

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OTTER LAKE FIRE HALL  
13853 State Rte. 28, Forestport, N.Y. 13338  
June 15, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Entwistle  
Councilwoman Kardash  
Councilwoman Verschneider  
Councilman Scouten

**ABSENT:** Councilwoman Abrial

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Tracy Terry, Town Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:49 PM by Supervisor Entwistle.

**ABSTRACTS:**

**GENERAL:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Verschneider and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to pay Abstract #6, Vouchers #296- #356 in the amount of \$61,428.81.

Roll call vote:

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

**HIGHWAY:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilwoman Verschneider to pay Abstract #6, vouchers #198- # 237 in the amount of \$22,800.93.

Roll call vote:

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

**TOWN CLERK MINUTES:**

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

- Town Board Regular Meeting- May 18, 2022
- Public Hearing: Eckels Variance- May 18, 2022
- Public Hearing: Local Law #1 of 2022-May 18, 2022
- Public Hearing: Road Closures “Old Forestport Days” and Lighting On White Lake”- May 18, 2022
- Public Hearing: Local Law #2 of 2022- June 2, 2022

Roll Call Vote:

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

**REPORTS**

- TOWN CLERK REPORT**
- JUSTICE REPORT**
- PLANNING REPORT**
- DOG REPORT**
- SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Supervisor Entwistle stated there was an issue with a dog and Craig brought the dog to the Boonville Kennel instead of driving it to the Humane Society. Craig suggested the Town of Forestport create an agreement with the Town of Boonville to use the kennel for their dogs. Supervisor Entwistle stated they have to run it by the Attorney and the Boonville Town Board has to discuss it.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

**NOCCOG:**

## OLD BUSINESS BOARD

- **Local Law #2 of 2022:**

### TOWN OF FORESTPORT

#### LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2022

##### **A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE TOWN'S PUBLIC BODIES TO USE VIDEOCONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Forestport as follows:

**Section 1** Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to give the town's public bodies, as that term is defined in Public Officers Law § 102, the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference in a manner consistent with the town's videoconferencing policy and the authority granted in Public Officers Law § 103-a.

**Section 2** Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to Public Officers Law § 103-a which expressly authorizes the Town Board to adopt a local law giving the town's public bodies the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference from locations not accessible to the public so long as a quorum of the body participates from locations where the public may be physically present and other conditions are met.

**Section 3** Videoconferencing for Public Meetings

The Town Board of the Town of Forestport hereby authorizes members of the Town's public bodies to participate in meetings using videoconferencing technology in a manner consistent with Public Officers Law § 103-a and the town's videoconferencing policy adopted by the Town Board.

**Section 4. Severability**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**Section 5. Effective date**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to approve Local Law #2 of 2022.

Roll call vote:

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

- **Camp Nazareth:** There are 31 children signed up for camp this year. Supervisor Entwistle thanked those who donated money pre-covid for children to attend camp this year.
- **Summer Recreation:** Notices were posted that the town was looking for applicants for the Summer Recreation program. Only one application was received. Next year, the Town Board will start putting feelers out in the Fall after

budget time.

- **Wildcat Program:** This is on hold until next month.
- **Master Plan Update:** June 1<sup>st</sup> was the first meeting and Supervisor Entwistle stated it was productive. There is another meeting scheduled at the end of July. There currently is not a contract for the grant money.
- **Website Launch:** Supervisor Entwistle stated the website should be launching soon and Tracy, the Town Clerk has done a nice job with the website. People will be able to sign up for email updates.
- **Eckels Variance:**

**VARIANCE**  
**Factors considered**

1. Whether undesirables change will be produced in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties will be created by granting of the variance:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES       NO

2. Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by some method, feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than a Variance:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES       NO

3. Whether the requested Variance is substantial:

YES      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

4. Whether the requested variance will have an adverse effect or impact on that physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES       NO

5. Whether the alleged difficulty is self-created, which consideration shall be relevant to the decision of the board of appeals, but shall not necessarily not necessarily preclude the granting of the Variance:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES       NO

**Eckels Area Variance**

**1. The granting of the variance will not create an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood, not be a detriment to neighboring properties. It will simply allow an additional driveway entrance from Route 28.**

**2. The benefit sought by the applicant cannot be achieved by another means. He currently has one driveway for both his home and business. He does not have any other public access to the property from another roadway.**

**3. The variance requested is substantial in the fact that the second lot will only have 50' of road frontage, rather than the 200' prescribed by the Site Review Law. It is not substantial in any other aspects.**

**4. The requested variance will not have any adverse effects on the environment.**

**5. The alleged difficulty is not self-created. Mr. Eckels purchased both the business and home as they exist, with one driveway for both.**

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A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Verschneider to approve the Eckels Variance.

Roll call vote:

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

**NEW BUSINESS BOARD:**

- **NYMIR Renewal:** The total is \$34,523.00 and hasn't changed much within the last 5 years. Barb Curry, W.B. Payne representative and Dorothy, the Highway Clerk do an excellent job.
- **Fireworks:** The Town budgeted \$2,200.00 for fireworks, but with the increase in gas prices, this year the fireworks will cost \$2,800.00. Councilwoman Verschneider asked about getting donations for the fireworks. Supervisor Entwistle stated the same businesses are always asked to donate. He suggested the

possibility of donation cans at local businesses for next year. He also mentioned there is money from the stickers that were sold a couple years ago that can be used towards the fireworks.

- **Planning/Zoning Grant:** The Planning Board would like to do a major overhaul of the Site Review Law to make it more up to date with climate smart implemented. There is \$100,000.00 available. Jen, the grant writer is an independent grant writer.
- **Excellus Insurance:** Supervisor Entwistle received the letter from Excellus and they are asking for a 14.26% increase on health insurance.

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>With Increase</u>	<u>Total increase</u>	<u>Employee Share</u>
<b>Platinum:</b>	\$930.58/mo.	\$1063.28	\$132.70	\$463.28
<b>Gold:</b>	\$784.43/mo.	\$896.29	\$111.85	\$296.29

There are currently 8 employees on the health insurance.

- Supervisor Entwistle read a letter aloud complimenting the Highway men and women.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to enter into Executive Session to discuss highway negotiations.

Roll call vote:

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

The Board returned from executive session at 7:45 with no action taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Roll call vote:

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry

Forestport Town Clerk