

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**FORESTPORT TOWN HALL**  
**10275 State Rte. 28, Forestport, N.Y. 13338**  
**December 15, 2021**

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

**ABSENT:** No members of the Town Board were absent.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Entwistle. He stated the Board is going out of order for the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to appoint Glenyce Verschneider, Councilwoman for the remainder of Charles Scott's term for 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Supervisor Entwistle welcomed Glenyce Verschneider and congratulated Ronald Scouten on his reelection for a third term.

**ABSTRACTS:**

**GENERAL:**

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to pay Abstract #12, Vouchers #623- #675 in the amount of \$52,025.96.

Roll call vote:

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

Supervisor Entwistle stated the retirement and health insurance increased the amount for the month.

**HIGHWAY:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to pay Abstract #12, vouchers #419- #464 in the amount of \$85,912.72.

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes  
Councilman Scouten- abstain  
Councilwoman Abrial – yes  
Councilwoman Verschneider-yes  
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

Supervisor Entwistle said \$50,000 is for the retirement plus health insurance and some repairs.

**TOWN CLERK MINUTES:**

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

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Roll Call Vote:

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

**REPORTS**

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

**JUSTICE REPORT**

**PLANNING REPORT**

**DOG 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 Scouten- yes  
Councilwoman Abrial – yes  
Councilwoman Verschneider-yes  
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

## NOCCOG:

Lisa went over the following announcements:

- There is a third round of broadband funding that opened November 24<sup>th</sup>
- TugHill Commission has created a file that will house broadband resources.
- Association of Towns training is in January
- NYS of Cannabis Management- can upload local laws if the municipality opts out. Municipalities have until the end of December to do so.
- ARPA funding
- Upcoming webinars
- Local Government Conference in April is at the Turning Stone Casino.

## OLD BUSINESS BOARD

### • **Senior Recreation**

- 37 seniors had a trip to Cortland on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Some seniors have sent thank you cards and thanked Supervisor Entwistle personally for the trip.
- The first of the year, there may be a public meeting with the interested seniors to see what they are expecting to get out of the program over the next year and expectations from the seniors and the Town.
- Ski trip: January 5<sup>th</sup> seniors will be meeting at 9am and the ski lesson will be from 10am-11am for seniors ages 55 and older. This will be a full day. There are currently 8 seniors signed up and it is locked in but could make room for more if there is an interest.

### • **Youth Recreation**

- Ski trips
  - McCauley Mountain ski trip for beginners ages 7-17 includes the lift ticket, group lesson and equipment. There are some slots still open. This is scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Gore Mountain -Intermediate skiers only ages 7-17 on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The group rate needs to be locked in by next week. Need own equipment and be able to stop and turn. There are currently 8 signed up.

### • **Highway Uniforms:** There currently is no update.

- **Workplace Violence Prevention Policy:** The Highway and Town Hall were cited from the Department of Labor for not having a Workplace Violence policy, plan and emergency plan in place. Supervisor Entwistle asked the Board to review the plan for the Organizational meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS BOARD:**

- **Parking Lot lights:** There is a quote from Mackey Electric to change out the parking lot lights to LED. There are four parking lot lights, but one is broken. Councilman Scouten tried fixing it but was unable to. The cost will be approximately \$3,300.00 after the tax is taken off the quote. Supervisor Entwistle had a verbal quote for about \$4,800.00

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to approve the Mackey Electric quote to change out the streetlights.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- **Streetlight requests:** There were requests for streetlights outside the Vet Clinic in Otter Lake on Route 28 and at the end of Deer Hollow Road in Bear Creek Lodge. Supervisor Entwistle has looked at both locations and spoke with residents. The streetlight in Otter Lake would be an additional \$105.00 a year.
- **LED Street Light Conversion:** Supervisor Spoke with National Grid and it would cost \$6,342.00 to change out 89 streetlights throughout the Town. Once converted, there is a National Grid rebate of \$4,600.00 so it would cost about \$1,600.00 to change them all to LED. There would be a savings of about \$5,000 a year once converted. The town spends \$13,000.00-\$14,000.00 a year. Supervisor Entwistle stated the streetlight requested in Otter Lake is on a busy road and near a business. The workers at Otter Lake are coming out at night and with the savings for the LED conversion he is inclined to approve.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Abrial and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to convert all streetlights to LED along with putting a streetlight in Otter Lake.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- **Vaccination Booster Clinic:** This is taking place Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm with 100 slots for the Moderna Booster. Currently there are 84 people signed up. There is a link on the Town of Forestport webpage. Supervisor Entwistle spoke with the Department of Health, and they assured him no matter what vaccination you received you can boost with any of them. Lisa, from NOCCOG stated MVHS where they had the vaccine pod, they are doing that again with first shot, second shot and booster. They prefer an appointment but will take walk ins and it is open Monday-Saturday 7am-12pm.
- **Year-end Meeting:** December 29<sup>th</sup> at 11am.
- **Organizational Meeting:** January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- **Daktor Lease Agreement:** this is a lease between Ted and Sharon Daktor and the Town for a small piece of Dutch Hill ballfield. It is \$250.00 for five years.  
A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Verschneider to approve the Daktor lease agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- **Otter Lake Fire Contract for 2022:**  
A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to approve the 2022 Otter Lake Fire Contract.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- **Trackside Blazers Agreement for 2022:**  
A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to approve the Trackside Blazers Agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- **Forestport Athletic Association:**

