

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FORESTPORT TOWN HALL
10275 State Rte. 28, Forestport, N.Y. 13338
November 17, 2021**

PRESENT: Supervisor Entwistle
Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Scouten
Councilwoman Abrial
Tracy Terry, Town Clerk

ABSENT: No members of the Town Board were absent.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to pay Abstract #11, Vouchers #558- #622 in the amount of \$74,573.45.

Roll call vote:

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

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to pay Abstract #11, vouchers #362- #418 in the amount of \$20,865.21.

Roll call vote:

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

PLANNING ESCROW:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to pay Abstract #11, vouchers #11- # 12 in the amount of \$200.00.

Roll call vote:

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

- Supervisor Entwistle stated the reason the General abstract is high is because there was a payment for the new Town Hall for \$40,000.00 as well as the interest which was approximately \$4500.00. They have two more years to pay off the loan.

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- October 20, 2021

Variance Hearing- Thomas Deppmeyer- October 20,2021

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes

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 Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

NOCCOG:

Lisa Bellinger from NOCCOG presented the Town Board with announcements.

- NYS Comptroller released a new COVID 19 tracker to track the ARPA funds.
- NYS Governor Hochul, amended the Public Officer's Law.
- The PILOT agreement online seminar on November 2 is available on the TugHill YouTube channel.
- Lisa stated the NOCCOG annual dinner was nice, and the food was good.
- NOCCOG is looking for a new Director.
- NOCCOG is looking for GPS Projects for next year.
- The 2022 Local Government Conference will be held at Turning Stone Casino in April.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD

- **Budget:** No changes have been made to the General Budget.

- **Appropriations**

- General: \$1,035,890.45, with zero town tax.
- Highway: \$1,177,797.66: \$1.15/1,000
- Sewer: \$51,239.00: zero taxes
- Water: \$105,141.00
- Fire: .79 cents/1,000: same as last year.
- Ambulance: .27 cents /1,000- same as last year

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to approve the 2022 Final Budget.

Roll call vote:

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

- The Budget can be found in the Minutes Book separately.

- **Highway Uniforms:** Supervisor Entwistle is still looking for a buyout amount from Aramark. The contract ends in the end of 2022.
- **Senior Recreation:**
 - Christmas trip to Graceland: there are fifty-two people signed up with five of them being from out of Town, who are paying the full amount. The trip is paid in full for Town of Forestport residents in lieu of a Christmas Dinner. It is a total of \$3,600.00.
 - After the first of the year, the Board is looking to make changes. They are looking to get seniors to come to a meeting to see what they are interested in doing and what direction they are heading.
 - Ski Trip: January 8th at McCauley. Five out of the eight signed up are from Remsen.
- **Youth Recreation:**
 - Ski Trip: January 5th at McCauley Mountain for beginners. Open to kids and grandkids of Forestport residents.
 - Intermediate Gore Ski Trip: Supervisor Entwistle is looking to hear back from them and is looking at mid to end of January.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

- Supervisor Entwistle congratulated and welcomed Glenyce Verschneider to the

Board unofficially. He also congratulated Councilman Scouten on his re-election.

▪ **Notice of Violation for Workplace Violence:**

- The Department of Labor gave violations for not having a workplace violence officer, policy, and posters about workplace violence.
- This will be rectified within the next few weeks.

▪ **Old Forge Ambulance:** Old Forge Ambulance has requested an increase in the yearly contractual amount to \$27,000.00. In 2020 the amount was \$12,375.00 and \$18,750.00 in 2021.

- StaR has 120-130 calls a year averaging \$408 a call. Old Forge Ambulance has 30-40 call a year averaging \$428 a call.
- Supervisor Entwistle said there is a 3-year contract with StaR Ambulance to keep that rate, during renegotiations after that would be a suitable time to reexamine.

▪ **Forestport Fire Department:** Supervisor Entwistle read a letter aloud from the Forestport Fire Department requesting the Town to reimburse half the cost of the yearly Cancer Coverage for twelve fire fighters of \$1,644.00.

A motion as made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to reimburse Forestport Fire Department \$822.00 for half the cost of the yearly cancer coverage.

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

▪ **Mileage rate:** Mileage rate has been .50 cents per mile for a decade. In 2013-2014 when gas was over \$3.50 a gallon the Town Board motioned to increase gas as long as prices were over \$3.50. The Going rate for the IRS is 56-57 cents a mile.

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

▪ **Dave Ultsch:** He brought concerns regarding the current side lot setback not being obeyed. Discussion took place.

- Supervisor Entwistle commented everyone has thirty days to rectify codes issues. If people are willing and able to fix in a timely manner the Town is willing to work with people. Supervisor Entwistle said he can get clarification and rectify the Site Review Law issues with the Association of Town's and the Town Attorney and share the information with the Code Enforcement Officer and the Planning Department, so they are under the same page.

- Gerry Ritter, Planning Board Co-Chair:
 - The Planning Board Members were concerned they were the only ones that were either appointed or elected that did not get a raise, everyone else within the last few years has received a raise. Most Towns have a ZBA, some have a Town and Village Planning Board, but the Forestport Planning Board does it all.
 - In the past year the Planning Board worked on the Site Review Law, Solar Law, Permit Fees, Sign Law and had Board meetings that were very heated.
 - If you miss a meeting, you do not get paid. Some of the people on the Planning Board have other jobs and they cannot attend every meeting. The Planning Board does not have a computer to do zoom meetings. Supervisor Entwistle stated the Meeting room is going to be equipped like the Court Room.
 - The Planning Board was concerned they were not allowed to review the budget process. Supervisor Entwistle said there is no reason the Planning Board cannot be involved in the budget process and the Planning Board is definitely appreciated. The Budget worksheet goes to Sandy because it is generally pertaining to the office.
- Councilwoman Kardash stated that going to a meeting, and not get paid, is how it should be for the Town Board. The Board of Review has not had a raise in 10-15 years.
- Dave Ultsch stated they are all willing to do whatever it takes. There is a lot of work that gets done behind the scenes, not just at the meetings.
- Supervisor Entwistle stated he appreciates everyone that works at the Town. He said he did not look at it from the Planning Board's perspective.
- Bob, from the Gallery thanked the Board for paying the bridges off early.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial - yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry
Forestport Town Clerk