

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FORESTPORT TOWN HALL  
10275 Rte. 28 Forestport, N.Y. 13338  
April 21, 2021 @ 6:30 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Supervisor Entwistle  
Councilwoman Kardash  
Councilman Scott  
Councilwoman Abrial

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilman Scouten

Tracy Terry, Town Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by Supervisor Entwistle.

**ABSTRACTS:**

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to approve the Budget Amendments.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes

Councilman Scott- yes

Councilman Scouten- absent

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- Planning & Codes- The Codes Department received a new computer, and they both received new software as well.
- Justice- They are having virtual arraignments, but the money will be recouped with the JCAP Grant.
- Bookkeeper- Dawn's accounting program was no longer working and is now updated.
- Buildings Equipment: A new floor cleaner was purchased.

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

**Transfer to cover overdraft in Justice EQ**

Entries:  
 Transfer from 11104.01 Justice CE \$570.05  
 19904.01 Contingency \$439.93  
 to 11102.01 Justice EQ \$1,009.98

**Transfer to cover overdraft in Bookkeeper CE**

Entries:  
 Transfer from 13102.01 Bookkeeper EQ \$416.37  
 to 13104.01 Bookkeeper CE \$416.37

**Transfer to cover overdraft in Buildings EQ**

Entries:  
 Transfer from 16204.01 Buildings CE \$3,425.00  
 to 16202.01 Buildings EQ \$3,425.00

**Transfer to cover overdraft in Planning CE**

Entries:  
 Transfer from 80202.01 Planning EQ \$138.15  
 19904.01 Contingency \$3,589.56  
 to 80204.01 Planning CE \$3,727.71

**Transfer to cover overdraft in Codes CE**

Entries:  
 Transfer from 19904.01 Contingency \$4,938.70  
 to 86644.01 Codes CE \$4,938.70

Done on 4/20/21

**GENERAL:**

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to pay Abstract #4, Vouchers #178- #228 in the amount of \$42,765.46.

Roll call vote:

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

**HIGHWAY:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to pay Abstract #4, vouchers #89- #127 in the amount of \$20,847.97.

Roll call vote:

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

**TOWN CLERK MINUTES:**

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

Town Board Regular Meeting- March 17, 2021

Roll Call Vote:

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

**REPORTS**

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

**JUSTICE REPORT**

**PLANNING REPORT**

**CODES REPORT**

- Supervisor Entwistle stated Tracy had a call from a Taxpayer that wanted to thank Dickie Winters about a great job he did with plowing his route.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

**NOCCOG:**

- Lisa, the NOCCOG Circuit Rider thanked the Town for signing the Inter-Municipal agreement renewal. She also gave updates to upcoming trainings and Grants.
  - The Tug Hill Community Recreation Award deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - NYSERDA is offering local assistance to reduce carbon.

## **OLD BUSINESS BOARD:**

- **Solar Law:** This will be tabled until the May meeting. A gentleman from the Gallery asked if he could put up solar panels currently. It was answered yes. A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to table the Solar Law until next month's meeting.

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes

Councilman Scott- yes

Councilman Scouten- absent

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- **Road Closures:**

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to approve the road closures for "Old Forestport Days" and "Lightning at White Lake".

- **Dog Licensing:** A notice will be going in the paper to license your dog. It will have what is needed to register your dog, the fees, and how to license your dog. The Town Board is considering a Dog Enumeration sometime this Summer. If there are any questions, you can call Tracy, the Town Clerk, Tuesday-Thursday 8am-2pm.
- **Bridge Construction:** They are a third of the way through and should be done June 25<sup>th</sup>. The DOT and Engineers in charge have made some enhancements and adjustments.
  - Rumble strips will be put back down when the weather warms up a little bit,
  - The Official detour is from Boonville to Woodgate. The Town has contacted the Sherriff's Office and the Troopers on the second day of construction to patrol the area and write tickets. They have been out quite bit. He has requested a mobile speed reader from the 911 Center. They are still in winter storage, but when they are out and re-calibrated, they will contact Supervisor Entwistle.
  - Gerry Ritter asked what the weight limit is on the twin Bridges. Supervisor Entwistle stated it is 30 ton, so it does not have to be posted. He will check to see what the weight limit is for the Dutch Hill Bridge.
  - It was asked what will be done during Memorial weekend, with boats and campers. The Detour signs in the hamlet are there for people who made a wrong turn and do not know where to go.
  - Ron Davies asked if there could be a sign placed near the Town Hall with a turn around at the Town Hall.

Discussion took place.

- **Town Clerk:** Tracy Terry has invested quite a bit of time in Clerk Hours as Continuing Education. Supervisor Entwistle read a letter aloud from the New York State Town Clerks Association. She was awarded the Registered Municipal Clerk Certificate from the New York State Town Clerk's Association.

