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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilman Scott
Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Scouten
Supervisor Entwistle

MEMBERS

Councilman Rockhill

Tracy Northrop, Town Clerk

GUEST SPEAKER: Tim Decker from Oneida County DPW

They are in the preliminary stages of Woodhull Bridge over Woodhull Creek. Tonight's informational meeting was held to solicit public input on the proposal and this will be the only one held. There was a sign in sheet passed around as well as a public comment sheet for those not comfortable asking questions. The Proposal is 95% federally funded and 5% county funded. As of now the tentative closure date will be July and will go on for 2-3 months. Councilwoman Kardash stated the timing will be good especially since children will be out of school and they will not have the bus run.

Gerry Ritter, from the gallery stated the access next to Woodhull Bridge is very popular with seasonal residents and had some concerns with response times for the Fire department.

Supervisor Entwistle stated he would post any updates regarding this on the website. Councilwoman Kardash asked for them to put informational pamphlets together to be placed in the Town Clerk's office as well.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:45.

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to pay Abstract #2, Vouchers #83-#139 in the amount of \$31,173.55. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scott- yes
Councilwoman Kardash-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 #14-#43 in the amount of \$69,512.33. Roll call vote:

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

PLANNING BOARD ESCROW:

Nothing this month.

TOWN BOARD ESCROW:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Scott to pay Abstract #2, voucher #1 in the amount of \$89.56. Roll Call Vote:

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

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to accept the minutes from the

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

JUSTICE REPORT:

HIGHWAY:

PLANNING REPORT:

CODES:

ASSESSOR:

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the reports as a whole. Roll call vote:

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

NOCCOG:

- The annual Tughill Conference will be held March 29th.
- The New York Planning conference will be held at Camp Sagamore.
- Supervisor Entwistle wished Sue Marten, from NOCCOG the best of luck.
- There is a vacancy for the Executive Committee for NOCCOG

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

- Twin Bridges Loan: This Loan should be paid off in 2020. In 2016, \$100,000 was placed on the bridge loan. Supervisor Entwistle gave a visual of the comparisons for the new plan and the old plan. It will be a total savings of \$217,513.00 for the taxpayers. Supervisor Entwistle spoke with Adirondack Bank and they offered a BAN for \$220,580 at 2.3%. The Bridge payment is due at the end of March. Mr.Riley, the Town Attorney will write up the paperwork and there will be a special meeting to get the BAN done.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the anticipation note with Adirondack Bank.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilman Scott- yes
 - Councilwoman Kardash-yes
 - Councilman Scouten-yes
 - Supervisor Entwistle-yes
- Fuel Provider: The Town Hall ran out of fuel one day a couple weeks ago.

Supervisor Entwistle called Halpin's fuel and fuel was delivered that day. Supervisor Entwistle thanked Halpin's fuel for their service and Halpin's will be the service provider for the Town Hall.

- Local Government Day is being held March 29th.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

- Department of Civil service states that Dawn Campbell and Tracy Northrop are part time clerks and full time clerks and are not supposed to have both. They are requesting the two resign from their position and get a stipend added onto their salary. Unfortunately, the part time clerk positions get paid out of water and sewer accounts. Nancy Kardash is a deputy clerk and the County states she cannot be a Deputy Supervisor without pay.
- NYS Forest rangers are requesting their ranks be increased. They are going town to town within Adirondack Park. There should be a resolution at the next month's meeting.
- A gentleman emailed Supervisor Entwistle complimenting on Tonya Brown for pitching in as needed.
- Road Closures:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the Lighting at the Lake Road closure April 18th at 6:00pm and Old Forestport Days Road closure April 18th at 6:15pm. Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Scott- yes

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

Supervisor Entwistle stated the Public hearing is for the road closure only.

- There are 20 spots available for Camp Nazareth. As soon as the applications are brought into Tracy Northrop, they will be placed in the papers and published on the website. The deadline will be mid -week of May 15th.
- Supervisor Entwistle and Tonya brown are working together in regards of a press release from NYS Association of Towns. Supervisor Entwistle read the press release aloud. The governor would like to issue a set schedule payment on state owned land to municipalities instead of allowing to tax them the assessable value. A lot of towns are passing resolutions against this. Supervisor Entwistle will be doing more research with Tonya and Bill Riley. This will be tabled until next month.
- The Annual Financial report has been filed with the state Comptroller's office. The General budget is in the plus and The Highway department is \$52,000 in the hole, but only on paper. The Highway department hasn't been able to get stone

and oil due to the weather. Still missing about \$55,000 of chips money from last year, but the check will not be here until 2018.

OLD BUSINESS PUBLIC:

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Councilman Scott- yes

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Northrop
Forestport Town Clerk