

**Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Scott held February 11, 2020, at the Town Hall commencing at 6:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Guy Ruoff, Supervisor  
Trevor Adams, Councilman  
Neeca Root, Councilwoman  
Louis Martin, Councilman

**Absent:** Andrew Fuller, Councilman

**Recording Secretary:** Tamara Congdon, Town Clerk

**Other Present:** David Putnam, Supt. of Highways  
Maria Manning, Town Attorney  
Kim Fairchild, Code Enforcer Officer  
Russ Phelps, Town Justice

The Regular meeting of the Town of Scott was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Guy Ruoff and followed with the Pledge of the Allegiance. He thanked everyone for coming and welcomed them.

**Legislator Report:**

County Legislator Kevin Fitch explained to the Board how he provided the Town Clerk with the workman's comprehension binder from Perma. He said there was some pretty good information in there and they should take a look at it. Legislator Fitch went on to explain that there is training information and protocol in the book along with inspection. Supervisor Guy Ruoff told him he has the book and is presently reading through it. Legislator Kevin Fitch also told the Board that they are trying to find a place to store everyone's recyclables because of the fire at their current recyclables center. They are asking DEC for approval to store it at the landfill until they can find a different place. Supervisor Guy Ruoff thanked Legislator Fitch for his report.

**Approval of January 2020 Minutes:**

Councilwoman Neeca Root made a motion to approve the December minutes and was seconded by Councilman Louis Martin. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

**Approval of Abstracts #2:**

The General abstracts were table until the executive meeting scheduled for the end of the regular meeting so that they may discuss issues with a reimbursement charge.

Councilwoman Neeca Root made a motion to approve the Highway Abstract #2 totaling \$3739.23 and was seconded by Councilman Louise Martin. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Councilwoman Neeca Root made a motion to approve the Water Abstract #2 totaling \$2950.47 and was seconded by Councilman Trevor Adams. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

**Town Supervisor (Treasurer) Report:**

Councilman Louis Martin made a motion to approve the January Supervisors Report and was seconded by Councilman Trevor Adams. All in Favor, none opposed, motion carries.

**Town Clerk Annual Report and Monthly Report:**

Councilwoman Neeca Root made a motion to accept the Clerk's reports and was seconded by Councilman Louise Martin. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

**Revenue:**

Dog License	\$ 37.50
Building Permits	\$150.00
Certified Copy B/D	\$100.00
Donation Boat Launch	\$146.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$433.50</b>

**Disbursements:**

Paid to the Supervisor	\$428.50
Paid to the NYSDAM for the ACP	\$ 5.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$433.50</b>

**CEO Report:****Building Permits**

1. Mr. Amidon-7041 Cold Brook Road- MFH Placement- \$150.00

**Zoning Complaints**

1. 6271 Rt. #41- Junk car sent OTR out 1/28/2020.
2. 570 Sunnyside Drive- Junk issues, this is a written complaint by a neighbor, sent OTR out 1/28/2020.

**Stop Work Order-**

1. 6801 Rt. 41- Building a deck with no application or building permit on file. Posted property with a red tag and have had no response. The building is not occupied so no contact with anyone.

**Certificate to Occupy-**

1. 6204 Sunnyside Drive- New Deck- This house is a flip home and totally remodeled.

**Court Appearance Ticket-**

1. Mr. Sweet- 6460 Rt 41 Parker Manor- Safety violation on occupying an RV and life safety.

**Other Issues**

1. US Census Bureau report filed as required for the 2019 activity.
2. Syracuse Water Shed report filed for 20109 activity.
3. NYS Code report filed for 2019 activity as required.
  - All reports are filed as required for the fiscal year 2019.
  - ISO review completed waiting for the report from them on our rating.

I am registering for the 24-hour yearly certification requirement this April in Liverpool which certifies me for the year 2021. New Codes are the main issue this year with new books and regulations.

**Highway Report:** Nothing to report

**Park:** Councilman Andrew Fuller was Absent

Supervisor Guy Rouff provided a short powerpoint and lecture on the Local Government and Town Boards. Explain we do not have a Public Safety Board or Ethics Board, but they should govern as if they do.

**Old Business:**

Councilwoman Neeca Root explained how she audited the Court Books, and they are perfect.

Town Clerk Tamara Congdon explained to the Board that the Boards are almost all filled. They now only need one more person for the BAR Board and all the Boards will be at full capacity. Tim Greenfield from the Planning Board would like to resign but he will wait till the position is filled. Supervisor Guy Ruoff thank her for her help with this.

