

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OTTER LAKE FIRE HALL
July 15, 2020 @ 6:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilman Scouten
Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Scott
Councilwoman Abrial
Supervisor Entwistle

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tracy Terry, Town Clerk

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Joe Rowlands, Town of Steuben Supervisor
Joe Smith, Town of Trenton Supervisor
Brian Healey, StaR Ambulance

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM

ABSTRACTS:

STaR Ambulance:

- Mr. Healey stated discussions with the Towns regarding StaR Ambulance was started 4 years ago. Three years ago, they entered into agreements with the Town of Steuben, Town of Trenton and the Town of Remsen providing services. He discussed the financial difficulties and what StaR Ambulance needs are as far as equipment. From 6am-10pm there are paid staff and from 10pm-6am StaR Ambulance uses Volunteers from the local community. Mr. Smith stated they cannot make it without the Public's support. If the town of Forestport added a tax line item for Ambulance services to their Town and County Tax bill, it works out to about \$20-\$30 a year per household. Dave, from the Gallery stated not every home is worth \$50,000-\$75,000. Supervisor Entwistle stated Tonya Brown, the Assessor estimated it would be approximately \$25/year for the median home value of \$85,000 in the Town of Forestport. If your home value is less than that, the yearly amount would be less. The state is requiring it to be Ad Valorem, so it is based off your home value. The Town Board is in the early stages and they will be having Public Meetings dealing with this topic. Supervisor Entwistle is asking Tonya to get all the numbers for each home. Dave asked if it was going up for a Public vote. Supervisor Entwistle stated on the record, the goal of the Board is to

concentrate heavily on the public input. Councilwoman Kardash stated it should go out to Permissive Referendum so the people can decide because not everyone has the extra money and they should have a vote.

- It was stated the Town of Forestport is getting the services, but not paying their fair share. The Town pays \$14,875.00 a year for StaR Ambulance Services. The money isn't just to keep StaR Ambulance afloat, but to hopefully have a little extra to build it up and not have to worry. Town of Forestport has more parcels than the other three Towns and that is the reason Town of Forestport would be paying more. Because the Town contracts with Old Forge and StaR, the money will go to both Departments. When someone calls and has Medicare/ Medicaid, those insurances pay very little. If someone does not have insurance, they bill the user. Every ALS run for any ambulance is \$1400-\$1600. Medicaid reimburses an average of \$300-\$400. Regardless of what insurance they have they have to take the call. Every town has a representative on the StaR Ambulance and the representatives can go back to the Town Boards regarding issues. Dave, from the gallery is asking why the Town would give more money, if it is not needed. Should we be looking at what we need to pay and not over that because the budget is done yearly. Supervisor Entwistle doesn't want to start low and raise it every year, but start out reasonably, but the numbers aren't set. Mr. Healey feels having a representative from each Town works very well. Gerry, from the Gallery gave an example of Ambulance Services shutting down. Supervisor Entwistle said both ambulance services do a great job.

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to pay Abstract #7, Vouchers #386- #424 in the amount of \$50,910.32

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes

Councilman Scott- yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- NYMIR Insurance is included in this for a little over \$35,000. Trident put a bid in and NYMIR Insurance is offering a dividend, giving the Town a check for around \$2,000.

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to pay Abstract #7, vouchers #165- #186 in the amount of \$27,034.32.

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 Councilman Scott to accept the minutes from the:

Regular Town Board Meeting- June 17, 2020

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash- yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

JUSTICE REPORT:

PLANNING REPORT: There are some draft amendments regarding the fee structure, signs and frontage requirements.

A motion as made by to Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to schedule a Public Hearing regarding the amendments for the Site Review Law on August 19th at 6:15pm.

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- Supervisor Entwistle thanked the Planning Board for all the work they put into making the amendments. He also thanked Councilwoman Abrial for working with the Planning Board as a Liaison.

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to approve the reports as a whole.

