

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FORESTPORT TOWN HALL
February 19, 2020 @ 6:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilman Scouten
Councilwoman Kardash

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilman Scott

Councilwoman Abrial
Supervisor Entwistle

Bonnie LeBuis, Deputy Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 PM

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to pay Abstract #2, Vouchers #48- #144 in the amount of \$61,091.82.

Roll call vote:

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

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to pay Abstract #2, vouchers #30- #55 in the amount of \$20,406.85.

Roll call vote:

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

FIRE:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to pay:

Woodgate Fire - Abstract #2, Voucher #1 in the amount of \$62,685.00.

Forestport Fire – Abstract #2, Voucher #1 in the amount of \$76,145.00.

Otter Lake Fire- Abstract #2, Voucher #1 in the amount of \$61,304.00.

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash - yes

Councilman Scott-absent

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - abstain

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

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

Regular Town Board Meeting- January 15, 2020

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash- yes

Councilman Scott-absent

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

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 Councilwoman Abrial to approve the reports as a whole.

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-absent

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

NOCCOG:

John reminded the board of the upcoming Local Government Day on March 26, 2020 and also of some NYS 2020 Webinar classes that are available.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

- **Solar Moratorium:** A Public Hearing was held at 6:15 this evening to review and approve a local law for the moratorium.

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to approve the Solar Moratorium Local Law.

Roll call vote:

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

- **Bear Creek Lodge Roads:** The releases were sent to the Bear Creek Trustees to be delivered to the homeowners for signatures. Supervisor Entwistle has reached out to President Terry for a possible one time notary session, at the lodge, to help those finding it difficult to get the letters notarized.
- **Sale of Town Hall:** Buyers have completed their final walk through and paperwork is at their attorney. They are, at this point waiting on the title insurance. Closing should be forthcoming.
- **Alternative Heat Source for Hwy Offices:** Jen Piper is currently researching a grant for a new alternative more efficient heat source for the highway dept. offices.
- **Sale/Purchase of trucks for highway/bldg & grounds:** The town did purchase the 2016 Ford truck from the Town of Trenton for the Bldgs & Grounds Dept. the old truck is being auction off through sealed bids, minimum bid starting at \$2000. Sealed bids are being accepted through 2:00 PM, March 18, 2020, next month's board meeting. They can be dropped off at the town offices.
- **Site Review Law Changes– Signs:** The Planning Board and Town Board felt current wording of the law is not a good fit for the town as it is written now and held a workshop, February 12th, with members from both boards to try and amend the law. The goal is to have something drafted soon to send to the town board for their review.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

- **Summer STEM Program:** Once again this year the town will participate in the summer program, headed up by Erin Burns. Ideas for this year, include the possibility of using the new town hall as this year's location. We have the space

available and also includes the playground. There is also a Drone Camp program that can be checked out.

- **Camp Nazareth:** The town will again offer the opportunity for 15 kids, ages 8-16, to attend the Camp free of charge. This opportunity is only for the residents of Forestport. The first 15 that apply will be allowed, no exceptions. The applications will be available in the Town Clerk's office beginning March 3, 2020 and must be returned by May 1st.
- **Climate Smart Initiative:** This is a program set up by New York State, referred to our town by our grant writer, Jen Piper. It is basically a group of municipalities, who agree to actively try to reduce and fight climate change. By joining, it offers up the opportunity to add points to our chances for grant approvals. The Resolution was read by Supervisor Entwistle.

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to accept and adopt the pledge. The Resolution will be signed and filed with the state.

Roll call vote:

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

- **12216 Woodhull Road:** As this is now a vacant lot that now belongs to the town, the Supervisor, suggested turning this into a park of some sort, for a more pleasant option to a vacant lot. We will check into possible grant money available for such improvements. Any ideas from the public on this project would be welcome.
- **OLFD request – Cancer Insurance:** Once again a request was made by the Otter Lake FD for our help in off setting the cost of cancer insurance, that is now required for them to have. Jim Carroll submitted the bill for \$2068.00 and a motion was made to reimburse them for half, \$1034.

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to approve the request.

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes
Councilman Scott-absent
Councilman Scouten- yes
Councilwoman Abrial - abstain
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

- Ron Davies from the Trakside Trailblazers Club addressed the ongoing issue of the grooming of the trails and the highway departments need to plow the roads, adjacent to the trails. A discussion took place with members of both the parties and suggestions were offered to try and resolve the problem, in the off season, so it can be a better situation next winter.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Scott to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-absent

Councilman Scouten-yes

Councilwoman Abrial- yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie LeBuis
Forestport Deputy Town Clerk