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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilman Scott
Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Rockhill
Councilman Scouten
Supervisor Entwistle

MEMBERS

Town Clerk Tracy Northrop

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35.

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Rockhill to pay Abstract #9, Vouchers #541-#590 in the amount of \$25,229.08 Roll call vote:

Councilman Scott- yes
Councilman Rockhill-yes
Councilwoman Kardash-yes
Councilman Scouten-yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Rockhill to pay Abstract #9, vouchers #232-#271 in the amount of \$70,398.95. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scott- yes
Councilman Rockhill-yes
Councilwoman Kardash-yes
Councilman Scouten-yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

PLANNING BOARD ESCROW:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Rockhill to pay Abstract #9, vouchers #12-#14 in the amount of \$1,000.00. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scott- yes
Councilman Rockhill-yes
Councilwoman Kardash-yes
Councilman Scouten-yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to accept the minutes from the

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Councilman Scott- yes
Councilman Rockhill-yes
Councilman Scouten-yes
Councilwoman Kardash-yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

- The Town Clerk has spoken with the DCO about dog licensing rates. Supervisor Entwistle stated the rates in Forestport are low compared to surrounding areas. He asked the Board to think about raising the rates as they would become effective in 2018.

JUSTICE REPORT:

HIGHWAY:

- Bill Gardner met with Donald Davis at the DPW and they are in the works of repairing the Horton Road Bridge. It's an estimated 1 million dollar project. The town will be responsible for \$10-\$40,000 but CHIPS money can be used towards that.

PLANNING REPORT:

- Bonnie, the Planning board Secretary will be changing her office hours. Fall and Winter hours will be October 1-March 31: Tues/Thurs 9-2 and Spring and Summer hours will be April 1-September 30 Tues/Fri 9-2

CODES:

- Lance is almost completely certified. As of today, he has taken in \$5,000 in permit fees. He has completed over 98 building permits and almost 20 septic permits this year.

ASSESSOR:

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Rockhill to approve the reports as a whole. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scott- yes
Councilwoman Kardash-yes
Councilman Rockhill-yes
Councilman Scouten-yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

NOCCOG:

- Chris Anderson will be the guest speaker at the NOCCOG annual meeting and dinner at the Delta Lake Inn. This will take place September 28, 2017 at 6:30pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded by Councilman Scouten to retire to executive session at 6:45pm regarding a personnel matter.

Councilman Scott- yes
Councilman Rockhill-yes
Councilwoman Kardash-yes
Councilman Scouten-yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

The Board returned from executive session at 6:55 with no action taken.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

- Supervisor Entwistle attended the Superstorm Stella reimbursement meeting kickoff. They are reimbursing benefits for those days worked.
- Direct Deposit was discussed. Supervisor Entwistle suggested Dawn contact her accounting company to see if they have the compatibility to do direct deposit.

- Supervisor Entwistle read Justin Wilcox's letter for reappointment.

A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded by Councilman Scouten to reappoint Justin Wilcox to the Board of Assessment review. Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Scott- yes
 Councilman Rockhill-yes
 Councilwoman Kardash-abstain
 Councilman Scouten-yes
 Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- Supervisor Entwistle stated the gold plan is currently 664.18 and will rise to 720.28 in 2018, Platinum II is at 772.73 and will be at 843.49 in 2018. He is waiting on the numbers for MVP. Once he has the numbers from MVP, he is going to find out if they can offer both insurances.
- The Ambulance district was tabled until another meeting. Supervisor Entwistle has another meeting with the other Supervisors shortly. He should have more information by October.
- Supervisor Entwistle explained the Governor's budget plan with the shared services initiative. It is a mandate to counties to consolidate services. They met on the 12th and it was approved with only two nay's.
- Urban Tree grant: \$3100 has been reimbursed to the Town. Supervisor Entwistle thanks Jennifer Piper for all her hard work and stated she is an excellent grant writer.
- Supervisor Entwistle brought up double taxation and was in touch with someone at the state level and he was reassured they are following the outline of assessment and the Town will continue to do so. It was stated that a disagreement within a deed or covenant is a civil matter not in the jurisdiction of the Town. He answered questions regarding revaluation rates. Someone from the gallery wanted to let the Board know, Town of Forestport Taxes are one of the lowest and Webb School district has the lowest in NYS.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

- The Tentative budget has been completed.
- Budget workshops will be October 3rd and October 4th at 6:30pm. General, water and sewer will be discussed the 3rd and Fire and Highway the 4th.
- Tech support: The Town is currently exploring other options.
- Supervisor Entwistle read a note from the Strain family thanking the Town for paying for the children to go to Camp Nazareth this year.

OLD BUSINESS PUBLIC:

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

- A woman from the gallery asked why there's a classification of resident and seasonal taxpayers. Supervisor Entwistle reassured her they are a part of the town.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Councilman Scott- yes
Councilman Rockhill-yes
Councilwoman Kardash-yes
Councilman Scouten-yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Northrop
Forestport Town Clerk