TOWN OF ROSEBOOM

TOWN BOARD MEETING

**August 9, 2018**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Roseboom Town Board was held on August 9, 2018. Supervisor Gustafson called the regular board meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

**PRESENT**: Supervisor- Patti Gustafson. Councilpersons- Allegra Schecter, Curtis VanDewerker, Charles Diamond and Daniel Gage. Highway Superintendent- Mitchell Vanburen.

**ABSENT/EXCUSED**: None

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Assessor Doug Ghode, County Rep. David Bliss

**VISITORS LISTING:** Attachment #1

**AGENDA:** Attachment #2

**PRESENTATION:** Erin Seeley- Town Clerk (Optional Charitable Reserve Funds, in response to Tax Cuts & Jobs Act)

* Town Clerk Seeley shared an information packet that was obtained at a training attended. The training was presented by the Association of Towns, by an attorney. All documents were all discussed with the board. The town will need to make a decision regarding creating this fund or not, the County and School will need to make the same decision. Doing this would allow residents to classify their tax payment as a charitable donation on their taxes rather than classify it as a property tax payment. This is in response to the cap of $10,000 dollars for a property tax write off on taxes. For the town of Roseboom, very few, if any, residents pay taxes above this amount. Doing this would create a great deal of paperwork for the town, including collecting and documentation of funds. If the County decides to do this and the town doesn’t, the town will still be responsible for processing the payments with the credits for the County.

A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Diamond and seconded by Councilperson VanDewerker to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2018 regular meeting. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

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

* Supervisor Gustafson discussed the committee notes. A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson ­Schecter and seconded by Councilperson Gage to approve the committee notes. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
* The July Financial reports were shared with the Town Board and presented for review.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Diamond to approve **RESOLUTION #4**- approving the request to reduce the speed limit on Honey Hill Road and Gage School House Road. Resolution will be sent to NYS DOT. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried, **RESOLUTION** passed.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Schecter and seconded by Councilperson VanDewerker to approve **RESOLUTION #5**- endorsing the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank and enter into conversations with GMVLB to discover mutually beneficial elements of collaboration between the two parties. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried, **RESOLUTION** passed.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Diamond and seconded by Councilperson VanDewerker to approve the payment of $25. To the Roseboom Historical Association for use of the facility on 8/3/18 for the GMVLB presentation. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Gage and seconded by Councilperson VanDewerker to authorize funds up to $30,000 to purchase a 2005 International 7600 Dump Truck with Plow from Auctions International. Funds will come from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

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

* Abstract for General Fund number 08: $2,245.74
* Abstract for Highway Fund number 08: $32,318.38
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Schecter to accept the General Fund Abstract #08 for $1,719.65 and Highway Fund Abstract #08 for $32,318.38. 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**

* Nothing to report at this time

**LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilperson VanDewerker**

* Nothing to report at this time

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Superintendent Mitchell Vanburen**

* FEMA- Edwards Road Mitigation; NYS joint application for permits submitted, permits received.
* Storm Stella Mitigation document has been completed and submitted to DHSES
* The County has begun work on County Highway 50 at the intersection.
* Mowing is coming along.
* Hoose Rd. work is underway, delayed slightly by rain.
* CHIPS work continues, delayed a bit due to rain. This will begin again on Monday the 13th.

**TOWN CLERK’S REPORT: Town Clerk Seeley**

* Building Permits: 4 total permits totaling $325.20 for the Town.
* Total for the month of July 2018 was $325.20, deposited on July 24, 2018 in NBT Bank. Supervisor Gustafson received a check in the amount of $325.20 on August 9, 2018.

**ASSESSORS REPORT: Doug Gohde**

* The State Office of Real Property Tax Services has established a final State Equalization rate of $114.19 for the Town of Roseboom.

**JUSTICE REPORT: Judge Lucy Proper- Not Present**

* Court Reports & Fees: outstanding report and fees for July are due to the Town.

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

* Dave discussed the cell phone tower. The location was chosen based on the area that would best serve the surrounding areas, providing the best coverage, also a land owner that was willing to provide a site and easy access to the equipment. At this point, there is no new news regarding AT&T jumping on but discussions are underway.
* The first consolidated services meeting was held at BOCES. There will be potential for shared email services and software updates for tax collecting.
* Dave was unsure if the County had made a decision regarding the Charitable Reserve Fund, he will check in and get back to us.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Lloyd Stannard**

* Not present

**PLANNING BOARD: Larry Lamb, Chairperson**

* Not present- Planning Board meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, at the Town Barn, at 7pm.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

* Discussion took place regarding financial audit completed by the NYS Comptrollers office finding that the Town of Roseboom does not have a long term plan for funding equipment and infrastructure. The town needs to submit a plan of corrective action to address this. The board discussed what would be included in the plan of corrective action and how the town will proceed to implement what is needed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

* A question was asked from a resident regarding speed limits on Town Roads that are not posted. The Town Board answered this question, speed limit is 55 mph unless otherwise posted.

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING:** will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the South Valley Christian Church Fellowship hall located on St. Rt. 165 located in South Valley, NY.

**NEXT TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING**: will be held Friday, September 7, 2018 at 7:30 am at Roseboom Town Barn. Meeting is open to the public and all are welcome!

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**:

* A **MOTION** to adjourn the August 9, 2018 meeting was made by Councilperson Diamond and seconded by Councilperson Schecter. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Seeley

Town Clerk/Collector