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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilwoman Kardash
Councilwoman Kwasniewski
Councilman Scott
Supervisor Snead
Town Clerk Entwistle

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilman Scouten

CALL TO ORDER:

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

SEALED BIDS:

Supervisor Snead opened three sealed bids for the roof restructure project at the Town Hall. The bids were as follows:

David T. Cross - \$14, 590
David Stocklosa Construction - \$10,995
Bradley Construction - \$26, 611

Supervisor Snead thanked Kim Kratzenberg for her hard work in obtaining a \$20,000 plus grant for the construction of a new playground at the Dutch Hill ballfield. He also thanked the Community Foundation for the grant and the Gilbert-Ildiko Foundation for their generous donation.

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilwoman Kwasniewski to approve Abstract #7, Vouchers # 483- 558 in the amount of \$64,713.86. Roll call vote:

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 Supervisor Snead to pay Abstract #7 – Vouchers # 204-234 in the amount of \$19,978.06. Roll call vote:

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 Councilwoman Kardash to accept the minutes from the June 17, 2015 Public Hearing regarding Subdivision Law Amendments. Roll call vote:

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 Councilwoman Kardash to accept the minutes from the June 17, 2015 Regular Town Board meeting. Roll call vote:

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. Roll call vote:

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 Councilwoman Kwasniewski to accept the monthly Justice Report. Roll call vote:

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

HIGHWAY:

Supervisor Snead reported that the resurfacing of the roads is finished and general maintenance is underway.

CODES:

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilwoman Kwasniewski to accept the Codes monthly report as presented. Roll call vote:

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:

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

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

Chief Jeff Abrial of the Otter Lake Fire Department stated that the department is experiencing difficulty in saving money to replace and maintain equipment despite their fundraising due to the high cost of safety inspections. He stated the yearly cost of the inspections is approximately \$8,000 and the department is hopeful the town can subsidize these costs.

Supervisor Snead thanked Chief Abrial for their service and stated the board will review their request during the upcoming budget season.

Secretary of the OLFD Tom Abrial also added that the department has been maintaining and insuring the playground at the old fire house for 65 years. This is an additional burden, and they would welcome any assistance. Supervisor Snead stated a grant is a possibility to improve that area.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

Discussion took place regarding the possible implementation of a dog ordinance due to the increased incidents with roaming, aggressive, and/or barking dogs within the town. Attorney Dan Shaughnessy of the gallery as well as Ted Earl have reviewed municipal dog ordinances, with Mr. Earl authoring a draft for the board's review. Discussion took place, and two public hearings were scheduled. The first will take place August 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Otter Lake Fire Hall, and the second will be August 19, 2015 at 6:15 pm at the Forestport Town Hall.

Supervisor Snead report that 26 children are attending the Camp Nazareth program this summer, and the cost to the town totaled approximately \$7800. Discussion took place regarding possible uses for the remaining \$11,500 in the youth budget.

Supervisor Snead reported that Hanson Aggregates is currently grieving their assessment in Supreme Court and Ted Earl has recommended hiring an appraiser if the case is not dismissed on July 22nd. Assessor Brown sent an email which was read in which she concurs. The initial cost will be \$2,000, and Supervisor Snead stated the board will monitor the cost as it relates to the possible financial benefit to the town.

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to retain Frank Donato as the appraiser, if needed. Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes

Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes

Councilman Charles Scott – yes

Supervisor Parker Snead –yes

Supervisor Snead stated he would like to turn off the two light poles at the Town Hall basketball court and put up a couple behind the White Lake Inn. Some discussion took place.

Councilwoman Kwasniewski introduced a quote from Griffin Electric for the installation of a light pole donated by Rick Ritter for the parking lot at the Dutch Hill ballfield. The board will review the estimate. She also asked Councilwoman Kardash to speak to Highway Superintendent Gardner about replacing several stop signs on Elmwood Road.

NEW BUSINESS (Public):

Tony Nicotera spoke on behalf of the Lighthouse Loop Association regarding the state of the Gape property on their road. They are seeking to have the serious codes issues addressed. Supervisor Snead stated the board will look into the issue immediately. Further discussion took place regarding other properties in town with chronic codes violations, and Supervisor Snead stated that the remedy process is long and often futile. The codes department and the board are trying their best and will continue to work to address these properties.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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 7:55pm by Supervisor Snead.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Entwistle
Forestport Town Clerk