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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilman Robert Seager
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski
Councilman William Karn
Supervisor William Hasenauer
Deputy Supervisor John Isley

MEMBERS ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by Supervisor William Hasenauer.

Councilman William Karn began the meeting with a motion to keep the Board of Assessment Review a three member board rather than go to a five member board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robert Seager. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

Councilman Robert Seager stated he would like the Board to go to Executive Session at the close of the meeting to appoint the third member to the Board of Assessment Review.

Councilman Robert Seager made a motion to accept the SEQR Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

Councilman Robert Seager made a motion to take the proposed local law regarding harboring animals off the table. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

Karen Beck inquired about the use of Cornell Cooperative Extension's guidelines within the town. Supervisor Hasenauer stated they are strictly guidelines and not regulations.

INFORMATIONAL SPEAKERS:

Independent Association of Gas and Oil- Paul Hartman and Adam Schultz

Mr. Hartman from Chesapeake Energy discussed the process of hydrofracking, current regions where drilling is taking place, and the possibility of drilling taking place in Northern Oneida County. Mr. Hartman stated that due to environmental regulations and the surface proximity of the shale in Northern Oneida County, it is extremely unlikely any drilling would ever be explored in or around Forestport.

Councilman Karn inquired about the economic impact of hydrofracking in New York State on the town of Forestport. Mr. Hartman stated that the only impact for Forestport could possibly be reduced natural gas prices for consumers.

Mr. Schultz and Mr. Hartman fielded questions from the Board and the public regarding land use in hydrofracking, related job opportunities, and environmental impact.

Cornell Cooperative Extension/Oneida County Planning Department – Guy Sassaman

Representatives from CCE and the Oneida County Planning Department discussed Agricultural Districts within the Town of Forestport, Right to Farm regulations, and the process for obtaining certification as an Agricultural District within the town. It was emphasized that the process is governed by the county and the state and that the town has little control, but may have input during the application process.

Supervisor Hasenauer stated that he felt the town and county need to have better communication concerning the formation of agricultural districts and complaints related thereto.

Discussion took place concerning the proper authorities to contact regarding

mistreated animals and or agricultural complaints between neighbors. Representatives from the County stated that unfortunately at this time, there is a gap in enforcement due to financial constraints. The SPCA and or the New York State Troopers can answer complaints at this time.

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilman William Karn to accept the minutes from the March 21, 2012 Regular Town Board meeting and the April 3, 2012 Public Hearings regarding the Board of Assessment Review, the SEQR Plan, and the proposed Local Law regarding harboring animals. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to pay Abstract #4 – Vouchers #207-271 in the amount of \$46,336.72. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

Councilwoman Nancy Kardash inquired as to where the cleanup costs of the Dustin Road property would be paid from. Supervisor Hasenauer stated that the cost would be added to the tax bill for the property.

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilman William Karn and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to pay Abstract #4 – Vouchers #68-105 in the amount of \$18,092.82. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney William Riley was present for the meeting.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilman William Karn to accept the Town Clerk's report. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Hasenauer stated that he would like to raise the town mileage rate from \$.50 per mile to \$.55 in light of gas prices. He stated the Board will reevaluate when gas prices drop below \$4.00 per gallon. A motion to approve the hike was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman William Karn – yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer - yes

Sealed Bids:

Supervisor Hasenauer opened the sole sealed bid for the town truck. Mike Croniser won the auction with a bid of \$6,5123.45. The minimum bid for the truck was \$5,000. A motion was made Councilman William Karn and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to accept the bid. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman William Karn – yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

Supervisor Hasenauer opened the two sealed bids for the Otter Lake Dump property. William Miles and Jason Barry had the winning bid of \$12,222.00. Douglas Reidman had a bid of \$12,005.00. The minimum bid for the property was \$8,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by William Karn to accept the high bid. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman William Karn – yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

Supervisor Hasenauer opened the two sealed bids for the property known as Critter's Crossing. Robert Lawless had the winning bid of \$7,150.00. Nancy and Robert Youngberg had a bid of \$6,501.99. The minimum bid for the property was \$6,000. A motion was made by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilman William Karn to accept the high bid. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman William Karn – yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

There were no sealed bids for the North Lake Road property.

JUSTICE REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to accept the Justice Report. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman William Karn – yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer - yes

NOCCOG:

Gerry Ritter announced the 2012 primary election dates and reported that election inspectors are needed for both Republican and Democratic parties. She also announced a county wide Highway Supervisor's conference in May at Twin Ponds.

