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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilwoman Nancy Kardash
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski
Councilman Ronald Scouten
Councilman Charles Scott
Supervisor Parker Snead

MEMBERS ABSENT

Town Clerk Shelley Entwistle

Deputy Town Clerk TJ Entwistle

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by Supervisor Snead.

NEW BUSINESS (Public):

Supervisor Snead read a thank you to the Highway Department for their care of the roads this winter sent by both the local mail carriers.

Pat Romeo requested that the town investigate resurfacing both Maple and Walnut Roads. Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski stated they will look into it.

Brad Smith stated the Broadhecker property has been cleaned up and is nearing compliance.

Gerry Ritter stated the upper end of River Street was torn up by a logging operation and that the logging company should pay to fix it.

NEW BUSINESS (Board):

Ted Earl reported that Al Schumacker has removed one of his three Rvs from his property and has communicated in writing to the town that he will remove a second RV on July 6, 2014 thereby bringing him into compliance with the Site Review Law. He stated that while the town board created a procedural irregularity by granting a quasi-variance in September 2013, the removal of two of the Rvs will solve the problem. David Carrier spoke up and stated he hopes the issue will be resolved quickly.

HORTON RD. BRIDGES:

Councilman Scouten reported that he has checked with the

county regarding the bridges, and that while there are currently no flags on them, they are in need of maintenance. The deck needs replaces soon, and the county representative stated that the town could slow their deterioration by power washing the deck and beams. .

HEALTH INSURANCE RESOLUTION:

Ted Earl stated that the purpose of this motion is to restate an earlier town board motion regarding insurance premiums paid by employees and retirees of the town.

Patricia Howard of the gallery stated that letters she received as a retiree of the town requiring her to pay 5% of her Medicare premiums did *not* state *retirees* had to- rather only employees. She additionally questioned the retroactive status of the resolution. Attorney Earl explained that while she was an employee and is now a retiree of the town, she has no vested rights to her health insurance as she was not a contract employee.

Attorney Earl also informed the board that employee and retiree contribution percentages must be the same to avoid discrimination.

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to restate the November 30, 2014 resolution as follows “All Town employees (non- union) and retired employees will pay 5% of their insurance premium as of January 1, 2014”.
Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes

Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes

Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes

Councilman Charles Scott – yes

Supervisor Parker Snead –yes

DUMPSTER DAY REPORT:

Supervisor Snead reported that the dump day recorded 143 total loads as well as 156 tires. An additional 41 permits were issued.

Mona Lincoln stated that Otter Lake residents would like to see a dumpster in the northern end of town. It has not been done in several years.

Supervisor Snead stated the budget is limited to \$15,000 for the dumpsters, and traffic safety is an issue in Otter Lake, but the board will look into the options.

ONEIDA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski and seconded by Supervisor Snead to pass the resolution. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes

Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes

Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes

Councilman Charles Scott – yes
Supervisor Parker Snead –yes
Please see attached for resolution.

BUILDING REQUESTS:

A motion was made by Parker Snead and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to approve building requests for Karen Howard (4H), and the Tug Hill Commission at the Woodgate School. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman Charles Scott – yes
Supervisor Parker Snead –yes

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilman Scouten to approve a building request for the Chamber of Commerce at the Woodgate School. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman Charles Scott – yes
Supervisor Parker Snead –yes

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Scott and seconded by Supervisor Parker Snead to accept the minutes from the May 21, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash – yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman Charles Scott – yes
Supervisor Parker Snead –yes

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Scott and seconded by Councilman Ronald Scouten to pay Abstract #6 – Vouchers #350-430 in the amount of \$38,064.46. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes

Councilman Charles Scott – yes
Supervisor Parker Snead –yes

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Scott and seconded Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to pay Abstract #6 – Vouchers #153-184 in the amount of \$44,404.73. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman Charles Scott – yes
Supervisor Parker Snead –yes

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Nothing this Month.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash and seconded by Supervisor Parker Snead to accept the Town Clerk's monthly report. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman Charles Scott – yes
Supervisor Parker Snead –yes

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

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

JUSTICE REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilman Charles Scott to accept the monthly Justice Report. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman Charles Scott – yes
Supervisor Parker Snead –yes

HIGHWAY:

No Business

PLANNING:

A motion was made by Supervisor Parker Snead and seconded by Councilman Ronald Scouten to accept the Planning monthly report as presented. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman Charles Scott – yes
Supervisor Parker Snead –yes

Planning Chairman TJ Entwistle reported that the Planning Board would like the Town Board and the Town Attorney to review the contract with the County regarding 239 reviews. He also requested that both boards adopt a new policy regarding comments at public hearings – persons unable to attend public hearings must submit their comments *in writing*, and they must be received by 4:00 pm on the date of the hearing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to adopt the new public hearing policy for all public hearings. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman Charles Scott – yes
Supervisor Parker Snead –yes

Mr. Entwistle will review the wording and place a legal ad in the paper to alert the public to the change.

CODES:

No Report.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash and seconded by Supervisor Snead to accept the Assessor's monthly report as presented. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman Charles Scott – yes
Supervisor Parker Snead –yes

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Scott and seconded by Councilman Ronald Scouten to accept the Animal Control monthly report. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman Charles Scott – yes
Supervisor Parker Snead –yes

RECREATION:

Summer Recreation:

Supervisor Snead reported that the youth group had a nice fundraiser at the village ball field and that \$200 was raised. Councilman Scouten won the Rubber Duck Shootout and donated his winnings back to the youth group. He also stated that there are 19 children attending Camp Nazareth through the Summer Recreation program and 3 additional campers will attend at the preferred rate.

NOCOOG:

June 2014 announcements were reviewed. Gerry Ritter reminded the board that they are invited to the Tug Hill Commission board meeting June 26th at the Woodgate School.

NEW BUSINESS- PUBLIC (continued):

Arthur Gleasman requested a public hearing be scheduled regarding the closure of River Street for Old Forestport Days. The hearing will be held July 16, 2014 at 6:15 pm at the Otter Lake Fire Hall.

Dave Ultsch inquired if the painting of the town hall had been put out for bid. Supervisor Snead stated that it had and a bid of \$5800 was accepted.

Arthur Gleasman inquired about the status of the village ball field. He stated that the American Legion gave the field to the town for the purpose of making it a ball field. Supervisor Snead reported that for the present, other activities are being held there.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to retire to executive session. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman Charles Scott – yes
Supervisor Parker Snead –yes

The board retired to executive session regarding a personnel matter at 8:25 pm and returned with no action taken at 9:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Supervisor Parker Snead and seconded by Councilman Charles Scott to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman Charles Scott – yes
Supervisor Parker Snead –yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm by Supervisor Snead.

Respectfully submitted,

TJ Entwistle
Forestport Deputy Town Clerk