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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilwoman Nancy Kardash
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski
Councilman Ronald Scouten
Councilman Charles Scott
Supervisor Parker Snead
Town Clerk Shelley Entwistle

MEMBERS ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Snead.

NEW BUSINESS (Public):

Nothing from the public.

NEW BUSINESS (Board):

FIRE HYDRANT POLICY:

Supervisor Snead stated that Forestport Fire Fighters Inc. would like clarification on the fire hydrant use in the hamlet. Supervisor Snead read the proposed policy and stated the fire department is in agreement with the policy (please see attached policy).

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilman Scott to accept the Hamlet of Forestport Fire Hydrant Use Policy. Roll call vote:

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

OTTER LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT PLAYGROUND:

Supervisor Snead stated that he has received a request from the Otter Lake Fire Department asking the town to help pay for the repaving of their playground located at the old fire hall. Supervisor Snead feels that because the property is not town owned no action can be taken at this time.

The board will look into some options to assist the fire department.

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

The board scheduled a budget workshop meeting date of September 30, 2014 at 4:00pm.

PRESIDENTS VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS:

Supervisor Snead reported that the town can now give out Presidents Volunteer Service Awards. He also stated that the late Tom Grower will be the first to receive this award due to his many years of service at the Dutch Hill Ball field.

RAYMOND RANDALL LEASE:

Supervisor Snead reported that the North Lake Road property, currently leased by Mr. Randall, is in serious delinquency. Town Attorney Earl has sent Mr. Randall a cease and desist order in an attempt to remove him from the property and allow the town to get out of the lease agreement. Supervisor Snead stated it would be unlikely that the town would recoup any back rent payments.

SEWER BEDS:

Councilman Scott and Supervisor Snead met with Engineer Jack Dodson and DEC at the sewer treatment plant to inspect the sewer beds. Both Mr. Dodson and the DEC are happy with the maintenance program and do not recommend replacement of the beds at this time.

WELCOME TO FORESTPORT SIGNS:

Councilman Scott stated he has received complaints regarding the welcome signs. Supervisor Snead stated that the board will look into fixing the signs.

YEILD SIGNS:

Councilwoman Kwasniewski stated the DOT is going to investigate the safety of the yield signs at the Route 28/Woodhull Road intersection.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

Nothing from the board.

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

Councilwoman Kardash inquired as to the status of voucher # 645 from Attorney Earl. She wanted to know why the town attorney is billing the town for researching a civil matter regarding the White Lake Shores Association. Supervisor Snead stated that he feels the town has a valid reason for attempting to arbitrate the matter as the Woodgate Fire Department is tacitly involved, and the town funds the department. Discussion ensued. Councilman Scott inquired if there would be additional bills for this matter and Supervisor Snead stated he wasn't sure at this time.

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to approve Abstract #9, Vouchers #619-698 in the amount of \$34,397.72.

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash –no (Felt Evans Voucher)
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman Charles Scott – yes
Supervisor Snead - yes

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Kwasniewski to approve Abstract #9, Vouchers #252-289 in the amount of \$125,804.74

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 Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilman Scouten to accept the minutes from the August 20, 2014 regular town board meeting.

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to accept the Town Clerk's monthly report.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Snead stated that it is once again budget season and that he along with the board are looking to reign in the cost of the health care benefits. Supervisor Snead referenced a comparison of other nearby towns. Three other areas of concern are the tax collector position, the planning department budget, and the assessor's budget. The town is currently working with several insurance agents in an attempt to streamline the health care budget.

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilwoman Kwasniewski to approve the budget amendments. (Please see attached.)

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

JUSTICE REPORT:

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilman Scott to accept the monthly Justice Report.

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 Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Kwasniewski to approve the County Snow/Ice removal contract for the 2014-15 season.

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

It was noted that the town will receive a \$300 per mile increase over last year.

PLANNING:

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilman 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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the proposed changes to the Planning Board Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures.

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

CODES:

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to accept the Codes monthly report as presented.

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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman 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 Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash 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:

Nothing to report for the month.

NOCOOG:

July 2014 announcements were reviewed. Sue Martin announced the following:

- ⤴ Tug Hill Commission Strategic Plan Community Work Session
Tuesday, September 30, 6pm at the Redfield Fire Hall
- ⤴ Digital Towpath Annual Meeting and Training, Friday, September 19
at SUNYIT
- ⤴ NOCCOG Annual Meeting October 23rd at the Delta Lake Inn

ADJOURNMENT:

Before adjourning Councilwoman Kardash inquired as to why the Sherriff's department was at the town hall. Supervisor Snead stated that he filed a police report because a number of water fittings were stolen while they were temporarily stored on Supervisor Snead's property. The investigation is ongoing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by

Councilwoman Kardash 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 7:45pm
by Supervisor Snead.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Entwistle
Forestport Town Clerk