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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilwoman Nancy Kardash
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski
Councilman William Karn
Councilman Robert Seager
Supervisor William Hasenauer
Deputy Supervisor John Isley
Highway Superintendent William Gardner
Town Clerk Shelley Entwistle

MEMBERS ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by Supervisor William Hasenauer.

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to accept the minutes from the December 19, 2012 Regular Town Board Meeting. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

A motion was made by Councilman William Karn and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to accept the minutes from the December 27, 2012 Year End Meeting. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

A motion was made by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to accept the minutes from the January 4, 2013

Organizational Meeting. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilman William Karn and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to pay Abstract #1-Vouchers #1-43 in the amount of \$33,556.48. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to pay Abstract #1 – Vouchers #1- 28 in the amount of \$35,612.10. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

HUD HOUSING:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski and seconded by Councilman Robert Seager to pay Abstract #1 –Voucher # 1 in the amount of \$700.00. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

The town's share for the month of December 2012 is \$4.00.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash and seconded by Councilman Robert Seager to accept the town clerk report. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

No transfers or budget amendments for the month.

JUSTICE REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to accept the Justice Report. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman William Karn – yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

HIGHWAY:

Nothing this month.

NOCCOG:

Gerry Ritter was present for this meeting. A list of January announcements was provided in the town board packet. Ms. Ritter reviewed these announcements and made point of the Tug Hill Annual Local Government Conference scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2013. She also mentioned the Hazardous Mitigation and JIMI meetings coming up at the end of January. Gerry passed out information to the board on conducting an Annual Audit.

PLANNING AND CODES REPORT:

A public hearing was scheduled for February 20, 2013 at 6:00pm for the Site Review Law and for the Town's Fee Structure.

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to accept Planning and Codes monthly report. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman William Karn – yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Assessor Tonya Brown reported that 500+ acres of land owned by the Carbone family has been purchased by NYS to be kept as state forest. Dave Ultsch inquired if the land would remain on Forestport tax roll. Tonya stated it would with the state paying the tax.

A motion was made by Councilman William Karn and seconded by Councilman Robert Seager to continue the practice of accepting the minimum tax paperwork required when applying for an Enhanced Star Exemption. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman William Karn – yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

See attached Assessors Report.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Supervisor Hasenauer stated that there is no Animal Report for the month and the appointment of Animal Control Officer has been tabled until the February board meeting.

A member of the gallery stated there have been numerous incidents on her road with a vicious dog. Supervisor Hasenauer offered to meet with her and contact appropriate authorities in the absence of an Animal Control Officer for the Town of Forestport.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Hasenauer opened by stating that he has consulted with Attorney Tony Hanley regarding the signing of the amended contract with Zangrilli Engineering. He also stated that Mr. Hanley would give a statement on his behalf. The pertinent portions of the statement are as follows:

- Supervisor Hasenauer feels that in the case of the amended contract the rule of law does not reflect the best interest of the people of Forestport.

- Despite this fact, Supervisor Hasenauer is siding with the rule of law and will sign the amended contract despite his reservations.
- Some of Supervisor Hasenauer's reservations concern the misconceptions presented by some regarding NYS DOT regulations on one lane bridge widths. To be clear, there is nothing in the DOT Bridge Manual preventing the new bridges from being more than 15'7" or even 17 feet.
- Supervisor Hasenauer also feels that the 15'7" width presents safety issues to the traveling public and unnecessary burden on the highway department.

Supervisor Hasenauer executed the amended contract at this point in the meeting, thus concluding this portion of Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS – PUBLIC:

Nothing this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Hasenauer stated that there was only one bid for the town's fuel needs. Remsen City Fuel placed a bid for \$.20 over rack price. A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilman William Karn to accept the bid from Remsen City Fuels. Roll call vote:

- Councilman Robert Seager- yes
- Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
- Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
- Councilman William Karn – yes
- Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

February 1, 2013 the contract will begin. Town Clerk Entwistle will notify Remsen City.

Councilman Seager explained the logistics of the new proposed phone system for the town hall. A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilman William Karn to accept the contract from Frontier for the new phone system totaling \$4,830.85. Roll call vote:

- Councilman Robert Seager- yes
- Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
- Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
- Councilman William Karn – yes
- Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

**Please note- this amount does not include the post warranty fee. The board decided not to purchase this warranty.

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to hold a public hearing on January 30, 2013 at 6:00pm regarding the health insurance guidelines. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman William Karn – yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski to hire Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc., a Financial Advisor Organization located in Syracuse, NY to obtain the necessary funding for the Twin Bridges through the issuance and sale of Bond Anticipation Notes and Bonds. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman William Karn – yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

Copy of said motion is attached to these minutes.

Councilman Karn advised the board that in order to go forward with the funding of the bridges, an Estopal notice must be published in the paper. Town Clerk Entwistle will place notice.

NEW BUSINESS – PUBLIC:

Dave Belliveau spoke on behalf of the Forestport Athletic Association. The association is looking for the board’s approval to move forward with the construction of a press box and bleacher improvements at the village ball field. The board stated their approval and asked for regular updates.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager- yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski - yes
Councilman William Karn - yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm by Supervisor William Hasenauer.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley T. Entwistle
Forestport Town Clerk