TOWN OF ROSEBOOM

TOWN BOARD MEETING

**April 16, 2015**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Roseboom Town Board was held on April 16, 2015. Supervisor Gustafson called the regular board meeting to order at 6:33pm.

**PRESENT**: Supervisor Patti Gustafson. Councilperson’s Curtis VanDewerker, Charles Diamond and Allegra Schecter. Highway Superintendent Michael Mabie.

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Councilperson Donnelly (absent)

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Assessor Doug Ghode

**VISITORS LISTING:** Attachment #1

**AGENDA:** Attachment #2

**MINUTES**: A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Diamond to approve the minutes from the March 2015 meeting. All were in favor, motion carried.

**SUPERVISORS/FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT:** Attachment #3

* Supervisor Gustafson discussed the Supervisor’s/Fiscal Officer Report.
* Notes from the Committee Meetings were made available to the public and discussed.
* **ACTION:** Supervisor Gustafson and Deputy Supervisor VanDewerker will complete the Town Justice Audit.

**ABSTRACTS**: Attachments #4 and #5

* Abstract for General Fund number 04: $17,534.57
* Abstract for Highway Fund number 04: $17,441.29
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Diamond to accept the General Fund Abstract #4 for $17,534.57 and Highway Fund Abstract #4 for $17,441.29. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilperson VanDewerker**

* Councilperson VanDewerker- Already discussed in other sections of the minutes.

**MACHINERY COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilperson Diamond**

* Councilperson Diamond- Already discussed in other sections of the minutes.

**GARAGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilperson Schecter**

* Councilperson Schecter- Discussed some information she had found out regarding road signs.
* The Asbestos Survey Report came back and reflects that there are “no materials containing asbestos” for the Town Barn/Building.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilperson Schecter**

* Councilperson Schecter- nothing at this time.

**LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilperson VanDewerker**

* Councilperson VanDewerker- nothing at this time.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilperson Donnelly**

* Councilperson Donnelly was absent.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Superintendent Mabie**

* Superintendent Mabie discussed FEMA and the new chipper as well as a few other items that the highway department would like to purchase.
* Some new road signs have been ordered through the County.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Schecter to purchase a Mobart Chipper in the amount of $11,500.00. The funds from the Capital Highway Savings Account will be used for this equipment item. Supervisor will transfer funds of 411,500 from the Capital Equipment Savings Account to the regular Highway Savings account. All were in favor, Motion carried.
* Two (2) payments have been received from the County for the snow and ice contract totaling almost $9500.00. We are still waiting for the payment from the State snow and ice contract.
* Discussed Local Law that is in progress regarding parking on edge of roads and on sidewalks. This should be complete soon, the draft will be presented in May with hopes to have a public hearing at the June meeting.
* Discussed seasonal roads and a request that had been brought forward to maintain Wes Brown Road all year long. The town met with the town attorney as well as the County Highway Superintendent and both strongly advised against this. Town Highway Superintendent recommends that the road is kept seasonal as well. The town will not be maintaining this road year round, it will remain a seasonal use road. County Rep. Beth Rosenthal indicated that several other local towns have had the same issue and all are following with the same advice and leaving seasonal roads as seasonal roads.
* Superintendent Mabie is proposing that the Town designate a section of Bob Rich Road as “Qualified Abandoned”. This was discussed with the town attorney and County Highway. Superintendent Mabie will follow up and report back at the May meeting.

**TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:**

* Summary of monies received for March 2015
* Dog Licenses 3 dogs 12.00 for town 3.00 for state Total: 15.00
* Building Permit 50.00 for town
* Seals 5 50.00 for the town
* $115.00 was deposited into NBT Bank.
* Town Supervisor Gustafson received a check for $112.00 and NYS Ag. & Markets was mailed a check for $3.00.
* Town Supervisor Gustafson received a check for $690.20 for March Tax Penalties.

**COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**: **Beth Rosenthal**

* Beth discussed assistance with the community cleanup day and the County is willing to assist by providing bags, pickers and orange vests and bottled water. The County may also be able to waive the cost of the first ton of trash sent it.
* The County receives money from HUD each year for mobile home replacement, there is an application process for this.
* Discussed a plastic recycling program that is available through the soil and water department, this is something that is well utilized by farmers in the area for feed bags.
* ESTS system is being tested this week, this project is moving forward.
* Discussed need for radios, the public safety committee is assessing the current needs.
* Broadband system is currently working with 3 companies: Middleburg Telephone, ION, Otsego Co-op electric. Together the program is moving forward.
* Government efficiency: The County is implementing a fleet maintenance program and is also sharing purchasing with another County in efforts to save money.
* Discussed a transmission wire that may be coming through Otsego County and is similar to Marcy South. The County is looking at this and its benefits and disadvantages.
* Stream Management Program: A company will be coming to talk to the County to see if this is something Otsego County would like to adopt.
* Bed Tax Money: The County has come up with a plan to take some of this money and re-distribute the money back to the towns to use for infrastructure. If this was to go through, the Town of Roseboom amount would be $3002.00.