Supervisor Guy Ruoff asked Code Enforcer Officer Kim Fairchild if there were issues that needed to be taken care of. Code Enforcement Officer Kim Fairchild explained that there are a couple of issues that have been a problem for quite a while now. He went over the issues and stated the back-emergency exit ramp would be the most important. The Board agreed that this should be taken care of immediately and asked Town Clerk Tamara Congdon to write up a bid to be placed in the paper. She said she would work with CEO Fairchild and send it to them all for approval.

It was brought to the attention of Supervisor Guy Ruoff that he needed to open the floor for comments. He explained that he loved that everyone was there, and he welcomes their comments.

Legislator Kevin Fitch introduced himself as not a legislator but a resident. He had heard a rumor that they were thinking of removing the Boat launch fees and he continued to read from a prewritten report. He asked where they're going to get the \$6,000, they collected from the boaters for the maintenance of the park if they stop collecting. Such as lawn mowing, signage, new pavilion roof, camera maintenance, playground equipment, Channel dredging, port-a-potty maintenance, bathroom supplies, and other maintenance. He said they will need to get it elsewhere because raising taxes is a really bad move. Kevin Fitch is concerned that raising taxes will push them over the 2% tax cap and no one will get their rebate money back at the end of August. He also asked who is a Town Resident because the Town of Spafford gives \$4,000 to the recreation program and \$1000.00 to the park. If they don't include them this could be the loss of the recreation program. He said that the residents without watercraft will be burdened if this comes out of taxes. He ended with that the Boat Launch fees were already budgeted in the 2020 and all the Board members get free boat passes.

Hanna Hapgood asked how much of the collected money is from residents versus out of towners? She explained that some other people were using the launch for free because of friendships and asked how they were paying for the park maintenance before they charged. Kevin fitch told her to call the Skaneateles Watershed and ask them if they know and that the money for maintenance was coming out of the General account.

Supervisor Guy Ruoff asked they contain this conversation at a later date because Councilman Andrew Fuller was absent.

Supervisor Guy Ruoff brought up that they need to have the town revalue done since it hasn't been in a long time. Legislator Kevin Finch said he believes it has only been 12 years.

Supervisor Guy Ruoff explained that Town Clerk Tamara Congdon was still looking for the person that charged the Staples card for a Leather 2020 Planner and a package of blank CDs for \$37.00 so that she may code it correctly. After asking several times with no response Legislator Kevin Fitch responded that the purchase was his. Supervisor Guy Ruoff asked why he would charge the town for a planner for the term of 2020 knowing he would not be a Town Board member this year. Legislator Fitch explained he is in the process of transferring files to the CDs off his computer for the new supervisor Guy Ruoff and that he needed the planner. He offered to reimburse the Town the money for these purchases.

Councilman Trevor Adams has been in contact with Summer Hill about the Fire Contact, and they are paying \$7,000 less than us. He is working toward getting the Town a better price.

**New Business:**

Supervisor Guy Ruoff explained to everyone he has been working with Councilwoman Neeca Root and Lifetime Benefits to finish the paperwork that was to be completed in November. They have finalized all the paperwork and have the insurance straightened out. They have deposited money into the negative healthcare account that had been charging them \$5 a day because it was in the red. They have also placed money in the accounts for the three highway employees to use when needed.

A Hazmat and Migration meeting is coming up this Friday explained Supervisor Ruoff. He and Councilman Louise Martin plan on attending to get information on grants and to see if it will be any help for the residents. At that time many of the residents attending the meeting spoke about the flooding down by the lake. They explained to the new members of the Board the ongoing issues that they have been enduring. Supervisor Ruoff told them that this was good timing, and he appreciated all their info. He plans on ask a question regarding this issue at the meeting in the hope to get some help with the flooding and Bridges.

Councilman Louise Martin asked about getting a Facebook page to inform the public of what is going on in the town. He and Town Clerk Tamara Congdon will look and see what other Towns are doing.

Councilman Louse Martin asked why the town did not accept the offer of the sale of the Scott Store for a dollar to the Town. Legislator Kevin Fitch said it was not offered and that the county will not sell to the Town. Code Enforcer Kim Fairchild said that he had previously brought this offer to the Board and they had turned it down.

Supervisor Guy Ruoff thanked everyone for coming and their communication. He thanked the County Legislator for his report and explained that he will be bringing the community issues up at the Friday meeting. He asked to take a brief break as everyone exited the room before their executive meeting. Time being 7:46.

After a brief discussion, the Board decided to reschedule the meeting to a different date because of the late hour. They agreed to pass the General abstract because of this and will discussing further reimbursement charges at a later date.

