

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WOODGATE FIRE HALL
September 16, 2020 @ 6:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Scott
Councilwoman Abrial
Councilman Scouten
Supervisor Entwistle

Tracy Terry, Town Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to enter into Executive Session regarding legal matters.

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 7:04 with no action taken

ABSTRACTS:

A motion was made to approve the following Budget Amendment:

Roll Call Vote:

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

TO: Town of Forestport Town Board Members
FROM: Dawn Campbell

FUND: **General**

SUBJECT: Budget Amendment

Transfer to cover overdraft in Central Communication CE

Entries:

Transfer	from	16502.01 Central Communications EQ	\$1,700.01
		19904.01 Contingency	\$3,804.20
	to	16504.01 Central Communications CE	\$5,504.21

Done 9/16/20

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to pay Abstract #9, Vouchers #482- #529 in the amount of \$21,896.60

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 #9, vouchers #210- #238 in the amount of \$32,763.03.

Roll call vote:

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

PLANNING BOARD ESCROW: A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Scott to pay Abstract #9, Vouchers # 3-#6 in the amount of \$1,200.00.

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:

Public Meeting Minutes regarding Ambulance Services- August 13, 2020
Town Board Meeting Minutes- August 19, 2020
Town Board Public Hearing regarding SRL Changes – August 19, 2020
Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes- August 31, 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:

CODES REPORT:

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Abrial and seconded by Councilman Scouten 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:

- September 29, 7pm -9 pm- Zoning Workshop in Lowville and also available via Zoom.
- October 1 from 7pm-9pm- ZBA Basics Workshop is being held in Carthage and is also live via Zoom.
- Syracuse University Finance is holding a Workshop on September 22nd . It is a Flood Insurance Webinar
- 2020 Virtual Watershed Conference.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

- **Horton Road Bridge:** Supervisor Entwistle spoke with the Engineer and they are slated to be finished for the end of the month.
- **Code Enforcement Officer:** Applications are being taken until the first of November. The individual has to be highly organized, computer savvy, construction background, can work flexible hours. They are not interested in anyone that has a full time job. It was asked if it had to be Civil Service and it was answered no, because they are Part Time.
- **Site Review Law Changes:** There were changes to the signage and the fee structure. There is a waiting period once it is filed with the State.
- **Bear Creek Lodge Roads:** The Board is very close to passing the Resolution. The Town is in the process of taking over the three roads in Bear Creek Lodge Roads. Deed releases were required and out of 39 members, they are down to one

member. This should be taken care of next month.

- **Budget Season:** The Budget Workshops are being held on September 28th and October 5th both at 6:30 at the Forestport Town Hall. September 28th will be the General, Water and Sewer and October 5th will be the Highway and the Fire Budget. Supervisor Entwistle highly encourages the public to attend.
- **Ambulance:** The Town is considering adding a tax line to the tax bill to fund the Ambulances further than they are funded now. There would be two separate line items for the Ambulance and the Fire. Councilwoman Kardash stated she would like to lower the amount a little more to fund the Fire Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Scott to move forward and put a tax line item on the Forestport Tax bills to fund Old Forge Ambulance and StaR Ambulance.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- Supervisor Entwistle stated, in 2011 Governor Cuomo enacted the 2% Property Tax cap. Since then, the Town of Forestport has stayed within that. The Town of Forestport cannot continue for 2021. With the idea of adding an ambulance line, they would be breaking the tax cap anyway. The Boards has discussed this briefly at a workshop a couple weeks ago and they all feel like they have to find a way to increase funding to the fire departments and everything continues to go up. They are investigating the possibility of overriding the tax cap.

A motion was made by councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to schedule a Public Hearing for October 21, 2020 for the Local Law regarding overriding the Tax cap at 6:15pm.

Roll Call Vote:

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

It was asked if there were any penalties for overriding the Tax Cap. Supervisor Entwistle stated the only penalty is the Taxpayers won't get a check for the Town staying within the Tax Cap. Town of Forestport taxes were 1.70/1,000. Boonville is 1.36/thousand. This quarter's sales tax is going to be down approximately 25%. The Town has managed to keep the Tax rate flat. Taxes went way up in 2008 because of the revaluation and the money that was put into savings. The Fire Budgets and Ambulance Contracts have been

frozen for years. Tax rates have stayed low, but the most important services are suffering.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

Cemetery Road: The Town has discovered there is 16 acres on Cemetery Road. The Assessor said it's worth approximately \$16,000. The Board discussed it and decided they would put it out to bid. Supervisor Entwistle read the resolution aloud.

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to sell the land on Cemetery Road.

Roll Call Vote;

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Councilwoman Abrial- yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

Resolution No. 7 of 2020

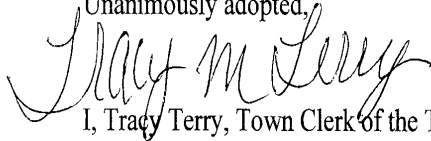
Authorization to Auction Real Property Owned by the Town of Forestport

WHEREAS, the Town of Forestport owns real property known as Tax Parcel 67.001-3-8, located on Cemetery Road within the Town of Forestport, a parcel of +/- 15.8 acres and having approximately 1950 feet of road frontage, and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Forestport would like to dispose of this parcel, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Forestport will accept sealed public bids for the purchase of the aforementioned parcel with a minimum bid of \$15,000.00

Unanimously adopted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tracy Terry".

I, Tracy Terry, Town Clerk of the Town of Forestport, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy and the whole thereof, of a resolution duly adopted by the Forestport Town Board on the 16th day of September 2020

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten 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 7:28 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry
Forestport Town Clerk