**ASSESSORS REPORT: Doug Ghode**

* Doug addressed a question about solar exemptions: He is only able to give a solar exemption in the amount that the assessor feels the solar install will increase the value of the house.
* Doug will be sending out a mailing about the hearing of complaints as well as a revaluation information sheet.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Lloyd Stannard**

* Lloyd was not present.

**PLANNING BOARD: No member present**

* The planning board has resumed meetings which are being held at the Town Barn on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.
* Two members of the planning board came to the town board committee meeting and two members of the town board attended the last planning board meeting in an effort to be more collaborative.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Schecter and seconded by Councilperson Diamond to approve the postcards and letters that were created by Town Clerk Seeley and to proceed with the Dog Enumeration. Residents will have until May 30th to license dogs without penalty. As of June 1st the Dog Control Officer will begin giving fines for unlicensed dogs. All were in favor, motion carried.
* The town will hold an All-Day Dog Licensing Event on Tuesday May 12th from 10 am – 7 pm at the town barn. Residents can come to this event or Town Clerk regular office hours to license dogs. Any questions should be directed to the Town Clerk.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Diamond to increase the insurance on the main town barn building to $450,492 and decrease the coverage on the cold storage to $32,000. Councilperson Schecter to contact SEFCU for changes in the policy and any increase in coverage costs. All in favor, motion carried
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Diamond and seconded by Councilperson Schecter to allow the Highway Superintendent to make necessary structural improvements to the cold storage building at his discretion. All were in favor, Motion carried.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Schecter to pass **RESOLUTION 2015-5** to close the Capital Equipment Account, open a Highway Equipment Reserve Account; and transfer the existing funds of $51,093 from the Capital Equipment Account to the Highway Equipment Reserve Account. All were in favor, Motion Carried.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Diamond to pass **RESOLUTION 2015-6** to authorize several 2015 Budget Transfers and Amendments as submitted by the Town Supervisor. All were in favor, Motion Carried. Specifics regarding the creations and transfers are specifically set forth in the Resolution.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Schecter to appoint Richard Hanson to the Board of Assessment Review. All were in favor, Motion Carried.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Diamond and Councilperson VanDewerker to continue meeting at the South Valley First Christian Church Fellowship Hall until further notice. All were in favor, Motion carried. This will be moved back to the Town Barn when renovations allow.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and Councilperson Diamond to move the July meeting to the 16th rather than the 9th. All were in favor, Motion carried.
* **ACTION: Town Clerk Seeley** will update the website and bulletin board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

* Dwayne Spaulding from the Sharon Springs Snowmobile Club attended the meeting to talk about what the club can do to work with the town to be sure that all parties involved are happy. The Club is trying to make the trails nicer for riders and work with land owners to show appreciation for land use. There was a discussion about re-routing the trail that goes by Town Line Road as well as the trail that is near the intersection of County 50 and State Rt. 165. Town residents were able to ask questions of the Club. All questions were answered.
* Dwayne also talked about seasonal roads and the impact for snowmobile use as many of these roads are used as snowmobile trails during the winter months. The club is asking that the town consider closing the roads to vehicles after a certain date. He suggested December 15- April 1st. Other towns have been doing the same, the snowmobile club will be insuring the road as part of their trail system. The roads in question are Edwards Rd, Joe Chamberlin Rd, and Wes Brown Rd. The Town will discuss this request with the Town Attorney.

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING:** will be held on Thursday, May 14th, 2015 at 6:30pm at the South Valley First Christian Church Fellowship hall located at State Hwy 165, Cherry Valley, NY 13320.

**NEXT TOWN BOARD COMMITTEEE MEETING**: will be held Friday, May 8th, 2015 at 9:00 am at the Town Municipal Building/Town Barn located at County Highway 50, Cherry Valley, NY 13320. Meeting is open to the public and all are welcome!

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**:

* A **MOTION** to adjourn the April 16, 2015 meeting was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Diamond. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Seeley

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Town Clerk