

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Scott held August 14, 2018 at the Town Hall commencing at 7:02 P.M.

Present: Kevin Fitch, Supervisor
Jerry Contento, Councilman
Neeca Root, Councilwoman
Andrew Fuller, Councilman

Absent: Paula Arnold, Councilwoman

Recording Secretary: Tamara Congdon, Town Clerk

Other Present: Pat Snyder, Town Attorney
Kim Fairchild, Code Enforcer Officer
Russ Phelps, Town Justice
Donnell Boyden, County Legislator Representative

The Regular meeting of the Town of Scott was called to order at 7:02 pm by Supervisor Kevin Fitch and was followed with the Pledge of the Allegiance.

Attention to the floor:

Several, Town Residents attended the meeting to discuss issues of their Camper Parks. The Coon Park was cleared by Syracuse Water Shed for direct use of water from the Grout Brook Creek and proper disposal of their septic waste with contracts from a Vogel waste removal company. After a discussion it was established the family park is for family use only “no rent is being collected” and benefits to support family members. They stated the parties were on weekends in the afternoon and over by 11:00. They do not serve alcohol at their benefits. Rodger Coon stated the park is only used 3-4 months out of the summer.

Michael Davis explained to the Board his brother’s (he lives in Florida) Family Camper Park that will be on Cold Brook Road would also be for family use only and “no rent will be collected”. They will only have a couple of campers and some tents and they will not be there every weekend. They have not established water and septic yet and they were advised they would need to follow regulations.

Brian Guy asked the Board about housing a camper for the winter in his park because of something to do with NY State rules regarding the County Music Park and not allowing winter stays. After a brief discussion he was asked to speak with the Town Code Officer and take it to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Jerry Phalen ask the Board why the residents are required to pay a \$5.00 for the use of the boat launch and wanted to know why everyone entering the park was not charged. It was explained that the park is not funded by taxes and Supervisor Kevin Fitch explained he didn’t want to tax everyone because not everyone owns a boat.

Several residents were requesting the town charge everyone \$5.00 to enter the park but Supervisor Fitch explained hiring someone to collect fees for access to the park would be very expensive. They are using the revenue for the upkeep of the park such as dredging the channel and possibly adding a dock. He also explained that they will need to use some of the revenue to complete the new bathrooms because the \$75,000 Grant might not be enough to cover the project. Supervisor Fitch stated when the development of the park is done they can look back into this.

Rodger Coon brought to the attention of the Board that there was a clerical error in the Park laws that should be corrected. The laws in Section 6 states, the open hours of the park are from sunset to sunrise and they need to be reversed.

County Legislator Report:

County Legislator Donnell Boyden stated he would be quick. He presented the monthly solid waste report to the Board to show them the debt accumulated in the last six months in the amount of \$199,734.98. They are hoping to get some help from the D.E.C. He also presented to the Board handouts on how to properly recycle and asked if we could share them on our website. The residents are bringing in everything but the kitchen sink he explained. They are also having the problem with the E-Waste. When in doubt pull it out, County Legislator Donnell Boyden explained, as it is costing us.

Finger Lakes Land Trust:

Dennis Birdsall explained to the Board that a couple of years ago he applied to get a grant to save his farm land and it is going to close this calendar year. He took the money and bought more land and would like the towns approve to get this grant on the newly invested property and his parents land. Supervisor Fitch is concerned about the properties in the business district of the town. Mr. Birdsall explained that two properties on 41 were taken out and the property located 500 feet from the road would remain classified as enterprise area and will be excluded. **Councilman Jerry Contento made a motion to except the resolution to support the Finger Lakes Land Trust Grant and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

Approval of July 2018 Minutes:

Supervisor Kevin Fitch made a motion to approve the July minutes and was seconded by Councilman Jerry Contento. All in favor, one opposed, the motion carries.

Approval of Abstracts:

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the General Abstract #8 totaling \$6439.15 and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the Highway Abstract #8 totaling \$14858.54 and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the Water Abstract #8 totaling \$930.09 and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Town Supervisor (Treasurer) Report:

Councilman Jerry Contento made a motion to accept the July, supervisor report that was tabled last month, and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Town Clerk Report:

Councilman Jerry Contento made a motion to accept the July, Clerk report and was seconded by Councilman Andrew Fuller. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Revenue

Building Permits -\$285.00
Dog License-\$122.00
Dog Pick up Fee-\$90.00
Donation Boat Launch-\$1587.00
Total Revenue: \$2106.00

Disbursements

Paid to the Supervisor - \$2084.00
Paid to the NYSDAM for the ACP- \$22.00
Total Disbursements: \$2106.00

CEO Report:

Code Enforcer Officer Kim Fairchild thanked the Town Justice Russ Phelps for his work for the town. He said that people are reacting to him pleasantly and responding quickly. Everything is been cleared up and after 35 years of service he has never seen this before.

