

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FORESTPORT TOWN HALL
10275 Rte. 28 Forestport, N.Y. 13338
July 21, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Supervisor Entwistle
Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Scouten
Councilwoman Abrial

Tracy Terry, Town Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilman Scott

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Supervisor Entwistle.

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Abrial and seconded by Councilman Scouten to pay Abstract #7, Vouchers #342- #399 in the amount of \$55,004.18.

Roll call vote:

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

➤ Councilwoman Kardash approved all vouchers except Voucher G21- #395.

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to pay Abstract #7, vouchers #202- #229 in the amount of \$20,950.31.

Roll call vote:

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

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

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

Town Board Regular Meeting- June 16, 2021

Roll Call Vote:

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

REPORTS

TOWN CLERK REPORT
JUSTICE REPORT
PLANNING REPORT
DOG REPORT
CODES REPORT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Abrial and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to approve the reports as a whole.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NOCCOG:

- Snowmobile Impact Study stated Oneida County brought in \$775,000 last year.
- NYS is no longer in the State of Emergency.
- Consolidated Funding applications are available.
- .gov act allows government to use .gov as a web domain.
- Tug Hill Commission's Annual Meeting is October 14th.
- NOCCOG's annual meeting is October 28th.
- Lewis County Land use training is being held at the Lewis County Court House on September 28th from 4pm-8pm.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD

- **Bridge Construction:** The Route 28 bridge has been completed on time. Luck Brothers did a fantastic job.
- **Otter Lake Speed Study:** Supervisor Entwistle spoke with Mike from the DOT. Their committee is meeting within the next couple weeks and will get in touch with the Town after that.
- **Groomer Grant:** The Town Board discussed a groomer grant, but Trackside Blazers request has changed because the groomer isn't compatible. Trackside Blazers have requested maintenance equipment such as counter spacers and a drag. The Trackside Blazers grant project cost is \$31,000 and the local match is a little over \$6,000. Supervisor Entwistle will check with Jennifer Hartsig to see if some can be used as in-kind services.
- **Dump Day:** This took place last Saturday. Shredding was canceled due to the shredding company, not the Town. Shredding will be rescheduled as soon as possible.
- **CFA Application:** The Comprehensive Master Plan was created in 2003 and updated in 2011. The Town is getting a committee together. The total cost would be \$34,0000 with a 10% match with in-kind services. The committee sends out surveys and compiles the data.
- **Quarry:** The application is complete with the APA as of July 7th. They are accepting public comments until July 29th. The DEC is going to consider this application complete sometime this week. It will be published in a newspaper and on the Environmental notice bulletin. This is slated for review at the APA's September 9th meeting in Raybrook. They may/may not make a decision. The DEC has 90 days to make a decision on their part of it. If both agencies say they are approved, they will come to the Planning Board. The town of Forestport has no regulatory power in how mining is done. The planning board regulates the signs, parking, traffic concerns/questions and the access to the road is on a seasonal town road, so they will be looking at the wear and tear of the roads. Supervisor Entwistle is asking everyone if they are on social media, if the people you are debating with remember they are your neighbors. Please use a little reservation. The person you may be arguing with may be the person to help you if you have a flat tire. At the end, we are one community.
- Devan Cornish, from the gallery asked if this would come before the Town Board. Supervisor Entwistle stated he thinks it would only come to the Town Board if the Planning Board didn't approve his application for a new business and he appealed to the Town for a use variance. He stated it would be highly unlikely.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

- Councilman Scott has submitted a letter of resignation due to selling his home and no longer be able to serve the Town. The town Board will not be

replacing him as there will be two open seats this coming election and three people running. Supervisor Entwistle read his letter aloud.

- Tina Vogt donated two brand new treated picnic tables for the nature trail and Community Garden. Supervisor Entwistle thanked Carl Winters for making them.
- Enchanted Forest Field Trip: The field trip is planned for August 9th for 40 Forestport children.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to enter executive session regarding a legal matter.

Roll call vote:

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

The Board returned from Executive session at 7:02 with no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

- Ray, from the Gallery asked what Bill Gardner was going to do because they are down workers. Supervisor Entwistle stated they are searching for qualified candidates. The Highway Department saved a lot of money this year.
- Carl, from the gallery asked if they were going to replaced Ebert's bridge. It was stated it is a county road so it would be a state project.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote:

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry
Forestport Town Clerk