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MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Town Clerk Shelley Entwistle

MEMBERS ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 pm by Supervisor Hasenauer.

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to accept the minutes from the July 17, 2013 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

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilman William Karn to accept the minutes of the Public Workshop held on August 5, 2013. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – abstained (absent)
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 #8 – Vouchers #485-559 in the amount of \$38,312.64. 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 #8 – Vouchers #212-242 in the amount of \$358,819.87. Roll call vote:

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

PLANNING ESCROW:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to pay Abstract #8- Vouchers # 1-10 in the amount of \$425.68. 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:

No report for the month.

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

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 Councilman William Karn 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:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to amend the town's budget for 2013 CHIPS money (\$25,000). Roll call vote:

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

NOCOGG:

Gerry Ritter reported:

- Budget meeting presented by NYS Comptroller's Office to be held on September 5, 6:30-8:30 at SUNYIT.
- NOCCOG sent out a salary survey to all Town Clerks.
- Hazardous Mitigation Plan
- Grants are available for water quality improvements from NYS DEC.

PLANNING AND CODES :

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash and seconded by Councilman William Karn to approve the monthly report. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes

Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – abstained (her name is in Planning Board meeting minutes)

Councilman William Karn – yes

Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilman William Karn to table the proposed Site Review Law and Fee Structure. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager – yes

Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes

Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes

Councilman William Karn – yes

Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

A Public Workshop for the Proposed Site Review Law and Fee Structure has been scheduled for September 12, 2013 at 1:00pm.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Assessor Tonya Brown reported that New York State is in the process of doing an audit of the basic STAR exemption. The state is sending out letters with a renewal to every property owner receiving the basic exemption. These renewals are due back by the end of December. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash 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 accept the Animal Control Report. 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:

A motion was made by Councilman William Karn and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to accept the Recreation Report. 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:

Supervisor Hasenauer stated that he has talked with the NYS DEC regarding an Appeals Board for flood damage prevention ordinance review. The state confirmed that the Town Board does not have to form an Appeals Board until needed.

OLD BUSINESS – PUBLIC:

A question as to the status of two abandoned village properties was raised by Mrs. Larkin. She stated both parcels are overgrown and infested with rats. She would like to know if the town can assume ownership under Local Law.

Codes Enforcement Officer Brad Smith reported numerous letters as well as two court summons had been issued to the owners and there hasn't been any compliance. He stated he will work with the town attorney to initiate the demolition process. The board agreed this would be in the best interest of the town.

The gallery thanked Councilwoman Kwasniewski for her clean-up efforts throughout the town.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Hasenauer read the Clerk of the Works progress report for the Twin Bridges for week 17.

Lou Sowich of the gallery inquired as to the status of the bridge approach guardrails. He would like to know why the guardrails were taken out at the completion of the bridge replacement and why there was such a delay to order new ones. Highway Superintendent William Gardner stated that the new guardrails were ordered over a month ago. Discussion followed.

A portion of the gallery stated they would really like the bridges to be open for Old Forestport Days. William Gardner stated that the bridge guardrails will hopefully be complete this week and the bridges will be open to pedestrians for Old Forestport Days. Mr. Gardner also stated that the bridges will be open to vehicular traffic when the guardrails are fully installed and the NYS DOT has given their approval.

Mrs. Larkin asked the board if a ribbon cutting ceremony could be held for

Old Forestport Days. The board agreed to the ceremony.

NEW BUSINESS – PUBLIC:

Nothing this month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The board retired into Executive Session regarding the highway heating oil tank replacement at 7:40 pm. They returned at 8:18 pm with action taken.

Mr. Gardner stated that if the bridge guardrails aren't in place by Friday, he will put a snow fence across the ridges where there is a big liability and open the sidewalks up for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash and seconded by Councilman Robert Seager to accept the heating oil tank replacement proposal from Yocum in the amount of \$7,795.00. 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 Councilwoman Nancy Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski 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 8:22 pm by Supervisor Hasenauer.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley T. Entwistle
Forestport Town Clerk

