

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Scott held August 11, 2020, by computer commencing at 6:00 P.M.

This is the town's fourth, zoom meeting held because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Present by Zoom: Dr. Guy Ruoff, Supervisor
Trevor Adams, Councilman
Neeca Root, Councilwoman
Louis Martin, Councilman
Andrew Fuller, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Tamara Congdon, Town Clerk

Other Present: Daniel J. Ellis II, Town, Attorney
David Putnam, HWY Superintendent
Kevin Fitch, County Legislator

Town Residents: Russ Phelps, Court Justice
Teri Phelps, Court Justice Clerk
Paula Arnold

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 did join the zoom meeting but had nothing to say.

Approval of July 2020 Minutes:

Councilwoman Neeca Root made a motion to approve the July minutes and was seconded by Councilman Trevor Adams. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Approval of Abstracts #8:

Councilwoman Neeca Root made a motion to approve the General Abstract #8 totaling \$3,107.82 and was seconded by Councilman Louis Martin. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Councilman Louis Martin made a motion to approve the Highway Abstract #8 totaling \$28,750.30 and was seconded by Councilman Trevor Adams. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Councilwoman Neeca Root made a motion to approve the Water Abstract #8 totaling \$642.49 and was seconded by Councilman Louis Martin. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Town Supervisor (Treasurer) Report:

Councilman Louis Martin made a motion to approve the July 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 July Clerk reports and was seconded by Councilman Louis Martin. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Revenue:

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| Dog License | \$ 166.00 |
| Building Permits | \$ 215.00 |
| Boat Launch Donations | \$1795.00 |
| Certified Copies- B/D | \$ 150.00 |
| DECALS | \$ 125.00 |
| Total Revenue | \$2,451.00 |

Disbursements:

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| Paid to the Supervisor | \$2,223.89 |
| Paid to the NYSDAM for the APCP | \$ 24.00 |
| DECALS | \$ 118.11 |
| Total Disbursements | \$2,451.00 |

CEO Report:**Building Permits:**

1. Mr. Amidon- 7041 Cold Brook Rd.- Garage- \$130.00
2. Mrs. Nickerson-6225 Country Lane- Above ground pool- \$85.00

Zoning Complaints:

1. Mr. Van Winkle- 570 Southview Drive- Junk has been removed and the complaint is finished.

Planning Board:

1. Problems with a Subdivision for Mr. Weber on Long Road which was applied for 2 years ago. The Planning Board Chair is investigating the issue.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

1. Zoning Board has not had a meeting since February 2020. I have two applicants filled and one which was 165 days old. As no action has been taken on this application which is required within 62 days of filling. I am approving for Mr. Sweet on 6640 Creek Road for a storage building. I am also applying the \$100.00 for the application towards his permit. There is another application that is pending and may be a problem for the town as subdivisions look bad.
2. I have been investigating a subdivision done a few years ago on Brake Hill Rd. I was contacted by an Attorney Mr. Armstrong as we are not sure if it was filed with the Town. It was filed with the County so all tax numbers line up. At this point, no action will be taken as time has elapsed.

Town Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff explained how he has received an HMP update from the state stating, "Town of Scott leads the pack of all the Cortland County municipalities in progress." The town has finished all the data collection and is waiting for the other towns to catch up. Councilman Louis Martin explained there is a survey on the town web page and asked for everyone to tell their neighbors. Councilman Martin had asked Supervisor Ruoff to place it on the webpage and he did. This will help the town get help with issues that may come up within the town.

Councilwoman Neeca Root brought a concern to the Board about the other Boards having meetings. Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff explained that he has purchased an annual pass instead of paying fifteen dollars a month. He will set up meetings for the other Boards they will just need to give him dates and times.

Animal Control: Town Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff would like to advertise the dogs that need homes on the town website. Town Clerk Tamara Congdon stated she had emailed Dog Control Officer Lindsey Anderson about this but has not heard back yet.

Highway Report: Highway Supervisor David Putnam said he had talked with Jerry, and he would like him to get a hold of Amanda Barber the district manager of soil and water. They would like to see if he could get some funding from soil and water to improve the park. Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff stated they the town may need to get some help from Tahoma to help with improvements. He also stated that after talking with a few people he has found out our park is one of the few that are open. Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff stated that we are in need of an in and out access to the lake and we are running out of parking space. Councilwoman Neeca Root suggested we have a limitation of availability of parking. Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff suggests we get someone to supervise on the weekends. Councilman Louis Martin offered to supervise for free if the town would put something in writing on what they are to supervise. Highway Superintendent David Putnam was asked if he could pave a turnaround on a man's property that man would pave the rest of the area. He stated it would cost only \$5000.00 but would save about \$2,500.00. This will also help save time and money for the highway Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff said that this was known as a horse trade and is good bartering/trading. He thanked Superintendent Putnam for setting this up. Superintendent Putnam asked for a suggestion for a bottle and can collection container for the park. After a brief discussion, Town Justice Russ Phelps said he would pick one up and bring it to the highway garage. Town Justice Phelps announced that the court is open and being held in the Highway garage next to the town hall. He made a shout-out and thank you to Superintendent Putman for allowing them to use the garage and for all his help.

