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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
Highway Superintendant William Gardner

Town Clerk Shelley Entwistle

MEMBERS ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm by Supervisor William Hasenauer.

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to accept the minutes from the August 14, 2012 Special Town Board Meeting. Roll call vote:

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

A motion was made by Councilman William Karn and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to accept the minutes from the August 15, 2012 Regular Town Board Meeting. 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 Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilman William Karn to pay Abstract #9-Vouchers #552-611 in the amount of \$37,379.92. Roll call vote:

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

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to pay Abstract #9 – Vouchers #215- 246 in the amount of \$58,861.18. Roll call vote:

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

The town's share for the month of August 2012 is \$247.00. No motion was made for this report.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor's report was handed out to board members, town clerk and Deputy Supervisor John Isley. Supervisor Hasenauer announced he will not set the budget meeting dates until after October 20, 2012. He is waiting until he has all of the departments estimated budgets.

A motion was made by Councilman William Karn and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to accept the following Budget Amendment:

TO: Town of Forestport Town Board Members
FROM: Dawn Campbell

FUND: General

SUBJECT: Budget Amendment

Transfer to cover overdraft in 10104.01 Town Board CE

Entries:			
Transfer	from	19904.01 Contingency	\$92.00
	to	10104.01 Town Broad CE	\$92.00

Transfer to cover overdraft in 71104.01 Parks CE

Entries:			
Transfer	from	19904.01 Contingency	\$2,453.00
	to	71104.01 Parks CE	\$2,453.00

Transfer to cover overdraft in 90408.01 Workers Comp

Entries:			
Transfer	from	19904.01 Contingency	\$119.45
	to	90408.01 Workers Comp	\$119.45

Transfer to cover overdraft in 16202.01 Buildings EQ

Entries:			
Transfer	from	16204.01 Buildings CE	\$1,055.00
	to	16202.01 Buildings EQ	\$1,055.00

Done 9/17/12

Roll call vote:

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

JUSTICE REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilman William Karn and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski 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

HIGHWAY:

Councilman Robert Seager made a motion to move forward with Zangrilli Engineering in regards to the Twin Bridge project.

Supervisor Hasenauer stated that interest rate research was necessary along with contacting Hancock in regards to the bond anticipation note. Councilman Robert Seager stated that there is \$75,000 in the highway capital improvement fund.

Councilman William Karn seconded Councilman Robert Seager's motion and stated there is money available in the highway budget to pay Mr. Zangrilli's engineering fees. In addition, Councilman William Karn made an amendment to Councilman Robert Seager's motion proposing the formation of a committee to implement the Twin Bridge project. The committee would be comprised of Councilman William Karn, Councilman Robert Seager, Supervisor Hasenauer and Highway Superintendent William Gardner. Councilman Robert Seager seconded the amended motion. Roll call vote:

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

A Twin Bridge committee meeting has been scheduled for September 24th at 1:00pm at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to accept the county's contract for snow and ice removal for the 2012-2013 season. 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 read the contract from the county. The county is going to pay \$5500.00 per mile for a total of \$87,505 to the town for plowing. This remains the same as the 2011-2012 contract.

NOCCOG:

Gerry Ritter reviewed the September 2012 announcements. Gerry stated she attended the Tax Cap training on September 18th and announced there are now forms the town must fill out whether they go over the 2% tax cap or not. Gerry referred the town to the NYS Comptroller's office with any questions regarding the forms. Gerry also announced the Association of Towns October meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2012 at 5:30pm at the Buffalo Head. Gerry reviewed the current grants that the town has applied for.

PLANNING AND CODES REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to approve the Planning and Codes Monthly Report. Roll call vote:

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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Discussion took place regarding the school tax rate increase.

A motion was made by Councilman William Karn and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to accept the Assessor's Monthly Report. 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 move forward and offer Appointment of Assessor to Tonya Brown. Supervisor Hasenauer stated that Dean Burth has been appointed as assessor until the end of 2012. He stated past practice has been to advertise for all town positions. Tonya Brown inquired as to whether or not the assessor's position was advertised prior to the hiring of Mr. Burth. Supervisor Hasenauer stated that he did physically advertise for the position. Councilman William Karn stated that the town board told Ms. Brown in the fall of 2011 that she would be appointed to the position if she became certified. Discussion followed. Councilman William Karn seconded Councilman Robert Seager's motion to appoint Tonya Brown as assessor as of January 2013. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes

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

DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Dog control officer Charlene Sege was present for the meeting and stated she was trying to adjust to the new complaint format. She also stated most complainants are unwilling to put their name on an official complaint. This has been the problem with compiling data using the new format. Supervisor Hasenauer stated that the town has to report data to NYS Ag Department as well as the county health department. Supervisor Hasenauer encouraged Charlene to meet with Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to work out the difficulties and reminded her that her completed reports are due the Thursday prior to the town board meeting. Charlene read her monthly dog report.

RECREATION REPORT:

Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski asked for clarification from the board regarding the policy concerning availability of seats on the senior recreation trips. Supervisor Hasenauer stated that residents of the Town of Forestport have priority. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

William Payne from W.B. Payne Insurance was present at the meeting to discuss possible options for health insurance for town employees. Mr. Payne believes the town can save some money by making little changes to the healthcare plan. Mr. Payne also stated for future business he is working with a large healthcare company down state and together they are trying to form a co-whoop style of insurance for multiple small towns. Discussion followed regarding some of the benefits of this type of insurance.

The board reviewed the Summer Rec Seasonal Worker job description. Changes added to job description are as follows: Must follow direct orders of supervisor and must have first aid certification. Updates to job description will be available at the next board meeting.

Supervisor Hasenauer announced the results of the Special Election: 340- YES and 218- NO. A copy of the poll results are attached to these minutes. Supervisor Hasenauer stated that he is very pleased at the number of people who voted in the Twin Bridge election.

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilman William Karn to hold a public hearing on October 3, 2012 at 6:00 at

the Town Hall regarding the town granting exemption on town taxes based on limited income for residents over the age of 65. Roll call vote:

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

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilman William Karn to raise the mileage rate to \$.55 per mile due to gas prices rising over \$4.00 per gallon. Roll call vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS – PUBLIC:

Nothing this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Hasenauer announced that the Kayuta Lake Association will be holding a meeting on September 27 at 1:00 at the town hall in regards to drawing the lake down to repair the dam.

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to make New York State DEC lead agency for mining application for Robert Kratzenberg. Roll call vote:

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

Councilman William Karn asked how the North Lake building is going. Deputy Supervisor John Isley reported recent repairs and stated that Mr. Randall's lease agreement started September 1, 2012.

Councilman William Karn also inquired as to where the town stands with Critter's Crossing. Supervisor Hasenauer stated that he is waiting to hear back from Nancy Youngberg to see if she's still interested in purchasing the building. If Nancy does not want to purchase the property, then the property will go back out to

bid.

A motion was made by Councilman William Karn and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to enter into executive session at 8:34pm regarding a specific personnel matter. Roll call vote:

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

The board returned from executive session at 9:23pm with no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS – PUBLIC:

Nothing this month.

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 9:24 pm by Supervisor William Hasenauer.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley T. Entwistle
Forestport Town Clerk

