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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 6:51 pm by Supervisor Snead.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilman Scouten to retire to executive session regarding a legal matter at 6:51pm. 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 returned at 7:06 pm with the following action:

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead a seconded by Councilman Scott to settle the Ray Randall lease controversy by the Town waiving past due rent and charges in exchange for Randall's immediate removal of his machinery from the leased premises, Randall's surrender of possession of the premises by August 31, 2015, Randall's waiver of his claims for damages due to a leaking roof, and Randall's waiver of his claims for costs of his improvements to the electrical system of the building on the leased premises. The town and Randall will exchange mutual releases memorializing this settlement. 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 Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Supervisor Snead to pay Abstract #8, Vouchers #559-632 in the amount of \$35,505.52. 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 Kardash and seconded by Supervisor Snead to approve a budget amendment for the general fund. 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 Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Supervisor Snead to pay Abstract #8, vouchers #235-262 in the amount of \$181,952.93. 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 Kardash and seconded by Supervisor Snead to approve a budget amendment for the highway fund. 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 Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to accept the minutes from the July 15, 2015 regular meeting. 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 Councilwoman Kwasniewski to accept the minutes from the August 12, 2015 Public Hearing. 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:

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilman Scouten to adopt the proposed local law #3 for 2015 permitting ATV operation on a portion of the Smith/Buck Lake Road. 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 Councilwoman Kwasniewski to adopt the proposed local law #4 for 2015 – dog ordinance. 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'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilwoman Kwasniewski 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

JUSTICE REPORT:

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilman 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:

Councilwoman Kardash reported the Highway Department will be auctioning old equipment at the 2015 Woodman's Field Days.

CODES:

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilman Scouten to accept the Codes 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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash 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 approve the 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

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

Supervisor Snead reported that there has been a request for streetlights in the neighborhood behind the White Lake Inn, and the board will be looking into it. Mr. And Mrs. Sbarra of Walnut Road stated that they have discussed the matter with others in the neighborhood, and many are against this idea. Supervisor Snead stated if this is the case then the town will not move forward.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilwoman Kwasniewski to approve the bid from Stocklosa Contracting to repair the rafters in the town hall. Roll call vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS- PUBLIC:

A gentleman from the gallery commented that the boat launches and town hall are looking very nice. He also stated that he would like speed limit and children at play signs put up on Irish Settlement Road. Supervisor Snead directed him to contact Highway Superintendent Bill Gardner.

Pat Holt of Elmwood Road stated her concerns regarding the intersection of Elmwood and Walnut Roads. The “cut through” area of the intersection is no longer available to the public due to the guardrails in place. Additionally, she had concerns regarding missing stop signs in the area. The board stated they will investigate the ownership of the parcel, and report back. Councilwoman Kardash also stated Bill Gardner has stop signs on order for the intersections in that area. Discussion took place.

Art Gleasman approached the board regarding a budget request for improvements to the Village Park. The former American Legion members are contributing money towards some landscaping and would like the town to bear the cost of the lawn treatments for 2016.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to approve the budget request of approximately \$750 for the lawn treatments. Roll call vote:

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

Mary Ritter inquired as to why the phone at Woodgate School has not been turned off if it isn't being used. Supervisor Snead replied that it is being left on for emergencies. She also asked the board how many children attended Camp Nazareth this summer. Supervisor Snead replied that twenty-five children went to camp.

Chief Jeff Abrial of the Otter Lake Fire Department inquired if the board had made any progress on the budget request the department made at the July meeting. Supervisor Snead stated they will address the request at budget time. Some discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Supervisor Snead and seconded by Councilman Scouten 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 8:20 pm by Supervisor Snead.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley T. Entwistle
Forestport Town Clerk