

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FORESTPORT TOWN HALL
May 20, 2020 @ 6:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilman Scouten
Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Scott
Councilwoman Abrial
Supervisor Entwistle

Tracy Terry, Town Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 PM

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to pay Abstract #5, Vouchers #274- #334 in the amount of \$26,482.98.

Roll call vote:

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

Councilwoman Kardash questioned abstract # 279. Supervisor Entwistle stated he spoke with Jim and told him to keep it completely building related and after this month's meeting it may go down even further. They took several trees down, took the gym filter out and changed the heating core in the generator.

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to pay Abstract #5, vouchers #113- #129 in the amount of \$15,139.17

Roll call vote:

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

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

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

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Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash- yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

JUSTICE REPORT:

PLANNING REPORT:

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to approve the reports.

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

Councilwoman Kardash stated she would like to make sure Lance has a Codes report every month. Supervisor Entwistle stated the Justice Court will reopen under strict guidelines from the Governor and the Unified Court System. He believes it will be the first week in June. The Assessor has Grievance the 4th Tuesday of the month. There are 3-4 residents going to Grievance. The Town's official equalization rate for 2020 is 83%.

NOCCOG: N/A

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

- **Site review Law Changes:** The planning Board is working on the fee structure, signage, RV and perhaps changes to the frontage requirements for subdivisions.

Two sections have been presented to the Town Board for review. He's hoping the meetings can be open to the public in the future and the Town Board can hold a Public Hearing.

- **Old Town Hall:** It has officially been sold. The Town will continue leasing half of the garage as it's part of the water district. The pump station is in the garage for the water behind Wall Street.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

- **Budget:** The Town has been affected economically by the Coronavirus Pandemic. There is a high chance of reduced Sales Tax from the County. The County Executive is estimating the revenue to be decreased 20-40%. They stated they should plan on dipping into their savings. The town Board does not want to do that. The Board has crunched numbers and decided to cancel all non-essential spending for 2020. Non-essential spending includes cancelling all Summer Recreation, Dump Day and Senior recreation activities (except for Yoga and Bingo). The cancellation of Dump Day will be posted on the Town of Forestport's Website and the Town Clerk's Voicemail.

A motion as made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to cancel all non-essential spending for 2020. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- **STaR AMBULANCE:** They service the lower end of Forestport to the blinking light in Woodgate. They have been running in the red. They have reached out to the municipalities to put a line item in the taxes for the Ambulance Services. If Forestport follows Remsen and Trenton there would be an added fee on the tax bill. It would fund Old Forge and StaR ambulance. With 3,465 properties in the Town of Forestport, that's approximately \$103,000 for Old Forge and StaR Ambulance. Discussion took place.
- **Old Forge Health Center:** Mohawk Valley Health Services has terminated a contract with one of the Doctors there. That area will be without an MD. The Supervisor of Inlet and the Supervisor of Old Forge are looking to save that service. The Old Forge Supervisor has reached out to Supervisor Entwistle. They are putting a survey together to see who utilizes the health services there.
- **Reopening of Town Hall:** The Town of Forestport is looking to reopen on an essential basis starting June 1st. Water payments, sewer payments and dog licenses should still be mailed. If there is something that you need to conduct in person, you must call ahead and make an appointment with that individual. Masks will be required, and you must sign in. Employees will be taking proper precautions. Hopefully by the first of July the Town will be able to open even more.

- **Horton Road Bridge** : It is underway.
- **Thank you's**: Thank you to Maggie for making all the masks for the Town Employees. Also, a thank to Apex for the Community Grant Project the Town applied for. They will use the money towards the Village Park for the wood garden, a little at a time.

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

N/A

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Scott to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote:

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry
Forestport Town Clerk