Building Permits

1. Mr. Kraetz- 7490 Fair Haven Road- Deck \$106.00

Certificate to Occupy

1. Mr. Guy-7208 Ripley Hill Road- Lot #15 MFH
2. MR. Scuyarl-7434 Fair Haven Road- 2nd floor fire escape

Zoning Complaints

1. Mr. Pooler-6240 Country Lane-Junk/Abandoned Vehicles- Moving out of residents rumors that property is sold and house may be torn down.
2. 6220 Country Lane illegal above ground pool no permit and not safe installed. Verbal agreement to get a permit and install correctly.
3. Ms. Sutton-7190 Rt. 41 Junk Vehicles OTR sent
4. Mr. Ingram-6822 Glen Haven Road- Above ground pool no permit and not installed correctly.
5. Mr. Hapgood-Rt. 41 – Junk issues complaint filed and issues corrected, vehicle licensed and junk is farm machinery.
6. Mr. Ward-6946 Glen Haven Road- Junk vehicles OTR sent
7. Mrs. Baker- 624 Long Road- Junk storage and abandoned vehicles OTR sent
8. Mr. McCoy 591 Cutler Road- Building a deck no permit on file- Stop work Order issued on 7/30/18

Fire Safety Inspections

1. Town Hall-A few issues that need attention to be repaired.

Note: I have received 2 complaints of a Camp Ground Park on Rte #41 operated by the Coon family about noise and septic issues. I have talked with Syracuse Water Department and they inspected the property and are satisfied with the septic issues as a contract to pump tanks is in place. They have been in contact with Cortland County Health and have had no response to any issues there. The Town does have a noise ordinance so any problems can be reported to the Sheriff Department if needed. We need a Town ordinance if the Town wants to address this issue to control these.

Recreation Report:

Supervisor Kevin Fitch received more documents to sign for the grant for the park bathrooms. He will be setting up a time to meet with the engineer to visit the site for the bathrooms to find an exact placement.

Supervisor Fitch would like to make it clear in the park rules that no overnight parking included boat trailers.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The new highway plow truck will be here the end of the month.
- The City signed the new sales tax agreement and the town Bookkeeper Brian McIlroy will look over our budget to give us a better outlook for the next meeting.
- Andrew Fuller will be writing up list of repairs and siding needed for the outside of the town hall to present to the Board at the next meeting.
- Town Lawyer Pat Snyder and Supervisor Kevin Fitch are still working on the County Highway Contract to make sure the town is covered in it.
- Town Justice Russ Phelps presented the Board with his plans for the use of the Grant he would like to apply for. After an extended discussion **Councilman Jerry Contento made a motion to approve Justice Russ Phelps to proceed with Grant for the remodel of the town hall and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Andrew Fuller asked the Board why the picnic needed to be approved because it was already approved to be held annually for the 3rd Sunday in August years ago. Supervisor Kevin Fitch explained they needed to approve the funds. Councilman Fuller explained that he gets 50-60 people and gives away the left over chicken after the picnic. He received a quote from Bob's BBQ for 75 halves of chicken at \$5.00 each and they would quarter them. He made a request for a check for \$375.00 for Bob's BBQ for the annual town picnic. **Supervisor Kevin Fitch made a motion to approve the funds for the 2018 annual town picnic and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

Adjourn:

Councilman Jerry Contento made a motion to close the Regular Town Meeting on August 14, 2018 at 8:43 and Councilwoman Neeca Root seconded it. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Reopening of Meeting:

Supervisor Kevin Fitch reopened the meeting at 8:44 to discuss the personal name changes requested by Cortland County Personal under the civil service requirements. Brian McIlroy civil service title will be changed to Budget Officer P/T. **Councilman Jerry Contento made a motion to accept the title changes and Councilman Andrew Fuller seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

Adjourn:

Councilman Jerry Contento made a motion to close the Regular Town Meeting on August 14, 2018 at 8:45 and Councilwoman Neeca Root seconded it. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.