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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilman Ronald Scouten
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski
Councilman Charles Scott

MEMBERS ABSENT

Supervisor Parker Snead

Town Clerk Shelley Entwistle

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to pay Abstract #4 – Vouchers #219-308 in the amount of \$33,370.05. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scouten - yes
Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman Scott - yes

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to pay Abstract #4 – Vouchers #79-129 in the amount of \$201,975.13. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scouten - yes
Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman Scott - yes

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to accept the minutes from the March 18, 2015 Public Hearing. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scouten - yes
Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman Scott - yes

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to accept the March 18, 2015 regular town board meeting minutes. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scouten - yes
Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman Scott - yes\

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Nothing for this month.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to accept the monthly town clerk's report. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scouten - yes
Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman Scott - yes

JUSTICE REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to accept the monthly report. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scouten - yes
Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman Scott - yes

HIGHWAY:

Deputy Supervisor Kwasniewski read the resolution for the purchase of a new 2016 International Truck with Plow. Highway Superintendent Gardner stated this will be the last new truck purchase until 2020, and the truck it is replacing in the fleet has had approximately \$14,000 in repairs this year.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to approve the resolution for the purchase of the 2016 International Truck with Plow. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scouten - yes
Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman Scott - yes

Deputy Supervisor Kwasniewski read a resolution for bond approval on a 2015 International truck. Adirondack Bank of Boonville will have the bond at 2.95% for five years.

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to approve the bond resolution. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scouten - yes
Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman Scott - yes

****Please see attached resolutions.**

CODES:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to approve the monthly report. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scouten - yes
Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman Scott - yes

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:

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

Councilman Scouten - yes
Councilwoman Kardash - yes

Councilwoman Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman Scott - yes

RECREATION:

Deputy Supervisor Kwasniewski stated the board is gearing up for the summer recreation program. The town will send 50 children to Camp Nazareth again this summer for one week at no cost to parents. Discussion took place regarding eligibility requirements and the allotted budget for the program. Deputy Supervisor Kwasniewski stated the board would work out the details and be ready to take applications by the May meeting. Councilman Scott and Town Clerk Entwistle will work on the public notice that will go in the paper.

NOCCOG:

Harlan Moonan of NOCCOG introduced Jennifer Armstrong as the new circuit rider for Forestport. The announcements for April were reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

Councilwoman Kardash discussed the possibility of the board members obtaining town based email addresses hosted on the town server for the purpose of town business. This would keep personal email accounts and board business separate for the purpose of FOIL requests. The board will discuss this with Ian Joseph of TKE Systems.

Councilwoman Kardash also introduced the idea of having workshop meetings every two weeks when the board has a full agenda. The workshops would be non-voting, and for the purpose of open discussion among the board members. The board concurred.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the closure of Maple Street for "Lightning at the Lake" as well as River Street for "Old Forestport Days". Roll call vote:

Councilman Scouten - yes
Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman Scott - yes

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to approve the employee handbook as presented. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scouten - yes
Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman Scott - yes

Deputy Supervisor Kwasniewski reviewed legal language regarding family relationships in regard to abstaining from a vote. She stated she did not feel that neither she nor Councilman Scouten fell within these parameters in regard to voting on the settlement with Mark and Mary Ritter concerning repayment of Health Insurance premiums.

Deputy Supervisor Kwasniewski read the resolution regarding the payment of the Ritter claim. After the resolution was read, Mark Ritter stated for the record that the \$10,000.00 that the town is paying him is for overpayment of insurance premiums that he has paid.

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to approve the resolution. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scouten - yes
Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman Scott - yes

NEW BUSINESS – PUBLIC:

Kim Kratzenberg presented a grant application she is currently working on for a playground area for the Dutch Hill Ball field. She estimates the total cost of the project at approximately \$28,000 and feels confident that there is a funding source interested in giving Forestport the money to move forward with the project. She will keep the board apprised of the progress.

TJ Entwistle of the Planning Board asked the board if they had any preliminary questions regarding the Planning Board's request to create a three member Board of Appeals for variances. The use of the Town Board as such is unconstitutional according to the Planning Department's research. Deputy Supervisor Kwasniewski stated the Town Board would research the matter.

David Ultsch of the gallery inquired as to personal charges made by Supervisor Snead with the town credit card. Deputy Supervisor Kwasniewski stated that the matter had been reviewed and Supervisor Snead will surrender his town credit card immediately Monday morning.

Mr. Ultsch also inquired as to expenditures made by buildings and grounds for repairing a lawn trailer. He questioned the cost of repairs versus purchasing a new trailer.

Mr. Ultsch furthermore asked about the status of the Urban Tree Grant reimbursement from the DEC. The town expended approximately \$1800 and has yet to receive the grant money from the DEC. Deputy Supervisor Kwasniewski stated the reimbursement was unlikely due to several factors, but primarily due to planting trees/shrubs the DEC disapproved of after planting. This was despite DEC supervision during installation.

William Brown of the gallery stated he would like to see the board conduct the meetings in a more respectful manner. He additionally stated that the public in attendance should be respectful of the board and each other as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scouten - yes
Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman Scott - yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 by Deputy Supervisor Kwasniewski.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley T. Entwistle
Forestport Town Clerk