### **NEW BUSINESS BOARD:**

- **Dump Day:** Supervisor Entwistle will be checking with Rauscher's and Bill Gardner to see if July 17<sup>th</sup> will work. It costs \$8-\$9,000 a year for Dump Day. The Board discussed possibly having a \$5-\$10 fee. The Library is looking into having a shred day in conjunction with the Town. Supervisor Entwistle will be contacting Cody with the Forestport Fire Department if they are planning on having their steel drive this year.
- **Summer Recreation:** The Town has budgeted money to send the kids. A lot of people donated money last year in addition to what the Town has to allow children to attend camp this year. Camp Nazareth is still waiting for capacity limits from the State. This will be posted on the website once available.
- **Senior Recreation:** Nancy has been in contact with Ria Chase, the Senior Recreation Director. They are attempting low key activities such as bingo, card playing and possibly picnic lunches. Supervisor Entwistle has talked with Ash Fletcher regarding the Yoga.
- **Jonathon Hodge:** Hodge, runs Hodge Hoops. He requested use of the gym a couple hours, a few days a week. He stated he would comply and wipe everything down after use and will pay a fee.
- **Ash Fletcher:** Would like to get back to doing Yoga and be outside when possible. She also pays a small fee.
- **Marijuana Legalization:** There was a Webinar a couple weeks ago. There are three types of marijuana that is legal right now. 1. Medical 2. On site Dispensary / smoking 3. Hemp Industry. The State has given the Towns the option to opt out of smoking/dispensaries in the Town. Supervisor Entwistle stated there are revenue opportunities. The Board can do nothing, opt out, or draft a Moratorium for two years.
- **Teamsters Health Insurance:** When the Board renegotiated the contract in 2016, the Board made it so the new Employees would have to pay 50%. General side has Excellus and Highway has Teamsters Supreme. Discussion took place.
- **Trackside Blazers:** The current Groomer is a 2001 and needs repairs. Supervisor Entwistle reached out to Jen Hartsig regarding looking into a Grant. Ron Davies stated he would like the three of them to discuss this together as there are stipulations in there that he would like to discuss. Councilwoman Kardash asked why they are looking for a new groomer when it was just repair and the Town paid \$12,000 a couple years ago.

- **Auctions International:** They are coming to look at Highway Equipment and Supervisor Entwistle stated he will have them look at the Groomer too. Bill Gardner is looking at selling the 2004 truck, backhoe, and dozer to offset the cost of the possibility of getting a new truck.
- **Community Clean up Day:** Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful is willing to supply gloves, bags, water. The Town needs to register by Saturday if they would like to be sponsored. Jeanne Wolcott stated the church is doing a cleanup this Saturday. May 15<sup>th</sup> is going to be Clean up day. If people are picking up garbage, they can put it in the Town Dumpster.
- **Shane Mooney:** As of April first, Shane Mooney has resigned. The Board wishes him luck with his endeavors.
- **Tony Donatelli:** Supervisor Entwistle introduced him as the new Code Enforcement Officer. His contact information is on the Town of Forestport webpage.
- **Variance Requests:** They appeared at the Planning Board last week.
  - Joe and Karen Spine- side lot setback for a garage
  - Dietmar and Linda Jackson-front setback for a garage within a 50' right away of the road.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to schedule a Public Hearing for Spine at 6:00 P.M. and Jackson at 6:15 P.M. on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- Supervisor Entwistle stated for the record, he has a conflict of interest on the Spine Variance so he will not be participating in the discussion, doing site visits or voting.

**NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:**

- Jeanne Wolcott asked if they were able to do Little League this year. Supervisor Entwistle stated he believes they are having Little League this year; they just could not use the concession stand because of all the restrictions. She asked about having a sign at the Scouten Field and utilizing it for kickball.
- Ron Davies recapped the season for the Snowmobile Club. They are ranked #5 in the State and were voted NYS Snowmobile Club of the year in 2020. They had an Easter egg hunt, and snowmobile safety classes. They are still waiting on funding from the State. He stated he went to the Board meeting last year with pictures regarding chevron signs. He went to the following meeting and today the signs are

still there. Supervisor Entwistle stated he has paperwork that says they are properly installed. Bill Gardner is elected and the only thing the Board has power over is his Budget. Supervisor Entwistle stated he liked how Bill and Ron were able to work together last year and improve their relationship.

- Dave Ultsch is proposing the Town move the entrance to the snowmobile trail from Spruce road to Birch Road. Spruce Road has a blind Hill. Supervisor Entwistle will talk to Bill before next month's meeting.

**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- absent

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry  
Forestport Town Clerk