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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Rockhill
Councilman Scott
Councilman Scouten
Supervisor Entwistle
Town Clerk Tracy Northrop
Highway Superintendent William Gardner

MEMBERS ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by Supervisor Entwistle. He started the meeting off by reminding the Public of the Code of Conduct policy and asked they hold their questions and comments until they start discussing new business.

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to pay Abstract #2, Vouchers #70-160 in the amount of \$36,102.04.
Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Rockhill – yes
Councilman Scott – yes
Councilman Scouten - yes
Supervisor Entwistle –yes

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to pay Abstract #2, vouchers #16-#42 in the amount of \$219,387.78. Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilman Rockhill – yes
Councilman Scott – yes
Councilman Scouten- yes
Supervisor Entwistle- yes

PLANNING BOARD ESCROW:

Nothing this month.

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded by Councilman Scott to accept the minutes from the Public Hearing: Amendment to Site Review Law January 20,2016, the Regular Town Board Meeting January 20, 2016 and the Special Town Board Meeting January 26, 2016. 30, 2015. Roll call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash – yes
Councilman Rockhill– yes
Councilman Scott – yes
Councilman Scouten- yes
Supervisor Entwistle –yes

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded by Councilman Scott to accept the Town Clerk's monthly report. Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilman Rockhill – yes
Councilman Scott – yes
Councilman Scouten- yes
Supervisor Entwistle –yes

JUSTICE REPORT:

HIGHWAY:

Nothing to report.

PLANNING REPORT:

CODES:

ASSESSOR:

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to approve all Reports as a whole. Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilman Rockhill – yes
Councilman Scott – yes
Councilman Scouten- yes
Supervisor Entwistle –yes

NOCCOG:

- Harlan Noonan reviewed the March announcements.
- Earth day Clean up: Supervisor Entwistle stated there has been an interest in cleaning up the town. Harlan said there is a Program called, “Keep America Beautiful Campaign”

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

- Email Addresses for Town Board Members are up and running. Those wishing to email the Board members regarding town Business may do so.
- Statutory Bond for 2016 Truck- this has been completed and has a 5 year bond.
- The Employee handbook/ Excellus Plan Overview was amended last month.
- The Employee Agreement is all set.
- Site Review Law Amendment- This has been filed with the state and the Town Clerk has received confirmation.
- Summer Recreation Program:
 - Camp Nazareth Program- They are willing to take 20 kids at \$250 a person.
 - Woodgate/ Forestport Programs- The County is receiving questionnaires and they are going through them and will let us know works best for us.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

- Discussion took place regarding the new Travel Policy. The Board tabled it until March.

A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded by Councilman Kardash to table the Travel Policy until March. Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilman Rockhill – yes
Councilman Scott – yes
Councilman Scouten- yes
Supervisor Entwistle –yes

- Investment Policy is a requirement by law. The Town Attorney is currently looking it over; therefore it is being tabled until next month’s meeting.
- Justice Request for SEI Program- Justice Sege came to the Board requesting this Program. The Program itself is free, but has an installation fee of \$1800. It would save money on stamps, envelopes and ink. Councilman Scott brought up a question regarding what the annual maintenance fee is after the first year. Supervisor Entwistle stated he’d look into it.

A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded Councilwoman Kardash to approve Justice Sege’s request for the SEI Program.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash - yes
Councilman Rockhill – yes
Councilman Scott – yes
Councilman Scouten- yes
Supervisor Entwistle –yes

- Trash Days cost the town between \$12-15,000 a year. Supervisor Entwistle has reached out to Boonville and Trenton to discuss other options. Councilman Rockhill suggested keeping one trash day. Highway Superintendent Bill Gardner brought up the idea of extending the hours. Councilman Scott thought maybe the Board should look into Old Forge as well for the Northern Residents. No decision is being made at this time.
- Annual Financial Report- has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS- PUBLIC:

Greg Albright, President of the Snowmobile Club gave a brief presentation.

Mr. Walker from the Forestport Chamber of Commerce came to the meeting to discuss what the Chamber. They are currently an 8 member board. They meet the 4th Monday each month at the Woodgate Library. Their goal is to promote members.

OLD BUSINESS PUBLIC:

- Irish Settlement Issues: Supervisor Entwistle spoke with the Deputy and lieutenant. They agreed to put extra patrol in the area when they are out this way. They encourage people to call when there is a disturbance. When you call, just state for the record that you do not want an interview or to be publicized. Street lighting cannot be done at this time due to funding. Supervisor Entwistle suggested they purchase a security light.
- Request to rename Twin Bridges: Supervisor Entwistle said, “ After much consideration this Board has discussed this and we feel that and feel free to speak up that the naming of highways and streets and bridges and that sort of thing is an honor that should be reserved for military personel that have died in the line of duty, policemen, firemen and first responders. This board is not comfortable at this time to acting to Mrs. Snead’s requests. Now, that being said the board does recognize that Supervisor Snead has dedicated an enormous amount of time and his own funds and what not to the rebuilding of these bridges that is something that should not go without recognition. What the Board would like to propose is placing a large boulder down at the dam site where the picnic tables and grills are with a bronze plaque on it in dedication to Parker and what it would say is:

IN MEMORIUM

In remembrance of Parker Snead, who selflessly dedicated himself to the rebuilding of these historic Twin Bridges. His efforts to restore them to their former glory has been recognized, and he will forever have the gratitude of the people of Forestport.

Highway Superintendent Gardner said he can assist in getting the right size boulder when the snow melts. Supervisor Entwistle will let Mrs. Snead know.

A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded by Councilman Scott to honor the Late Supervisor Snead with a boulder by the picnic tables. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash - yes

Councilman Rockhill – yes

Councilman Scott – yes

Supervisor Scouten- yes

Supervisor Entwistle –yes

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Councilwoman Kardash - yes

Councilman Rockhill – yes

Councilman Scott – yes

Supervisor Scouten- yes

Supervisor Entwistle –yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Northrop
Forestport Town Clerk