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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 Superintendent William Gardner
Town Clerk Shelley Entwistle

MEMBERS ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Supervisor Hasenauer.

SPEAKER:

William Gall of Northwestern Mutual: Mr. Gall presented money saving options to the board regarding health insurance. These options included:

- A two person plan that would save the town \$450.00 a month per person.
- Increasing co-pays slightly to reduce the premium.
- Employee contribution
- Part-time employees pay a higher percentage
- Cutting retiree coverage after age 65
- Designing a Medicare Group Plan

Discussion took place about the possibility of separating the highway payroll from the town's general payroll which would form two identities. Doing this would keep the town employee count below twenty and save the town money.

Supervisor Hasenauer would like to set up a meeting with Mr. Gall, Councilwoman Kardash and Councilman Seager to discuss this matter further. Mr. Gall will contact Councilwoman Kardash to schedule a time and date for this meeting.

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash and seconded by Councilman Robert Seager to accept the minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting and Public Hearing from April 17, 2013. 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 Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to accept the minutes of the Bridge Committee Workshop Meeting from April 23, 2013. 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 #5 – Vouchers #275-348 in the amount of \$42,317.78. 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 stated that the board agreed to pre-pay Bell Construction at the last Bridge Committee Meeting.

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilman Nancy Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to pay Abstract #5 – Vouchers #118-147 in the amount of \$20,460.61. 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:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilman William Karn to hold a public hearing on June 19, 2013 at 6:15 regarding Flood Damage Prevention. 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:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to accept the Town Clerk'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

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to approve the destruction of old records in pursuit of the Records Archival Grant. Roll call vote:

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

Please see attached for the list of items to be destroyed.
Councilman Karn inquired as to how often the records should be purged. Gerry Ritter replied that the records should be purged yearly.

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilman William Karn to approve the Records Management Policies and Procedures. 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:

All board members received a copy of the Supervisor's Report.

JUSTICE REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to accept the 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

HIGHWAY:

Nothing for the month.

NOCOGG:

Gerry Ritter reported:

- Tug Hill Commission's 40th Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on May 30, 2013 from 6-9pm at The Beeches.
- Community Resource Packets regarding the Amish population are being sent to municipal clerks.
- Great job to all that participated in the "Keep America Beautiful Campaign".
- The new state forest will be used for biking, hiking and snowmobiling.

Gerry Ritter and Jennifer Hartsig would like to move ahead with the tree planting for the town's forestry grant. A meeting was scheduled for May 17, 2013 at 8:00am at the Town Hall to discuss the details of the tree planting.

Supervisor Hasenauer inquired as to where the town stands with completing the boat launch project. Jennifer Hartsig stated that the architect the town was working with (Mike Rizzo) had a falling out with the company he was working for, Ward Associate's, and has moved away. She stated that the town has been waiting for Mr. Rizzo's final stamp on the project. Ms. Hartsig has tried on numerous occasions to get a hold of Mr. Rizzo with no luck. She has referred to the state for

help with finishing this project due to unforeseen circumstances.

Councilman Karn inquired as to if there is any additional grant money available. Ms. Hartsig stated that there is a new Department of Transportation grant. Discussion followed regarding grant money.

PLANNING AND CODES :

Supervisor Hasenauer stated that he is going to meet with the Planning Board regarding the Site Review Law and Fee Structure. He will contact members to schedule a time and date.

The board scheduled a Public Hearing regarding the Site Review Law and Fee Structure on July 17, 2013 at 6:00pm.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to approve the 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:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilman William Karn to accept the Assessor'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

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to approve the Animal Shelter Agreement with Stevens-Swan Humane Society. Roll call vote:

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

RECREATION REPORT:

Supervisor Hasenauer announced that the Summer Recreation program will

remain the same with no changes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing this month.

OLD BUSINESS – PUBLIC:

Nothing this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board reviewed the Clerk of the Works progress report for the Twin Bridges. Supervisor Hasenauer stated that Mr. Zarnoch believes construction is on schedule and moving along nicely.

A motion was made by Councilman William Karn and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to accept the Clerk of the Works progress 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 Karn reported that he has spoke with Fiscal Advisers regarding future financing for the Twin Bridges. He stated that the long term bonds are currently at 3.5% and the one year notes are less than 1%. This will have to be discussed at budget time to decide which option to go with for future financing.

At this time the board retired into executive session at 7:54pm. They returned at 8:00pm with action taken. A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to appoint Councilwoman Nancy Kardash as temporary Deputy Supervisor. Roll call vote:

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

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 8:02 pm by Supervisor Hasenauer.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley T. Entwistle
Forestport Town Clerk