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

NOCCOG: N/A

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

- **Apex Solar Updates:** Dave Stocklosa, the Boonville Supervisor reached out to Supervisor Entwistle regarding having a joint meeting between the Town Boards and the Planning Boards. He will contact Mr. Stocklosa to set something up. Laura, the Attorney for Apex Solar stated there was money for the Town of Boonville and the Town of Forestport to use towards Attorneys and experts, but the State has changed the process and there is no more money for the Town. Apex Solar has set money aside in their budget for this purpose and they are willing to give \$35,000 to Boonville and \$35,000 to Forestport for a reimbursement Agreement. The reimbursement agreement has been sent to Supervisor Entwistle and he will send it to Mr. Riley, the Town Attorney. Once a formal application goes in, more money will be available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to enter executive session regarding a Personnel Matter.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:35pm with action taken.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to terminate Lance Hoffert; the Code Enforcement officer effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- Supervisor Entwistle has assumed the role of the Code Enforcement Officer temporarily. Anyone that needs a building permit, inspection, Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion will need to contact Supervisor

Entwistle. He does not have the authority to issue summons orders, violation orders or order to remedies. If you have complaints, please submit them and the Town will have to see about completing them as the supervisor cannot complete that aspect of the Code Enforcement job. There are complaint forms on the website. For the record, as Town Supervisor it is legal for him to be paid as acting Code Enforcement Officer, but he will not be getting paid. Dave, from the Gallery stated he would be willing to help Supervisor Entwistle if he needs it. According to the Justice report, nothing complaint related has been submitted by the Codes Office in several months. Complaint forms may need to be filled out again. The Board is going to take a look at the parameters of the job over the next several months. Supervisor Entwistle feels the job is more than a 20/ hour week job. The Codes Department requires a certain attitude, along with organization and to be computer savvy. The Board is investigating several scenarios for next year in January, whether lengthening the hours in combination or alone with an added part time Deputy or a combination with some extra time for the Planning clerk or another Clerk.

- Request to discuss the 40mph speed limit from the Southern end of Otter Lake to McKeever Bridge. The resident who brought this to the Boards' attention spoke with a Gentleman from the DOT traffic control and he stated the Town Board needed to pass a Resolution. The Town of Webb had their Town Board meeting last night and they agreed to pass a Resolution regarding this next month.
- Tom, from the Gallery asked if the Board could address the passing zone going from 40mph to 55mph in Otter Lake. North Lake Road was brought up as well.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

- Anna, from the Gallery asked if there was an ordinance regarding dogs in parks. There is an issue with folks walking their dogs in the park at the Town Hall and the Ball Field in Forestport. Mr. Webster will be making signs for the Town Hall and the Ball Field. There is a leash Law. She believes the concession stand may be a hangout for teenagers. Supervisor Entwistle said he will change the locks. Councilwoman Kardash asked if the locks at the Carbone Well Property were ever changed. She asked Jim Pelnio to change them as well.
- Gerry, from the Gallery brought up the Intersection near Bardwell Mills Road, the sign is crinkled. Supervisor Entwistle stated he will contact the County DPW regarding this matter.
- Sharee, from the gallery stated she has a shed issue. She paid for a Survey and nothing was done. Supervisor Entwistle said he will make a site visit and will speak to the gentleman as the shed not being 10 feet from property line, the town can address. Regarding the footage from the water, Sharee will have to contact the Canal Authority. There are three choices if the shed is not ten feet from the

property line: 1. Move the shed 2. Request a variance from the Town Board 3. End up with a ticket at some point. Supervisor Entwistle will be speaking with the Town attorney to see what he can do. Mr. Rowlands, the Town of Steuben Supervisor is a certified codes Officer, maybe he can help on a voucher basis to handle that portion of the job. Supervisor Entwistle will print her email as a complaint form.

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 7:41 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry
Forestport Town Clerk