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to approve the 2022 Forestport Athletic Association Agreement for use of the Dutch Hill ballfield.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes

Councilman Scouten- yes

Councilwoman Abrial – yes

Councilwoman Verschneider-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- **Smart Growth Consolidated Funding:** The Town has been awarded a \$30,600.00 grant to update the Comprehensive Plan through Smart Growth and Consolidated Funding. The Town Board will be looking for volunteers. It will take about a year. The Comprehensive Plan was created in 2004, but due to the requirements it has become a more involved process with studies. Supervisor Entwistle would like the plan to become a tool for the Town Board, Planning Board, developers and residents.
- **Trackside Blazers Grant:** The Town with Trackside Blazers did not receive the grant for the counters and trail drag. Ron and Supervisor Entwistle are interested in the trail counters because it allows the club and the Town to track snowmobiles for commerce and tourism for potential grants. The package comes with three counters and the current cost on the date of the meeting was approximately \$2,275.00. Supervisor Entwistle thinks the Town could use ARPA money for the counters. He is going to look into this further before Christmas and would like the Town to pay a portion of it.
- **Town's Position on Marijuana:** Supervisor Entwistle stated the Town of Forestport at no time promoted the use of marijuana for children or anyone else. The Board briefly explored the option of passing a Local Law prohibiting dispensaries after the legalization. At the time the Board did not have enough information to make an informed decision. There is still a Planning Board that dispensaries and retail stores need approval for prior to being opened like any business. The Town Board and Planning Board will explore this as they are on a case-by-case basis.

- **APEX Solar:**
  - Supervisor Entwistle introduced David Holly as the new point person for APEX Solar. Any questions can be directed to Supervisor Entwistle, and he will get you in contact with David.
  - Tree cutting on Route 28 from Alder Creek to Boonville is by National Grid. National Grid has a sub-contractor maintaining the right of way to transmission lines. This is standard, and a necessity for the transmission lines. There was an idea out there that this was the Solar Project, and it is not. There are no approvals for the Solar Project if it were approved it would not start until 2024.

- **Otter Lake Fire Cancer insurance request:** Otter Lake Fire Department has requested the town to reimburse half of their Fire Cancer insurance for 2022, which is \$1,034.00. This would not be paid until the January meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to reimburse half the cancer insurance benefit to Otter Lake Fire Department in the amount of \$1,034.00.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- **APEX Solar Grant:** The Town of Forestport and Wholesome Living, Inc. has applied for a grant to create a dedicated Yoga space for the Town. There are currently three Yoga Classes being taught: Senior, fire and gentle. Ash Fletcher approached Supervisor Entwistle and they are looking to change the library into a permanent yoga space. Ash knows someone who is going to paint a mural on the wall, and they are looking for a carpet for part of the room and window shades to make it more holistic.
- Supervisor Entwistle read a card aloud from Ash Fletcher thanking him for the support of the Nature program and space rental.

**NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:**

- Jeanne Wolcott, from the gallery asked if there was an update on the dog situation. There was an incident where someone's dog attacked a couple other dogs. One of the dogs was killed and the other one was severely injured, and the woman was bit. The Dog Control Officer immediately contacted the woman who was bitten and within 48 hours was in contact with the owner of the dogs and it will be in the hands of the court. The dogs are not roaming around right now. Supervisor Entwistle stated Craig does an excellent job.

**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

Councilwoman Verschneider-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry  
Forestport Town Clerk