

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FORESTPORT TOWN HALL  
June 17, 2020 @ 6:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilman Scouten  
Councilwoman Kardash  
Councilman Scott  
Councilwoman Abrial  
Supervisor Entwistle

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tracy Terry, Town Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 PM

**ABSTRACTS:**

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the following General Budget Amendments:

Transfer to Cover Overdraft in Town Board CE

Transfer from: 19904.01 Contingency \$125.00

To: 10104.01 Town Board CE \$125.00

Transfer to Cover Overdraft in Buildings EQ

Transfer From: 19904.01 Contingency \$28,250.00

To: 16202.01 Building EQ \$28,250.00

- Purchase of Bldg. & Grds Truck

Transfer to Cover error on Budget for Town Clerk PS

Transfer From: 14101.01 Town Clerk PS \$3,000.00

To: 14104.01 Town Clerk CE \$3,000.00

- For Bonnie LeBuis to cover Town Clerk Job during Tracy's Maternity Leave

Roll Call Vote:

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

**GENERAL:**

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to pay Abstract #6, Vouchers #335- #385 in the amount of \$39,328.44.

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes  
Councilman Scott- yes  
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 #6, vouchers #130- #164 in the amount of \$37,493.61

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash - yes  
Councilman Scott-yes  
Councilman Scouten- yes  
Councilwoman Abrial - yes  
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- May 20, 2020

Roll Call Vote:

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

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:**

**CODES REPORT:**

The new cell number for the Code Enforcement Officer is 315-795-0358.

**JUSTICE REPORT:**

The Court is still closed. The Court Clerk is available by phone at 315-392-2801

ext. 5. If you leave a message, Sherry will return your call. Supervisor Entwistle will be getting in touch with Tony regarding when the Court will be reopening.

**PLANNING REPORT:**

The Planning Board meetings are back to regular meetings with limited attendance with CDC Guidelines.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** Board of Assessment Review held Grievance Day on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Determinations have been mailed. Supervisor Entwistle thanked David Sweeney, Mona Lincoln. Justin Wilcox and Tonya Brown.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT:**

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to approve the reports except for Codes.

Roll call vote:

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

- Councilwoman Kardash stated this is the second month with no report and it is unacceptable. She stated something needs to be done.

**NOCCOG:** John from NOCCOG stated there is a webinar available on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm for enhancing transparency.

**OLD BUSINESS BOARD:**

- **Site review Law Changes:** There is a draft fee schedule and a new sign regulation section to the Site Review Law that has been drafted. The Planning Board is currently reviewing changes to the Site review Law regarding RV's. Maybe by July all the drafts will be done.
- **Covid Status:**
  - **Reopening the Town Hall-** The Town Hall is currently open by appointment. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9-2 Tracy the Town Clerk is here. Please sign in with your name, date and phone number. Anything that can be mailed, the Town is asking to continue mailing.
  - **Sales tax-** Last month all non-essential spending was canceled. There will be no dump day, Summer recreation or Senior recreation. Old Forestport days is not sponsored by the town but the fireworks the Town sponsors, is canceled. The sales tax checks come quarterly. Since everything is shut down, the sales tax is lower.

- **StaR Ambulance:** STaR Ambulance is currently collecting a fee by the taxpayers of all three towns. They had to scale back their paid paramedic and driver. The fear is that if the trend continues, the lower 2/3's of Forestport can lose their ambulance service. The Town would like to start opening a discussion of joining the other three towns with a line on the taxes. According to the state, the fee must be assessed by anthurium, based on your assessment not a set fee. Councilwoman Kardash was talking to Tonya and she said the Town could do a unit and everyone would pay the same amount. If there is a District, it becomes like a Fire District and an independent board must be elected. Supervisor Entwistle stated he would like to take the time over the next 4-6 months to get plenty of public input. In the event the Ambulance service goes bankrupt, it goes to Kunkel or Edwards and they could deny the call. Arthur Gleasman from the Gallery asked if this would affect the 2% tax cap. There is a way to do this where it doesn't affect the tax cap.
- **Apex Solar Updates-** Carmen provided an up to date plot map since. The open House in February, there has been a lot of changes. There must be individual escrow agreements with the Town. She stated it would benefit the Town this way. There is a delay because everything was shut down.
- **Horton Road Bridge-** Completion date is set for mid-August.
- **Primary Election:** Set for Next Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Town Hall in the gym.
- **Requests for Meetings on zoom:** The Town does not have the technology to continue using zoom for the Town Board Meetings.
- **Abandoned Trailer:** The State troopers are aware of the abandoned Trailer on Horton Road (the Kincaid end) and are investigating to see if they can find the rightful owners. If anyone has any information, they can contact Supervisor Entwistle or call the trooper barracks in Remsen and speak with Beth Lanphere.

#### **NEW BUSINESS BOARD:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:**

- Arthur Gleasman, from the Gallery asked where the Town put a crosswalk. Supervisor Entwistle said there is already a DOT crosswalk sign in White Lake and the Lake Associations has been petitioning the DOT for a button so it will flash but the DOT cannot do business with the Association. If the Town buys the equipment, the DOT can put it up and the Association can reimburse the Town for the cost of the equipment.
- A gentleman from the public asked if the Town had a dedicated police force. It was answered no. He asked about ATV riding on the roads. Supervisor Entwistle stated there are no Town laws allowing ATV's on Town Roads. If there is a problem, the police can be called.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to enter executive session. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Board returned at 7:35pm with no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote:

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry  
Forestport Town Clerk