Park: Councilman Andrew Fuller explained to the Board that he gave the town clerk \$2,975.84 for the Boat launch donation monies. He also stated that the clerk has sold passes totaling \$3,107.84. He doesn't think anyone understands how long it takes him to unfold all the wadded-up money they put in the box. It takes him a lot of time to unfold all the money and sort it out. He doesn't mind and he is pretty proud he has collected \$3,107.84. He has collected for the year a total of \$6,670.84. Councilman Fuller said he has printed out reports for everyone and they are in the box. Supervisor Ruoff thanked him for his help and understands show all the ones and fives can be a problem. Councilman Fuller explained that Dave and his wife go over every night and collect the money and he go down on Mondays and collects the money from them.

Old Business:

PPE is all good, Highway Superintendent said thank you for the mask and hand sanitizer he picked up and put next to his front door.

The Senior Center is still closed but the Meals for Wheels is still going.

The parks and recreation committee will need to have a zoom meeting to work on the bathroom grant and some other issues. If nothing is done soon, we will lose the grant. Town Clerk Tamara Congdon will contact the committee members and set up a meeting.

Supervisor Ruoff explains to the Board that they needed to set a date for the Boat launch Amendment that was sent to him by the town lawyer Dan Ellis. He stated the resolution looks great and if anyone needs a copy to check with the town clerk Tammy Congdon. Supervisor Ruoff is looking at September 8th at 5:30 before the regular meeting. Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff ask to make a motion to accept the date for the public hearing. **Councilman Trevor Adams made a motion to accept the date and time of the**

public hearing and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Supervisor Guy Ruoff explained he will send out an email to the Board to find a date and time for the budget meeting.

Councilman Louis Martin asked if he could research some credit cards for the highway department. After a brief discussion Supervisor, Ruoff said that it was a great idea and to please go ahead and do so.

Supervisor Guy Ruoff brought up the conversation about the park swings. Councilman Louis Martin said he would contact someone in Homer to find out who put up their swings. Town Clerk Tamara Congdon explained how Homer received a grant for their new playground and they could contact the recreation department for more information. Supervisor, Ruoff said that was a good idea and asked who could make that phone call. Highway Superintendent said he could call.

Councilman Louis Martin said he had contacted Mr. Cunningham at Tahoma and wondered if they wanted to set up a time to speak with him. Supervisor Guy Ruoff asked if he could join the town's next zoom meeting.

New Business:

Supervisor Guy Ruoff asked for a motion to accept the Town Assessor Bill Bearup 6-hour Standard Workday Resolution. **Councilman Trevor Adams Made a motion to accept the NYS Retirement Standard Workday Resolution for Mr. Bearup and was seconded by Councilman Louis Martin, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.**

Supervisor Guy Ruoff explained how he wrote a narrative and posted it on the website about the Solar Pilot Program. He explained a French-owned corporation would be coming in and taking up parts of our county, paying 6% taxes, not paying any school tax, and only creating 3 jobs. He also sent this to the Chairman of the County legislator Paul Heider, and he personally asked him to speak at the Legislator meeting. Supervisor Guy Ruoff went in and spoke, letting them know how the town feels. They then decide to change this from a universal project to offer options to the towns. Know the town will have the ability to make a deal with these people. Town Clerk Tamara Congdon has a copy of all of this if anyone would like to look at it.

Councilman Louis Martin asked how everyone felt about having a second meeting every month as a work session. Supervisor Guy Ruoff explained he would not be interested in a second meeting. Other meetings are being held and he is also working a full-time job. Supervisor Ruoff then went on to explain how the board members are extremely underpaid and he cannot fix this because of the budget restriction this year. Councilman Louis Martin offered to donate all his salary to the town. Councilwoman Neeca Root explained increasing the salaries may be a good incentive to get people to want to be involved in their town.

Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff asked that they stick to the agenda and that they contact the town clerk ahead of time to get discussions placed on the agenda. He works hard on putting the PowerPoint together for the meeting and doesn't appreciate changing it several times.

Town Resident Paula Arnold suggested the town print out a notice to place on the windshield of the vehicles that haven't paid at the park. She thought this would be much better than wasting the police department's resources for a \$5.00 fee. Supervisor Guy Ruoff asked if Paula could join the Parks and recreation committee. He appreciates her input with this situation and would appreciate her help with this committee.

Supervisor Dr. Guy Rouff asked several times if anyone needed to speak declaring its question-and-answer time for the public.

Councilman Louis Martin asked if Legislator Kevin Fitch was on. Town Clerk Tamara Congdon Stated he was with her at the town hall. Councilman Martin asked if there was any update from the Legislators and Supervisor Ruoff repeated the question. Town Clerk Congdon spoke no for the County Legislator who only shook his head up and down. Supervisor Guy Rouff stated that Councilman Martin had a good question because it is important, the town needs to hear from the Legislator and what is going on.

Adjournment:

Councilman Andrew Fuller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm and was seconded by Councilman Trevor Adams. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff Thanked everyone for logging in and their input.