TOWN OF ROSEBOOM

TOWN BOARD MEETING

**February 11th, 2016**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Roseboom Town Board was held on February 11, 2016. Supervisor Gustafson called the regular board meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

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

**ABSENT/EXCUSED**: None

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Pam Dyn, David Bliss

**VISITORS LISTING:** Attachment #1

**AGENDA:** Attachment #2

**PRESENTATION:** Marty Fields, Fire Chief of Cherry Valley Fire Department. Discussed concerns with the safety of solar energy. He asks that the disconnect switch for the solar is in the same general location in all homes. Flipping the disconnect switch DOES NOT kill the power, the panels are still charging. This is a big issue and is being addressed with solar companies. Marty would like our codes officer to register solar homes with the 991 system so that emergency responders coming to a home will know this information prior to arrival. Concerns were also shared regarding limited to no cell service in the town of Roseboom and how this impacts the EMS squad.

* **ACTION**: Councilperson VanDewerker will contact Lloyd to discuss what needs to be done with regards to this.

**MINUTES**: A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Schecter to approve the minutes from the January 2016 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 in detail.
* The Highway department received compliments on the conditions of the roads during the latest snow by councilperson Gage.
* A **MOTION** was made to accept **RESOLUTION 2016-2** by Councilperson VanDewerker and Seconded by Councilperson Schecter to a) call upon the governor and state legislature to make additional state funding and resources available at levels that accurately reflect the critical needs of local roads and bridges; and increase CHIPS funding in the 2016-2017 state budget, b) fully fund and submit a new NYSDOT five year transportation capital plan, and c) to recognize the equality of roads, bridges and transit by restoring funding equality between the MTA and NYSDOT five year programs by voting on the plans simultaneously. All were in favor, all motions carried.

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

* Abstract for General Fund number 02: $4,294.69
* Abstract for Highway Fund number 02: $13,376.67
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Diamond and seconded by Councilperson VanDewerker to accept the General Fund Abstract #02 for $4,294.69 and Highway Fund Abstract #02 for $13,376.67. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilperson VanDewerker**

* Deferred to Highway report.

**MACHINERY COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilperson Diamond**

* Deferred to Highway report.

**GARAGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilperson Schecter**

* Deferred to Highway report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilperson Schecter**

* Councilperson Schecter- Discussed a letter that the town received back from the Public Service Commission regarding the lack of LED street light options for our town. The commission is in the process of exploring this further. National Grid is involved in this and updates should be available in the near future.
* Councilperson Schecter attended a NYSERDA Community Solar Seminar in Troy, NY on 2/9. Handouts were provided to the board members. Information was shared regarding what should be included in the comprehensive plan regarding solar. This can be assigned to the planning board once they reconvene.
* Solar tax credit was extended through 2022.

**LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilperson VanDewerker**

* Councilperson VanDewerker- Nothing to report at this time.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

* Nothing to report at this time.

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

* Highway Superintendent Mabie indicated that they guys have been working on the cold storage building when time permits. A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Gage to approve a 500 dollar expenditure to complete Phase 1 and 2 of the cold storage building repairs. All were in favor, motion carried.
* Several training options were shared with the board regarding soil and water and another training, Highway Superintendent Mabie will be attending both trainings.
* Repairs were made to the wing of one of the trucks. Cutting edges were also ordered, this should get us through next year without needing to order any more.
* 3-4 more loads of salt will need to be ordered to meet the set quota under the state contract.

**TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:**

* Summary of monies received for January 2016
* Dog Licenses-3 12.00 for town 3.00 for state Total: 15.00
* Building Permits-1 25.00 for town Total: 25.00
* $40.00 was deposited into NBT Bank.
* Town Supervisor Gustafson received a check for $37.00 and NYS Ag & Mkts was mailed a check for $3.00
* TAXES- Town Supervisor Gustafson received a check for $216,190. for the Highway Fund and a check for $8,500 for Fire Protection. This pays both accounts in full for 2016. All taxes collected going forward will be paid to the county.

**COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**: **David Bliss**

* A new representative, David Bliss, has been elected. Dave attended the board meeting and introduced himself, his background and experience comes from his position as a town supervisor in Middlefield for 24 years. The board congratulated him and welcomed him to the meeting. He welcomed any questions. There are 7 new reps, which is 50% of the board. David serves on the public works, performance review and goal setting and human services committee. David offered some advice with regards to the cell tower problem and also the county snow and ice contract. Contact info: home phone- 607-547-2510, [blissd@otsegocounty.com](mailto:blissd@otsegocounty.com).

**ASSESSORS REPORT: Doug Ghode**

* All exemptions need to mailed/postmarked by March 1st.

**JUSTICE REPORT: Lucy Proper**

* Not present.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Lloyd Stannard**

* Not present.

**PLANNING BOARD: Allegra Schecter (Board Representative)**

* The Planning Board will not meet until March of 2016 due to the winter season.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

* **ACTION:** Town Clerk Seeleywill update the website and bulletin board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

* None

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING:** will be held on Thursday, March 10th, 2016 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, March 4th, 2016 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 February 11, 2016 meeting was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Schecter. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Seeley

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Town Clerk