

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OTTER LAKE FIRE HALL
13853 Rte. 28 Forestport, N.Y. 13338
May 19, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Supervisor Entwistle
Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Scott
Councilman Scouten
Councilwoman Abrial

Tracy Terry, Town Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Supervisor Entwistle.

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to pay Abstract #5, Vouchers #229- # 287 in the amount of \$22,187.68

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 Councilman Scouten to pay Abstract #5, vouchers #128- #169 in the amount of \$21,769.11.

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 Hearing-Proposed Solar Law- April 21, 2021
Public Hearing- Road Closures- April 21, 2021
Town Board Regular Meeting- April 21, 2021

Roll Call Vote:

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

REPORTS

TOWN CLERK REPORT

JUSTICE REPORT

PLANNING REPORT

DOG REPORT

CODES REPORT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott 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:

- Meetings are in person again.
- Broadband Survey: Supervisor Entwistle will be putting the link on the Town website.
- Lisa discussed upcoming webinars the Board might be interested in.
- Supervisor Entwistle asked if they were going to have a Salary Comparison this year, as they haven't had one since 2017.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

- **Solar Law:** Supervisor Entwistle went to the Planning Board meeting last Wednesday. The Planning Board reviewed the requests from the Forestport and Boonville's Engineer and APEX Solar and made some changes. The Planning Board did not change the decommissioning money, the inflation rates, or the setback requirements from non- participating adjoining property owners. The State Standard for decommissioning money is 110% with an inflation factor of 2% per year and the Planning Board is asking for 125% and 5% per year. The state standard for setback requirements for non- participating adjoining property owners is 100 ft and the Planning Board is asking for 200 ft. The Solar company can apply for a waiver from the State if they believe they are unreasonable limits. The Planning Board is looking at the Solar Law one last time and the Town Board will be voting on the Solar Law at the Town Board's June 16th meeting.
- **Bridge Construction:** The Greg Huxley Memorial Bridge and overpass are under construction. The overpass was installed Monday or Tuesday. This should be drivable by June 25th. The stoplight in Woodgate will be gone when it is done.
- **Dump Day:** July 17th 8am-2pm at the Highway Barn. On site Shredding will take place Courtesy of Woodgate Library from 9am-12pm. The Town will not be charging a fee this year for Dump Day. The Forestport Fire Department steel drive donation dumpster will be at the Highway Barn all week. There is no permit required, just bring a tax bill or utility bill and can have two pickup truck loads. No construction debris allowed.
- **Highway New Plow Truck:** Bill was unable to get a new truck this year. The price for a new one is \$199,766.00. Councilwoman Kardash said the price might go up \$3,000 because of the price of steel. Bill is going to try to use CHIPS money to buy the sander and auction off the 1979 backhoe and 1979 bulldozer to keep the price down. The 2004 plow truck will go on Auctions International.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to approve the purchase of a new plow truck for the 2022 Budget.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilwoman Kardash -yes
 - Councilman Scott- yes
 - Councilman Scouten- yes
 - Councilwoman Abrial - yes
 - Supervisor Entwistle-yes
- **Camp Nazareth:** Supervisor Entwistle has spoken with Jill and she is waiting to hear back as to Governor Cuomo's capacity limit for overnight camps.
 - **Clean Up Day:** Supervisor Entwistle thanked everyone for going out on May 15th to clean up Forestport.

- **Groomer Grant:** Jen Hartsig has been in touch with Ron Davies, of Trackside Blazers. They are looking to replace the groomer that the Town bought in 2002. The Town is investigating the possibility. It depends on what the cost is going to be. Councilwoman Kardash stated the town should get out of the Groomer business because it costs the Town a lot of money for maintenance.

- **Spine Variance:**

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to approve the side lot setback of three feet for the Spine Variance.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes

Councilman Scott- yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-abstain

- **Jackson Variance:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the front setback from the centerline of the road of approximately forty-four feet and a four-foot variance for the side lot for the Jackson Variance. Mr. Jackson discussed what his plans were for building. Councilwoman Kardash stated he needs to work with Codes now.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes

Councilman Scott- yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- **Birch Road Snowmobile Access:** Dave Ultsch approached the Board last month. He is asking for the snowmobile trail to be moved one block over. Bill Gardner looked at it and is fine with it, along with the surrounding landowners.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to move the snowmobile access from Spruce road to Birch Road; one block over.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes

Councilman Scott- yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

- **Tax Collector Annual Audit:** The audit reflects that Sherry Paschke, the Tax Collector's records are accurate.
- **Site review Law language changes:**
 - There is an influx of people trying to build hunting and fishing cabins without telephone, septic, electric, or water. NYS allows for defined hunting and fishing cabins and camps. There is a minimum lot size of 3 acres and the setback is 100 feet from all sides. They are considered Group-U(Utility). Supervisor Entwistle has given the language to the Planning Board for their review for their June Meeting.
- **Town Board email addresses:** For some reason, the Town Board's email addresses were on the Town website. Supervisor had it removed because it then becomes Foilable if they are using their personal email for Town Business. If anyone wants to send an email to a Board member, they can email it to Supervisor Entwistle and he can pass it along. If it is of a private nature, he can pass your number along.
- **Facebook:** Supervisor Entwistle stated he has spent some time in the past on the Forestport Community Facebook page and his personal Facebook page announcing things for informational purposes. He will no longer be doing that. If anyone needs information, they are welcome to look on the Town website, newspaper or call and email the Town Offices at the Town Hall.
- **Quarry:** A gentleman has submitted an application to the APA and the DEC, but has not submitted one to the Town of Forestport. Where the NIMO Substation is, there is a granite mine back there. He has hired a geologist and a mining specialist to submit paperwork. An application was submitted to the DEC in Mid-April. Neighboring property owners have received notification from the APA stating there is a project proposal on their agenda. The Town is receiving letters and putting them on file. Supervisor Entwistle would advise everyone to follow the proper channels to get the correct information available. He is urging everyone to call the APA and DEC and read through the proposal. People are encouraged to call the Town to find out the status.

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

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 7:00 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry
Forestport Town Clerk