

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OTTER LAKE FIRE HALL  
June 19, 2019 @ 6:30 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilwoman Kardash  
Councilman Scouten  
Councilman Scott  
Supervisor Entwistle

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilman Rockhill

Bonnie LeBuis, Deputy Town Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to enter into executive session regarding Personnel matters. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:54 with no action taken.

**ABSTRACTS**

**GENERAL:**

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to pay Abstract #6, Vouchers #300-#370 in the amount of \$26,156.78. Roll call vote:

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

**HIGHWAY:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to pay Abstract #6, vouchers #184-#206 in the amount of \$22,140.98. Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes  
Councilman Scott-yes  
Councilman Scouten-yes  
Councilman Rockhill-Absent  
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- May 15, 2019      Roll Call Vote:  
Councilwoman Kardash-yes  
Councilman Scott-yes  
Councilman Scouten- abstain  
Councilman Rockhill-absent  
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:**

**JUSTICE REPORT:**

**PLANNING REPORT:**

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT:**

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the reports as a whole except the Code Enforcement did not put one in and it is not acceptable. Roll call vote:

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

- The Town Justice and Justice Clerk are attending Continuing Education.
- A Senior that attended the Senior Recreation Trip commended the Town of Forestport for a successful trip.

## **NOCCOG:**

- NOCCOG: Productive Protect Farmland: Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>. He will let Supervisor Entwistle know when they are having the next one.
- Tomorrow night in Trenton: Amish 6-8. Lance, the Code Enforcement officer is attending.
- October 26th is the NOCCOG Dinner.

## **OLD BUSINESS BOARD:**

- Bear Creek Lodge Roads: Deer Hollow Road and Hemlock Road. Supervisor Entwistle has been invited to attend their meeting on Saturday at 7pm. They have given the Bear Creek Lodge membership all the information they needed. Bill Gardner estimates it will cost \$20,000-\$25,000 and it would take place next year if they decided to have the Town taken them over.
- Buckhorn Roads paperwork is nearly completed. The Highway Department has started rolling, taken trees down and the roads will be rolled this year. Mr. Candido stated it is great to be able to drive down their roads with golf carts and vehicles.
- DelMedico Property: The Town has been trying to bring the property up to codes or get it demolished. The Supervisor was finally able to get a hold of somebody and the Board has decided to have the property transferred in the Town's name for \$1.00. The Town will be responsible for back taxes owed. Supervisor Entwistle Spoke with Mrs. DelMedico and they have a meeting at 10am at the Town Hall Friday.
  - The Demolition is going through regardless if they hand the property over to the Town or not.
- The Town is switching payroll services from ADP to Adirondack Bank. July 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the first check to go through.
- STEM Program: Erin Burns has written the program and cleaned the Woodgate School up. Councilwoman Kardash asked if the numbers for the program drop, is the Board going to consider dropping the Program. Adirondack School has sent applications for the Boonville Summer Recreation home with the children in Forestport. Supervisor Entwistle said the Town might have 11 or 12 kids signed up. They will have one Teacher and one Assistant and will continue with the Program for the children signed up.
- Old Forestport Days: The Town in conjunction with Jeanne Wolcott are running a Contest this year for Old Forestport Days next year. They are designing a logo and currently have two entries.
  - As a fundraiser, they are looking for photography pictures from around Town.

## **NEW BUSINESS BOARD:**

- Sealed Bids for 12216 Woodhull Road: Supervisor Entwistle opened the sealed bid envelope. There was one bid for the Demolition of 12216 Woodhull Road.
  - Willie Van & Son's Excavating, LLC. "Demolition and Excavation of all structures on site, removing debris to a licensed landfill, and filling excavations in accordance with all New York State and Local Codes".  
Total Bid amount: \$11,860.00

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to accept the sealed bid from Willie Van & Son Excavating, LLC for \$11,860.00. Roll Call Vote:

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

- Supervisor Entwistle stated he would like to see the property gone by the end of July.
- 2018 Audit for the Town Clerk and the Tax Collector. Supervisor Entwistle stated he had a hard time finding someone to Audit the books. The Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Justice were done a couple months ago. Wanda Edwards has agreed to do the books on a regular basis.
- Mulch Delivery for the Dutch Hill Playground: Maximum cost of \$500.

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to approve the mulch delivery for Dutch Hill. Roll Call Vote:

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

- Insurance Risk Review: Councilwoman Kardash escorted the Insurance agent around. A major problem is the playground at the Town Hall. The Town needs to replace the swings or get rid of the swing set and get rid of the teeter totter. Supervisor Entwistle stated he'll have Jim and Ted to get rid of the teeter totter and replace the swings on the swing set. They received the quote from the Insurance Company for approximately \$31,000. It has gone down \$1,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the Insurance Quote. Roll Call Vote:

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

- Budget Transfers: Supervisor stated for the record, he should've done the transfers before he approved the Abstracts.

TO: Town of Forestport Town Board Members  
FROM: Dawn Campbell  
FUND: Sewer  
SUBJECT: Budget Amendment

**Transfer to cover overdraft in Administration CE**

Entries:  
Transfer from 81304.09 Treatmt/Disposal CE \$107.95  
to 81104.09 Administration CE \$107.95

**Transfer to cover overdraft in Sanitary Sewers EQ**

Entries:  
Transfer from 81202.09 Sanitary Sewers EQ \$362.71  
to 81304.09 Treatmt/Disposal CE \$362.71

Done 6/18/19

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A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to approve the Sewer Budget Transfer. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes  
Councilman Scott-yes  
Councilman Scouten-yes  
Councilman Rockhill-absent

## Supervisor Entwistle-yes

### **NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:**

- Jeanne VanValkenburg discussed the Solar Power. Supervisor Entwistle stated the only thing the Town has done regarding Solar Panels is a Local Law on taxing Solar Farms. She commended the Town on the work they did on Moose River Road.
- Forestport Fire Department will be doing their steel drive in conjunction with the Town Dump Day.
- Supervisor Entwistle stated he was present at the Planning Board meeting last week and spoke with Dave Vandewater. He initially contacted Supervisor Entwistle to see if they could use the driveway to the Pierce property well so they could show the property. At the Planning Board meeting, what they were really after is to permanently use the fee road as an access road for one of these lots. He stated he doesn't have an issue with it. Supervisor Entwistle read a letter aloud from Andrew Bailey, the Surveyor stating the deed restrictions. The letter is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Supervisor Entwistle stated he would like to see in there the Town has no responsibility in plowing it. He tried getting a hold of the Attorney, Bill Riley and wasn't able to. Councilman Scouten said his concern would be the Fire Department getting there. Supervisor Entwistle said the owner would responsible for plowing all the way to River Street. Councilwoman Kardash stated this is still a Planning Board decision and the Town is trying to get out of the road business and she isn't sold on the idea. Supervisor Entwistle stated the Town Board needs to grant permission for them to go off the Town's fee Road. If the person who buys this ends up selling, the lot needs to be deeded forever to the next person. Arthur Gleasman, from the Gallery stated it is an illegitimate lot.. Jeanne VanValkenburg asked how big the lot is. It was answered 41.43 acres.

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to conditionally approve pending Attorney, Bill Riley's recommendations. Roll Call Vote:

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Councilman Rockhill-absent

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Northrop  
Forestport Town Clerk