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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Scott
Councilman Rockhill
Supervisor Entwistle

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilman Scouten

Tracy Northrop, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:34.

GUEST SPEAKER:

- Kevin Revere, the 911 Oneida County Coordinator came to the meeting to discuss Ambulance Services. They are looking into having an Oneida County radio in the Old Forge Fire Hall. There may be a possible installation of Oneida County EMS equipment on McCauley Mountain to receive Oneida County signal in the Old Forge area. Town of Forestport is permissive to two certificate of needs, StaR Ambulance and Old Forge. Councilman Rockhill asked if another Ambulance could come to Forestport. Only those Ambulances with a Certificate of Need can.
- Arthur Gleasman, stated Boonville used to have a Certificate of Need for Forestport. To make a new application for a Certificate of Need it is approximately \$6,000.
- Dan, the Former Old Forge Fire Commissioner stated it is rare they do not have a driver for the Old Forge Ambulance. There is always an EMT available and it is approximately \$450,000-\$500,000 to start an Ambulance. He stated Old Forge Ambulance attended the following for the Town of Forestport:
 - 2016: 34 transfers, 2 refusals and 6 calls cancelled
 - 2017: 37 transfers, 2 refusals and 3 calls cancelled
 - 2018: 23 transfers and 2 calls cancelled
- Supervisor Entwistle stated there has been zero discussion in starting an Ambulance Service.
- Lance Hoffert asked how many ambulances StaR Ambulance has. The representative from StaR ambulance stated they have 2 ambulances. The first one is full time, 24/7 with a fully equipped paid crew. The second ambulance has a crew of volunteers, usually a driver and an EMT.

- Discussion took place regarding radios. AT&T will be giving out free radio's shortly. It will cost \$40/month.

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to pay Abstract #1, Vouchers #1-#53 in the amount of \$56,271.22. Roll call vote:

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

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to pay Abstract #1, vouchers #1-#16 in the amount of \$47,586.04. Roll call vote:

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

PLANNING BOARD ESCROW:

A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded by Councilman Scott to pay Abstract #1, vouchers #1-#3 in the amount of \$100.00. Roll Call Vote:

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

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to accept the minutes from the:

Regular Town Board Meeting- December 19, 2018
Public Hearing: Variance Hearing-James Lauducci- December 19, 2018
Public Hearing: Fee Structure regarding Subdivision Fees- December 19, 2018
Year End Meeting: December 27, 2018
Organizational Meeting: January 3, 2019

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

- Councilman Rockhill abstained from the Organizational Meeting and the Year End Meeting.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

JUSTICE REPORT:

HIGHWAY:

PLANNING REPORT:

CODES:

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:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Rockhill-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

NOCCOG:

- There are Winter Webinars for the ZBA. Mr. Healt discussed the Main Street Grant and the Sexual Harassment Seminars.
- The 2019 Local Government conference will be held March 28th.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

- Building Permits on Minimum Maintenance Roads: Supervisor Entwistle stated as more people are looking to get off the grid, the Town has to look at year round residences on Minimum Maintenance Roads. Supervisor Entwistle read the sample Local Law. It includes definitions. Danielle, from the gallery asked if it is going to affect them getting insurances. Supervisor Entwistle suggested he would look into this. Minimum maintenance is more strict, seasonal roads just means they are not plowed. There are a couple items that have to be done before they can actually be Minimum Maintenance Roads. The Town Board has to hold a Public Hearing, standards adopted, Public Hearing advertised and property owners contacted 45 days prior to Public Hearing, findings sent to school boards, Department of Environmental Conservation. After that, 120 days later they become minimum maintenance roads. They already are treated as minimum maintenance roads, but the Town should have this in writing. Copies will be

available in the Town Clerk's office for the public.

- James Lauducci provided a detailed response with concerns he had regarding the Variance Hearing from last month.

A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded by Councilman Scott to Table the Lauducci hearing until next month. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Rockhill-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- Firefighter Cancer Benefit: Chuck Stevens, the Fire Chief for Forestport Fire Department approached the Town in help paying for the cancer benefit.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and Councilman Rockhill to pay \$2100 for half the Cancer Benefit Payment for all three Fire Departments. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Rockhill-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- Youth Ski Trip: 13 kids were able to ski for the first time at McCauley Mountain. Supervisor Entwistle thanked the Town Clerk, Tyler Terry and Laura Wawarzniak for helping out. Councilman Rockhill thanked Supervisor Entwistle for all his help in this. There is another trip scheduled for February 16th. There are 10 spots left.
- Sexual Harassment Training: Everyone that works for the Town has been trained on sexual harassment. Copies of the Town of Forestport Sexual Harassment Policy as well as complaint forms are available in the Town clerk's office.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

- Bear Creek Lodge: It has been brought to the attention of Supervisor Entwistle Hemlock Road and Deer Hollow Road in Bear Creek Lodge are private roads and are being plowed by the Town. If the residents brought the roads up to specs with their cost, the Town could take them over if they Highways Superintendent and the Town Board were willing to do so. The other option is the residents plow and maintain the roads themselves.

Supervisor Entwistle feels the Town could take them over. The Buckhorn neighborhood, Kayuta Terrace and Forest Street were taken care of in the Fall. All the residents were excellent and they thanked the Board for trying everything to help them out. The deeds researched for the Bear Creek Lodge homes are ambiguous, there's reference to Bear Creek Lodge Inc. owning the roads, and references to the owners owning the roads. Speaking with surveyors, they feel the Association owns the roads. The Board is

going to continue doing their research and informational meetings will be held.

- Nancy Youngberg from the Wigwam has collected coats and snow pants for the Public. They will be there until Friday. After that, the rescue mission will be coming to take what is left.

OLD BUSINESS PUBLIC:

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

- Lance Hoffert asked if the Town of Forestport would have to pay \$120,000 to StaR ambulance. Supervisor Entwistle has the preliminary numbers as of last Fall, but not an updated one. On their tax bill, there is an additional line for Ambulance services. There is a possibility down the road the Town Of Forestport can do something similar.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Northrop
Forestport Town Clerk