

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FORESTPORT TOWN HALL
November 20, 2019 @ 6:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Scouten
Councilman Scott
Supervisor Entwistle

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilman Rockhill

Tracy Terry, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to pay Abstract #11, Vouchers #616-#677 in the amount of \$110,640.85. Roll call vote:

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

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to pay Abstract #11, vouchers #347-#398 in the amount of \$53,586.60. Roll call vote:

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

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

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

Regular Town Board Meeting- October 20, 2019

Town Board Budget Hearing- October 29, 2019

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilman Rockhill-absent

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

JUSTICE REPORT:

PLANNING REPORT:

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

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

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Councilman Rockhill-absent

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

NOCCOG:

- John stated there is a newly Elected Officials Seminar at the Boonville Municipal Building September 4th from 6pm-8pm.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

- Bear Creek Lodge Roads: Supervisor Entwistle received a Resolution from Attorney Riley. He read the following Resolution aloud:

Resolution

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Forestport held on the 20th day of November, 2019 the following resolution was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to wit:

Whereas Bear Creek Lodge, Inc. and its members are desirous of turning over certain private roads in the Bear Creek Lodge, Inc. development to become town highways of the Town of Forestport

And

Whereas the roads to be turned over to the town include approximately one mile of Hemlock Road, one-tenth of a mile of Perch Pond Road and three tenths of a mile of Deer Hollow Road,

And

Whereas the Town Highway Superintendent of the Town of Forestport has recommended to the Town Board that these private roadways be dedicated as Town Highways upon the execution of a deed transferring fee title of the roads to the Town of Forestport and the execution by Bear Creek Lodge, Inc. an agreement with the Town of Forestport to pay for the cost to bring the roads up to town highway specifications in an amount not to exceed \$25,000/

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Forestport hereby consents to the Town of Forestport Highway Superintendent making an order laying out Hemlock Road, 1 mile, Perch Road, .1 mile, and Deer Hollow Road, .3 mile as a town highways in the Bear Creek Lodge, Inc. development as town highways once the said roads are conveyed to the town and Bear Creek Lodge, Inc. has executed the agreement with the Town of Forestport to pay for the necessary improvements to the roads to meet the towns highway specification.

The said resolution was put to a vote and the results were as follows:

CHARLES SCOTT
NANCY KARDASH

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

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

- 2020 Budget: The only change is \$10,000 was added to the Contingency Fund.
- New Building: The Town has officially closed on the New building. Supervisor Entwistle thanked the Adirondack School, Sharon Cihocki, Natalie Roth of Benn Realty, Clinton Moving and all the Town Employees. Gerry Ritter, from the Gallery stated she seen Supervisor Entwistle with his truck loaded up several times after the movers had left.
- Old Building: The Board has to pass a Resolution for a Permissive Referendum to sell the building. The closing should take place sometime after the first of the year. There is a brokered easement for the use of the garage. The Town can continue to use half of the Garage for ten years. The gentleman who has entered a purchase agreement plans on turning the Old Town Hall into Apartments. There is

a moderate need for apartments in the Town of Forestport. He signed the contract for \$80,000. The building was listed for \$85,000. Supervisor Entwistle read the Resolution aloud.

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the following Resolution:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Councilman Rockhill-absent

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Forestport held on the 20th day of November 2019, the following resolution was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Scott.

Whereas the Town of Forestport currently owns real property in the Town of Forestport located on Woodhull St. which property is used for town offices and

Whereas the town has acquired the former Forestport Elementary School located on Rt 28 in the Town of Forestport to be used for town offices and

Whereas the current town office building will no longer be needed by the Town for town purposes.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Forestport shall convey the town property located at 12012 Woodhull Street to Luis Manzuata and David Friedman for the sum of Eighty Thousand (\$80,000.00) Dollars, subject to the town reserving use of one stall in the garage located on the premises for water district purposes for a period of ten years with an option to renew use for an additional ten year term. The Town shall reserve an easement from Woodhull Street to the garage for ingress and egress and shall be responsible for the utilities used in the garage during the period of such usage. The Town shall also hold harmless and indemnify the purchasers for any injury sustained by any town employee, inviter or licensee while "walking in" or accessing the garage space reserved to the Town.

This resolution is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to section 64 of the Town Law, and it is further resolved that pursuant to sections 82 and 90 of the Town Law that within ten (10) days from the date of this resolution the Town Clerk shall post and publish a notice which shall set for the date of the adoption of the resolution, shall specify that this resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum; and shall publish such notice in the Barnville Herald a newspaper published in Oneida County having general circulation in the Town of Forestport, and in addition thereto that the Town Clerk shall post or cause to be posted on the sign-board of the Town of Forestport, a copy of such notice within ten (10) days after the date of the adoption of this resolution.

And duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

RONALD SCOUTEN

CHARLES SCOTT

NANCY KARDASH

- Spectrum: Discussion took place regarding internet services. It will cost the Town \$5500 for Spectrum to hook up the Coax in the new building.
- Total Solutions: It will cost just under \$6,000 for the move to the new Town Hall.
- ABC Fire Systems: They inquired about moving the Ansul system to the new Town Hall. If the Town plans on letting people use the kitchen when they get a refrigerator and stove, this is something they will need. Supervisor Entwistle will have to look at the contract to see if they will be able to take it with them.
- Councilman Scott wanted to state the Adirondack School District had filled the fuel tanks and left the fuel for the Town. The electric is also paid for a couple months.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

- Gerry Ritter, Planning Board Co-Chairwoman asked if the Chairman, Paul Rejman had contacted the Board in regards to creating a Moratorium for Solar Farms. What Apex is proposing is a very large project and the Planning Board felt

having a Moratorium would allow them to do much more research and find out what questions they should be asking. Supervisor Entwistle suggested reaching out to Carmen, with Apex and asking for 4-5 Towns/Villages similar to Forestport that they have dealt with. Reaching out to Phil Street was also suggested to see if he could recommend an Environmental Attorney. Supervisor Entwistle said he can have a draft for a Moratorium by next month's meeting.

- Gerry Ritter also suggested Supervisor Entwistle to reach out to Spectrum regarding a franchise agreement to see about getting free internet.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Councilman Rockhill-absent

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry
Forestport Town Clerk