

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WOODGATE FIRE HALL
August 21, 2019 @ 6:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Rockhill
Councilman Scouten
Councilman Scott
Supervisor Entwistle

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tracy Terry, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to pay Abstract #8, Vouchers #441-#515 in the amount of \$63,140.76. Roll call vote:

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

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to pay Abstract #8, vouchers #237-#270 in the amount of \$166,898.65. Roll call vote:

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

Supervisor Entwistle stated \$144,000 of this is CHIPS money and will be paid back.

PLANNING:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Scott to pay Abstract #8, Vouchers #12-#16 in the amount of \$350.00.

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

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

Regular Town Board Meeting- July 17, 2019

Special Meeting: To Discuss the sale of Forestport Elementary: July 24,2019

Public Hearing: Regarding the Possible Purchase of Forestport Elementary School- August 13,2019

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilman Rockhill- abstain for the August 13, 2019 meeting

and yes vote for the Regular Board meeting and the Special Meeting.

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

JUSTICE REPORT:

CODES REPORT:

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

PLANNING REPORT:

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

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

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Councilman Rockhill-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to enter executive session regarding Personnel Matters. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Councilman Rockhill-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:13 with no action taken.

NOCCOG:

- Bi- annual salary survey was sent to Town Clerk's.
- Annual Dinner September 26th starts at 6pm
- August 28th in Albion there will be a Town Budget workshop training.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

- 2020 Forestport Celebration; next year is the 150th birthday for the Town. A committee has formed and are raising money to make next years celebration a big deal. They put a bid out for the 2020 logo and Stephen Fletcher is the Official Logo winner. The Town has committed to \$150 for the winning logo. The Committee will be selling Calendars in the Fall. Nature Photos were submitted for the contest and Karen Spine, Adam Daktor, Jeanne Wolcott, Tina Olds, White Lake Lodges and their Photography staff were the winners.
- Dump Day was July 20th and it was a success. Supervisor Entwistle thanked the Forestport Fire Department for doing the steel drive in conjunction with the Town Dump day.
- 12216 Woodhull Road: The condemned house has been demolished and Willie Van & Sons did an excellent job with the demolition. Unfortunately, their bid of \$11,800 was under because they were unable to go inside of the building prior to the bid.

A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded by Councilman Scouten to offer an additional \$2,000 stipend on top of the \$11,800 to offset their expenses. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-no
Councilman Scott-yes
Councilman Scouten-yes
Councilman Rockhill-yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- There are some liens on the property, so the Town will not sell the property for the time being. As soon as they are able to auction it off, it will be put in the paper and the Board will accept sealed bids to the highest bidder.
- Bear Creek Lodge Roads: The Town is currently in negotiations with Bear Creek Lodge to have them turn the roads over to the Town. Supervisor Entwistle is hoping to hear back from them by September 1st because if they cannot come up with a decision the Town will have to pass a Resolution to not continue plowing this Winter. Lance Hoffert asked if the Association had to bring the roads up to specs first and it was stated the Highway Department will be doing the work, but it will be a homeowner's expense; if they choose to go that route.
- Family Burial Plots: A Local Law would exclude already existing Family Cemeteries that are fenced in.

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Rockhill to schedule a Public Hearing September 18th at 6:15pm regarding

Family Burial Plots. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Councilman Rockhill-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- Pierce Property: Supervisor Entwistle read the following Resolution aloud.



Resolution No. 4 of 2019

WHEREAS, Robert Pierce, and Vandewater Land Associates Inc., desire to subdivide a parcel of land owned by Robert Pierce, and,

WHEREAS, the parcel requires road access, and the topography of the parcel presents serious challenges in that regard, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Vandewater have petitioned the Town of Forestport to utilize the Town's wellhead access driveway as an easement, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vandewater has agreed to deed restrictions and covenants regarding the use of the wellhead access driveway, and

WHEREAS, the covenants release the Town of Forestport from any and all responsibility and liability regarding the parcel owner's use of the Town's access driveway, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vandewater has provided the Town of Forestport with compensation for said easement,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Forestport hereby grants an easement to the current and/or future owners of the parcel in question.

Unanimously adopted August 21st, 2019

Stacy M. Terry

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Rockhill to pass the resolution. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Councilman Rockhill-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- STEM Program: It was a very successful year. There were 15 kids for 5 weeks. They had multiple field trips which included; the Library, Pixley Falls, Boonville Park and Moose River.