PLANNING AND CODES REPORT:

Nothing this month.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilman William Karn and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to accept the Assessor's Sales Report. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nothing this month.

SENIOR RECREATION REPORT:

Supervisor Hasenauer read the monthly report.

OLD BUSINESS:

The town wide cleanup for April 28th is set, and details were announced.

Councilwoman Kwasniewski reminded the public that summer recreation workers are needed. Applications are available at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Hasenauer stated the trash day permits are available in the Town Clerk's office, and the first trash day will be June 9th at the Woodgate Schoolhouse.

OLD BUSINESS – PUBLIC:

Parker Snead presented options for the rebuilding of the Twin Bridges. He presented a project proposal from Albert Zangrelli PE which outlined reusing the current abutments, coupled with pre-stressed concrete beams. Mr. Zangrelli stated in his proposal that the total cost of the project would total \$415,000 and run approximately four weeks.

Highway Superintendent William Gardner inquired as to the width and weight

rating of the proposed bridge. Mr. Snead reported that the bridge would span 17' wide and be rated for 25 ton. He added that Mr. Zangrelli approved the bridge for full use by fire trucks, snowplows, and tractor-trailers. Mr. Gardner stated that the town plow truck loaded with sand approached 30 ton. He additionally stated that he did not feel the DOT would approve the proposed guardrails as represented in Mr. Zangrelli's drawing.

Mr. Snead went on to state that the cost of the bridge to the taxpayers would total approximately \$7.00 per \$100,000 worth of property value. This figure is of course at 3.7% over the course of a thirty year loan.

Discussion took place regarding the actual bidding process to get the project underway, as members of the audience felt Mr. Zangrelli's figure was unrealistic, as no bids have been officially solicited. Additional discussion regarding possible grants also took place, with Mr. Snead stating that grant money from the state or federal government must be matched at the local level at an average rate of 46%, thus nullifying the effectiveness of receiving a grant in the first place.

Supervisor Hasenauer stated that his research indicated that not only were Mr. Zangrelli's engineering costs too low, but the cost of the actual construction was low as well. He reported that contractors the town has contacted estimated costs between \$700,000 and \$900,000.

Councilman William Karn made a motion to hold a public informational hearing regarding the Twin Bridges project, with both Mr. Zangrelli and the town's engineer present. Councilman Robert Seager seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman William Karn – yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

The Public Hearing will be May 9th, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall.

David Ultsch of the audience stated that it is necessary to have a viable bid before the project can be voted on in a referendum format. Dave Belliveau asked what Mr. Snead needed to do to get his proposal to a “shovel-ready” stage, and Supervisor Hasenauer stated the town would have to provide Mr. Zangrelli with \$42,000 to design the project to be put out for bid.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brian Albert of the White Lake Inn requested permission to close Maple Road between Route 28 and the rear portion of the White Lake Inn property for a block party on June 2nd. Supervisor Hasenauer stated that Mr. Albert would be responsible for publishing the duration of the closure, times, and alternate routes in the paper. Mr. Albert said he would do so. Councilwoman Nancy Kardash made a motion to approve the

closure, and Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski seconded. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman William Karn – yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

Jean Wolcott requested permission to place a 6' wooden carving of a baseball player at the Dutch Hill Ballfield in memory of her husband Rick. The carving would also have a plaque on the base. A motion was made by Joanne Kwasniewski and seconded by Nancy Kardash to allow Mrs. Wolcott to go forward with the carving. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman William Karn – yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski asked Mrs. Wolcott if the Town Board could assist in choosing the placement of the carving at the ball-field. Mrs. Wolcott said yes.

Highway Superintendent William Gardner requested approval from the Board to purchase a 2006 JCB VM115D Vibromax Roller with 960 hours. He stated that he budgeted the money for the purchase this year as the current roller is a 1980 and is in extremely poor condition. Councilman William Karn inquired as to the possibility of renting one when necessary, and Mr. Gardner stated that the roller is a staple of the Highway Department's fleet and is used all summer. Rental costs were deemed prohibitive. A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash and seconded by Councilman Robert Seager to approve the purchase. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – abstained
Councilman William Karn – abstained
Supervisor William Hasenauer - yes

NEW BUSINESS – PUBLIC:

Nothing this month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board retired to Executive Session regarding a personnel issue at 9:23. They returned at 10:01 pm. A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash and seconded by Councilman William Karn to appoint Justin Wilcox to the Board of Assessment Review. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 pm by Supervisor Hasenauer.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley T. Entwistle
Forestport Town Clerk