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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilman Scott
Councilwoman Kardash
Supervisor Entwistle

MEMBERS

Councilman Scouten
Councilman Rockhill

Tracy Northrop, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:34.

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to pay Abstract #4, Vouchers #208-#263 in the amount of \$25,863.06. Roll call vote:

Councilman Kardash-yes
Councilman Scott- yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to pay Abstract #4, vouchers #65-#114 in the amount of \$62,031.22. Roll call vote:

Councilman Kardash-yes
Councilman Scott- yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

PLANNING BOARD ESCROW:

Nothing this month.

TOWN BOARD ESCROW:

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 Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott- 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 Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to approve the reports as a whole. Roll call vote:

Councilman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott- yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

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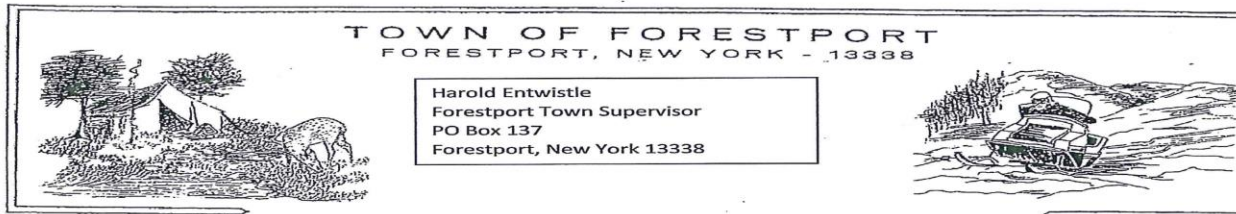
- There is a grant preparedness workshop coming up in Port Leyden. Also, a community energy program. The Town clerk was given a flier for a ZBA class to hand out.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

- NYS Forest Ranger Resolution: Supervisor Entwistle read a resolution aloud. Discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to pass the NYS Forest Ranger resolution. Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Kardash-yes
Councilman Scott- yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes



Resolution No. 2 OF 2018

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE, INC. (PBA OF NYS) PROPOSAL TO INCREASE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOREST RANGER STAFFING TO A STATEWIDE TOTAL OF 175

The following resolution was offered by *Councilwoman Kardash*, and seconded by *Councilman Scott*

Who moved its' adoption.

WHEREAS, NYS forest rangers have provided care, custody and control of the Forest Preserve and all DEC managed lands throughout the state since 1885, protecting the valuable natural resources and the people who recreate there; and

WHEREAS, forest rangers are unequalled stewards of the land who are police officers, wildland firefighters and wilderness first responders that patrol these lands year round; and

WHEREAS, the addition of over 1 million acres of DEC managed lands the last several decades without staffing increases has caused the ratio of DEC managed lands per ranger to grow from 1 ranger per 28,516 acres in 1970 to 1 ranger per 53,752 acres today; and

WHEREAS, the dramatic increase in recreational use on state lands has led to a corresponding increase in the number of search and rescue operations. In both 2015 and 2016 forest rangers participated in over 300 incidents annually. Those numbers had not been surpassed in the rangers' previous 130 years of existence; and

WHEREAS, Adirondack communities rely heavily on tourism associated with state land recreation which, gratefully, has been well-promoted by this administration; and

WHEREAS, forest rangers are essential to providing a safe and positive recreational experience for tourists utilizing state land; and

WHEREAS, the current level of forest ranger staffing, 135 statewide including supervisors, is not adequate to fulfill their unique mission given the amount of land they patrol and the number of incidents they respond to; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the PBA of NYS to increase forest ranger staffing has wide public and bipartisan support from local governments, business groups, environmental groups and outdoor recreation clubs for a simple reason: It protects the people from the land and the land from the people; and

WHEREAS, this proposal represents the best solution to address the increase in public lands and those utilizing it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Forestport does hereby support the PBA of NYS proposal to increase forest ranger staffing to 175 rangers statewide, which is deemed critically important to our community, state land, the environment and the People of the State of New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the PBA of NYS, 11 North Pearl Street, Suite 1200 Albany NY 12207.

Tracy M. Northrup, Town Clerk

- PILOT Resolution: The state is proposing to provide a flat rate in payment in lieu of what the assessed value would be. The Tax Assessor suggested not agreeing to this. Supervisor Entwistle read the resolution aloud.

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to approve the resolution. Roll Call vote:

Councilman Kardash-yes
Councilman Scott- yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes



Resolution No. 1 of 2018

Opposition to Taxable NYS Owned Land Conversion to PILOTS

WHEREAS, State-owned lands are currently assessed by the local municipality where the State land is located; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew Cuomo is proposing to convert the local assessment of taxable State-owned land into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes ("PILOT") program based on existing tax amounts to be increased each year by the allowable levy growth factor; and

WHEREAS, said payment change will result in loss of local assessment of taxable State-owned as well as loss in tax revenue to local municipalities due to changes in value not reflected in a PILOT agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Forestport that the assessments of taxable State-owned land should remain under control of the local municipality where such property is located and is hereby opposed to New York State converting the assessment of taxable State-owned land into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York State Senator Joseph Griffo, and New York Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush.

