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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Scouten
Councilman Rockhill
Councilman Scott
Supervisor Entwistle

MEMBERS

Tracy Northrop, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:36.

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to pay Abstract #6, Vouchers #330-#408 in the amount of \$63,084.10 Roll call vote:

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

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Rockhill to pay Abstract #6, vouchers #149-#180 in the amount of \$132,953.85. Roll call vote:

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

- \$98,000 is from stone and oil. The total will be approximately \$140,000 when it's all done. This is all CHIPS money that the Town will get back.

PLANNING BOARD ESCROW:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Rockhill to pay Abstract # 6, vouchers # 1-#2 in the amount of \$100.00. Roll Call Vote:

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

TOWN BOARD ESCROW:

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

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

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

JUSTICE REPORT:

HIGHWAY:

PLANNING REPORT:

CODES:

- Lance Hoffert, Code Enforcement Officer discussed tall grass in the Town of Forestport. He would like the town to pass a law that allows the Town to cut the grass. Supervisor Entwistle asked Lance to get a copy of Boonville's Law and if the board looks at the proposed Law, can get it to Riley and schedule a Public Hearing. He also stated they would have to bid out to a third party. Councilman Rockhill said they could rotate the person, if there are multiple applicants. NYS Law states grass has to be under ten inches. Discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded by Councilman Scott to schedule a public hearing regarding a property maintenance Local Law at 6:15 on July 18, 2018. If the draft is not ready by the time of the Public Hearing, the meeting will be cancelled.

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Councilman Rockhill-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- 12216 Woodhull Road: Both Supervisor Entwistle and Lance Hoffert have had complaints. It has been condemned and abandoned for about 9 months. There is a lot of clutter and debris, along with three entryways that are open and unsecured and broken windows. Lance is sending the owners a letter to take care of the grass, clutter and litter, windows and doors. If the owners do not comply, Lance can bring it to the Town Board next month to schedule a demolition which would be put on the taxes.

A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded by Councilman Scouten to allow Lance to secure the building and clean up the clutter, litter and debris and mow the lawn at 12216 Woodhull Road provided the owners do not respond within ten days once mandated. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Councilman Rockhill-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

Jack, from the gallery asked if he could share this discussion with the Church members. Supervisor Entwistle said he could.

- Violation fines: Lance would like to raise the Codes Violation fines. The 1st offense would go from \$100 to \$250, 2nd offense from \$100 to \$500 and 3rd offense from \$500 to \$750-\$1,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Rockhill and seconded by Councilman Scott to schedule a Public Hearing July 18, 2018 at 6:00PM regarding the amendment of the Fine schedule for the Codes Department. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Councilman Rockhill-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- White Lake Shores Association Gate: Code Enforcement Officer, Lance Hoffert stated that he has had complaints regarding the gate located on their property at Route 28 in White Lake. There was an alleged malfunction of the gate, causing it to come down on a vehicle, and upon checking into the complaint, CEO Hoffert discovered that the paperwork on file is incomplete. He is currently missing a JIF form from the APA, a 3rd party electrical inspection for utility service, as well as a copy of the NYS court decision allowing for the installation of the gate. He is considering putting a “cease and desist” order on the gate for safety reasons, and until the proper paperwork has been submitted.

Supervisor Entwistle suggested that CEO Hoffert contact the White Lake Shores Association, asking them to supply copies of the paperwork. He also stated that he did not recommend a “cease and desist” order be placed on the gate at this time. He did recommend CEO Hoffert discuss the matter further with the Town Attorney.

ASSESSOR:

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER’S REPORT:

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to approve the reports as a whole. Roll call vote:

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

NOCCOG:

- John Healt attended. He brought up the webinar on Cemetery Abandonment.
- The Watershed Conference was a success.
- Identifying invasive species was on the 18th.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

- Payroll period will end on Tuesday. This will allow for payday on Thursday.
- STEM Program: This is a replacement for summer recreation. It will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays 9-12. They have a trip for Pixley Falls, a guided tour along with a few others. In conjunction with the STEM Program, the Town will be offering 4 movie nights: July 14th and August 11th at the Woodgate School and July 28th and August 25th at the Forestport Town Hall. All movies start at dusk and children need to be accompanied by an adult. Supervisor Entwistle stated maybe offering some other movies in the fall or winter since they

have the projector. Councilwoman Kardash brought up August 25th is on Old Forestport Days.

- BAS Demo: This is being held on June 25, 2018 at 10am for the Tax Collector, Planning Secretary and Code Enforcement Officer.
- Requisition for ACS bus for STEM Program: There are three field trips scheduled. The Town is on the School Board agenda for next month for use of the buses. Councilman Rockhill suggested asking the Town of Webb School district for their buses as well. Supervisor Entwistle stated maybe they can do that next year.
- Domestic Partnership: This is relatively new to all townships and villages. The individuals have to be living together long term. The Town would have to create a Local Law and a process to have it dissolved if they no longer lived together. This will be tabled.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

- Audio recordings are becoming an issue for storage. They are uploaded from the recorder to the computer. Supervisor Entwistle read the MU-1 schedule aloud. He stated the Town Clerk does not need the Board's approval for deleting audio recordings.

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to approve disposal of Public Hearings, Town Board Meeting and Planning Board Meeting audio recordings four months after the approval of minutes. Roll Call Vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS PUBLIC:

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

- Jack Elliot, from the gallery inquired as to being able to kayak on White Lake legally, accessing the water through White Lake Shores property. Discussion took place.
- Leon Koziel, from the gallery stated he feels the signage at the White Lake Shores property is an eyesore. He also discusses the accessibility of White Lake to the general public through that property.
- Brian Albert, from the gallery spoke regarding the taxes paid by the White Lake Shores Association on their waterfront properties. He believes the Association is not being taxed accordingly. Discussion took place.

- Councilman Rockhill discussed his position regarding the taxation of the White Lake Shores properties in relation to property values throughout the Town of Forestport.
- Supervisor Entwistle reviewed discussion from last September's meeting regarding the taxation issues, with additional discussion taking place.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash

Councilman Scouten

Councilman Rockhill

Councilman Scott

Supervisor Entwistle

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Northrop
Forestport Town Clerk