- The Assessor position is up for reappointment.
 A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to reappoint Tonya Brown as the Assessor for 6 years. Roll Call Vote:
 - Councilwoman Kardash -yes
 - Councilman Scott-yes
 - Councilman Scouten- yes
 - Councilman Rockhill-yes
 - Supervisor Entwistle-yes
- Ted Daktor, the Head Building and grounds Worker has retired. Supervisor Entwistle read his letter aloud.
 A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to accept Ted Daktor's retirement. Roll Call Vote:
 - Councilwoman Kardash -yes
 - Councilman Scott-yes
 - Councilman Scouten- yes
 - Councilman Rockhill-yes
 - Supervisor Entwistle-yes
 A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded by Councilman Scott to appoint Jim Pelnó, as the new Buildings and Grounds Supervisor.
 Roll Call Vote:
 - Councilwoman Kardash -yes
 - Councilman Scott-yes
 - Councilman Scouten- yes
 - Councilman Rockhill-yes
 - Supervisor Entwistle-yes
- Supervisor Entwistle stated Jim and Ted are both great workers and take care of what needs to be done.
 A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to appoint Ted Daktor as the Water and Sewer Operator. Roll Call Vote:
 - Councilwoman Kardash -yes
 - Councilman Scott-yes
 - Councilman Scouten- yes
 - Councilman Rockhill-yes
 - Supervisor Entwistle-yes
- A parcel in Deer Spring Park is for sale and they are asking for an easement from the Town. Supervisor Entwistle read the Resolution aloud.



Resolution No. 5 of 2019

WHEREAS, Tax Parcel 85.002-1-85.6 is available for purchase, and,
WHEREAS, the Town of Forestport owns an abandoned road through the parcel, and,
WHEREAS, the potential buyers of the parcel have petitioned the Town of Forestport for a license to utilize the abandoned road an access, and,
WHEREAS, the potential buyers have agreed to deed restrictions and covenants regarding the use of the abandoned road, and,
WHEREAS, the covenants release the Town of Forestport from any and all responsibility and liability regarding the parcel owner's use of the Town's abandoned road, and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Forestport hereby grants a license to the current and/or future owners of the parcel in question.

Unanimously adopted August 21st, 2019


 Tracy McHenry

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

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

- Variance Hearing: Steven Surace:

A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded by Councilman Scouten to approve Stephen Surace's Variance Hearing. Roll Call Vote:

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

- Forestport Elementary School: As of today at 4pm Supervisor Entwistle spoke with Natalie Roth, with Benn Realty who is representing the Town. She has been

in contact with the Listing Agent and told him the Town of Forestport would like the ability to offer their best and final offer over anyone else and he said he would be willing to take that back to the School Board. Discussion took place.

- There is a family in Town that had a tragedy and are tentatively coming to the Town for a low interest loan for HUD money. There is approximately \$43,000 in the HUD account.
- Highway Contract negotiations- They are currently negotiating the 2020-2022 contracts and it is going smooth. They will meet again August 27th at the Town Hall.
- Budget Season dates: September 24th and October 1st will be budget hearing workshops at the Town Hall at 6:30. The Hearing for the Preliminary Budget will be October 29th at 6:30. The Preliminary Budget will be on file at the Town Clerk's office and on the website.
- The Town has been approached by a company that is in the preliminary stages of a large project. It is going to be a very controversial project. They are currently projecting 600-800 acres of solar panels producing 150 mega- watt of power. The Planning Board Meeting will be September 10th at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.
- Trackside Blazers has submitted a bill for repairs to the Groomer the Town purchased for the Snowmobile clubs use. The estimate is for schedules maintenance for \$12,000. Ron Davies, the President of Trackside Blazers and Supervisor Entwistle have discussed this. There is \$9,000 in the Budget for this. They are speaking with the Town Grant writer to get grant money for grooming, maintenance and the possibility of a new groomer in the near future.

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Rockhill to pay \$9,000 towards the bill. Roll Call Vote:

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

- Boat Wash Station: The Boat Wash Station on Route 28 at Okara Lakes has been moved up in the Northern Adirondacks. Forestport's greatest resource is the waterways. There are more than a dozen letters from organizations for the Town to do a grant for a Boat wash station in the Town of Forestport. If the Town gets the grant and the School, the boat wash station will be located there. The grant money could include the equipment necessary, storage facility and labor to run it up 5-6 days a week for 12 weeks. Luanne is a member of the White Lake Association and has worked diligently trying to bring groups of associations together to try to battle this. Otter Lake has some algae blooming this year. Luanne said the Finger Lakes have some sort of invasive species. It's better to be preventative. It ruins the ecology. If the Town were to move forward with this

grant application, and if the town could afford to run it for 3-4 years, the State would take this over and be their responsibility after that. Lance Hoffert stated he was speaking as a taxpayer and a year round resident, asked why the Town would move forward with this grant, when people can't go to White Lake. It was mentioned all the lakes in the area would benefit from the boat wash station. Supervisor Entwistle stated the Lake Associations are not a 501c3 Organization and need a Municipality or a 501c3 company to do the application. Councilman Scouten asked if the School falls through does it have to be on Town property and it was answered yes. The backup location would be the Highway Barn.

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to move forward with the grant application. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilman Rockhill-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- Pat Holt and her husband in conjunction with the DOT has been able to replace the flags at the Gregory Huxley Jr. Memorial Bridge. He asked her to leave her number.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Scott to enter into executive session regarding litigation. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilman Rockhill-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:25pm with no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Councilman Rockhill-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry
Forestport Town Clerk