Motion: *CHARLES SCOTT*

Second: *NANCY KARDASH*

Unanimously Adopted,

Tracy Northrop
I, Tracy Northrop, Town Clerk of the Town of Forestport, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy and the whole thereof, of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Forestport on the 18th day of April, 2018. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 19th day of April, 2018.

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- Camp Nazareth Applications: This is closed at 23 applications. Supervisor Entwistle stated this is a great program and the Town is happy to be sending kids to camp for free.
 - Civil Service Issues: Deputy Supervisors have to be paid. Councilman Scouten and Councilwoman Kardash will be receiving \$100/year for the compensation for being Deputy Supervisors. Voting will take place at the May meeting.
 - Dawn and Tracy have Full time and Part time clerk positions and the County stated they cannot. Dawn recently found records where the County asked the Town to create these positions. With that knowledge, the County has decided to leave the positions as they are.
 - Supervisor Entwistle brought Truss identification markers to the meeting for the public to see what they look like. They can be placed by the front door or by the meter box. All new constructions need Truss identification markers. Those who have pre-existing buildings and would like one, may.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

- 5008 Division Street: Code Enforcement officer, Lance Hoffert spoke with Bill Riley, the Town Attorney and he was advised to send out another certified letter to the homeowners. Lance Hoffert spoke stating he would like to move forward with this property and get it cleaned up before summer. Councilwoman Kardash suggested having the Highway department clean up the property and put it on their taxes. Supervisor Entwistle read the Litter, Clutter and Debris Law aloud. His concern is the property is directly behind the Memorial park; especially with Memorial Day coming up. Supervisor Entwistle asked Lance to write another letter and give them 10 days to comply. In the meantime, he will get with Bill Gardner and Rauscher Brothers to schedule the clean up on the eleventh day.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's report on 5008 Division Street to abate the nuisance. Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott- yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- Local Laws to be submitted: Tracy Northrop found 8 Local Laws that were never filed with the State while organizing the Law book. If the minutes could be found, they could just be sent in to the State. A couple laws could just be let go because they are not used. Some of them are used every day.
 - Local Law #3 of 2010: To amend site review law of 2006. Supervisor Entwistle read the law aloud.
 - Local Law #3 of 2004: Recreational Vehicles. Supervisor Entwistle read the Law aloud.
 - Local Law # 1 of 2010 Planning Board Members from seven to five members.
 - Local Law # 4 of 2010: Administration of Fire/Building Code. It is in effect and the Code enforcement officer is using it.
 - Local Law # 5 of 2010: Animal Control Law.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to schedule the Public Hearings on May 9, 2018. 5:45: Section 10.1 of Site review Law, 6:00PM: Planning Board members, 6:15: Administration of Fire Building Code 6:30: Animal Control Law, 6:45: Recreational Vehicles
Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott- yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- Road Closure for The White Lake Inn Block Party: Route 28 to Walnut Road will be closed from 12pm-2am on June 2nd- June 3rd.
 A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the Road closure for the White Lake Inn Block Party. Roll Call vote:
 Councilman Kardash-yes
 Councilman Scott- yes
 Supervisor Entwistle-yes
- Road Closure for Old Forestport Days August 25, 2018 10am-6pm.
 A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the closure of River Street for Old Forestport Days. Roll Call Vote:
 Councilman Kardash-yes
 Councilman Scott- yes
 Supervisor Entwistle-yes
- Summer Program: Supervisor Entwistle stated they will be offering the STEM Program Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9-12. It will be a hands on program and the children will learn how to work together. Light snacks and small field trips may be provided. The program will run from July 10th-August 16th. There is a strict limit of 30 children to one teacher, Mrs. Burns and one assistant, Izzy. In conjunction with this there will be a couple adult supervised outdoor drive in movies. Dates TBD.
- Flower Basket Program: This is possible with the help of the Chamber of Commerce, Town of Forestport and local Businesses. There will be 15 baskets in each hamlet, the Maintenance workers will be taking care of the lower hamlet. They are looking for helpers to plant, hang up and water the baskets.
- Trash Day: July 21, 2018 from 8am-2pm at the Town Highway Barn. It was very successful last year.
- Standard Workday and Reporting Resolutions:
 A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the standard Workday and reporting resolution. Roll Call vote:
 Councilman Kardash-yes
 Councilman Scott- yes
 Supervisor Entwistle-yes
- National Code for Baseball Organization: They have to include safety plans, which includes fields they play on. They need the Town's approval. Supervisor Entwistle told Beau Zanker he would set up a meeting with Jen Hartsig, so she can write the grant for them. Supervisor Entwistle stated he will follow up with the Board once they have met.

OLD BUSINESS PUBLIC:

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

- Karen Howard spoke from the gallery. Supervisor Entwistle doesn't foresee the Town being able to submit any more money this year, but is committed to working with the Woodgate Cemetery to figure out what the Town can do to help them. He also stated the Fire departments are in need of money as well. Arthur Gleasman, from the gallery spoke stating there are two other cemeteries and if the Town is helping one, the other two are going to want help too. Discussion took place. Karen asked Supervisor Entwistle to go to the Woodgate library this Tuesday at 6:30 for the Woodgate Cemetery meeting. Supervisor Entwistle will come back to the Board and see what they can do from there. Discussion took place regarding the flower baskets.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Councilman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott- yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Northrop
Forestport Town Clerk