, but they do not have public email addresses. She is looking for reimbursement because she stated the Code Enforcement Officer neglected to do his job. She discussed other issues she had with the Code Enforcement Officer. Supervisor Entwistle asked her to let the Board review the packets she gave to the Town Board and the Town Clerk, and the Board will respond to her.
- **David Corrigan:** Mr. Garlock has a proposed variance for a garage. It is 5 feet from the property line. They are removing the pavilion and adding the garage. Supervisor Entwistle asked him to bring in two separate checks. A \$50.00 variance fee and a \$100 Escrow fee.

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Verschneider to schedule a Public Hearing for an Area Variance for David Corrigan on November 16, 2022, at 6:00 PM  
5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to enter into Executive Session to review the Teamsters contract.

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:24PM with action taken.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Verschneider and seconded by Councilman Scouten to approve the Tentative Highway contract through 2025.

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:**

- Bob Whitehead, from the Gallery asked the Board to look into self-insurance after the first of the year. Tony Sege came to Supervisor Entwistle regarding this, and he hasn't been able to get a hold of someone for this. Supervisor Entwistle stated he's going to investigate the system and see what else can be done.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

5 ayes/ 0 nays/0 absent MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry  
Forestport Town Clerk