

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Scott held September 9th, 2020, by computer commencing at 6:00 P.M.

The public hearing will pertain to the proposed amendment of the fees for the use of the Andrew Fuller Park. The proposed amendment will provide two free annual boat launch passes and parking passes per household for residents of the Town of Scott.

Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff opened the meeting at 5:30 explaining that this will be a change, Local Law #1 of 2014 to allow town residents free access to the Boat Launch. Councilman Louis Martin brought up this change, but they waited until Councilman Andrew Fuller had recuperated from an illness. Supervisor Dr. Ruoff thanked the Board and town residents for the decisions and the town lawyer Dan Ellis for the very well-written resolution. Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff then asked the Board if they had any discussion on this. Councilman Andrew Fuller told the Board he called the association of town's lawyer and was told they could not take a vote on anything over a zoom meeting and that it had to be a public hearing. After a brief discussion and explanation of the executive order by Governor Cuomo, Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff asked the public if they had any discussion. He then explained they would wait until next month to decide on this matter so that any town resident unable to join the zoom meeting could write in a letter with their opinion on the resolution.

Adjournment:

Councilman Andrew Fuller motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:52 pm and was seconded by Councilman Trevor Adams. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Scott held September 9th, 2020, by computer commencing at 6:00 P.M.

This is the town's fifth, 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, Tow, Attorney
David Putnam, HWY Superintendent

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

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. He then explained that they will now be recording the meeting and it will be posted on the town webpage.

Legislator Report:

County Legislator Kevin Fitch did not request to join the zoom meeting.

Approval of August 2020 Minutes:

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

Approval of Abstracts #9:

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the General Abstract #9 totaling \$ and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Councilman Trevor Adams made a motion to approve the Highway Abstract #9 totaling \$ and was seconded by Councilman Andrew Fuller. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Councilwoman Neeca Root made a motion to approve the Water Abstract #9 totaling \$ and was seconded by Councilman Trevor Adams. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Town Supervisor (Treasurer) Report:

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to approve the August Supervisors Report and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in Favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Town Clerk Annual Report and Monthly Report:

Councilman Andrew Fuller made a motion to accept the August Clerk reports with the change to the building’s account line and was seconded by Councilman Trevor Adams. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

Revenue:

Dog License	\$ 91.50
Building Permits	\$ 107.00
Boat Launch Donations	\$2,975.84
Certified Copies- B/D/M	\$ 30.00
DECALS	\$ 174.00
Total Revenue	\$3,378.34

Disbursements:

Paid to the Supervisor	\$2,223.89
Paid to the NYSDAM for the ACP	\$ 15.00
DECALS	\$ 164.41
Total Disbursements	\$3,378.34

CEO Report:

Building Permits:

1. Mr. Norton- Vincent Hill Road- Storage addition- \$82.00

C. C Issue:

1. Mr. Cook-7380 Ripley Hill Road- New Deck
2. Mrs. Meier- 338 Fair Haven Road

Stop Work Order:

1. 338 Fair Haven Road- Building without a permit.

Town Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff gave a quick update on the HMP. He has another meeting and 4 more papers to fill out. Supervisor Ruoff asked everyone again to please fill out the survey on the town webpage.

Animal Control: Town Clerk Tamara Congdon told the Board that she received a report from Country Acres Animal Shelter that they picked up two dogs in Scott and adopted out one to a town resident.

Highway Report: Superintendent David Putnam explained he had a man quit but he has hired Ward Grinnell. Mr. Grinnell was the town's previous Highway Superintendent.

Park: Councilman Andrew Fuller stated that he gave the town clerk \$2,975.84 on September 1st but the water is dropping down now. He then explained he has collected a total of \$6,678.84 total so far. Councilman Fuller also explained he has made packets for everyone and they are in his mailbox.

Old Business:

Town Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff asked everyone how they were doing on their PPE situations.

Councilman Louis Martin explained to the Board how he has spent a week and a half calling credit card companies. He has found, in order to get a credit card for the town, they will need to use the town's supervisor's credit. Supervisor Ruoff said he was not willing to put his credit on the line. Councilman Martin told Supervisor Ruoff that he will need to call NBT. Supervisor Ruoff said he would go in when the banks open.

Highway Superintendent David Putnam explained how he has called the Town of Homer about their swings. They told them the chains they used for their swings are coated with plastic instead of having a plastic guard. They also gave him the link to purchase the same chains. Superintendent Putnam asked how they were going to pay for the \$450.00 chains. Councilwoman Neeca Root offered to use her PayPal account. Superintendent Putnam will print off the emailed receipt and give it to Town Clerk Tamara Congdon.

Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff brought up to the Board that they still needed to have a public hearing for the new Zoning Book for the Town. He was hoping to do this in November because of the budget meetings. Councilman Louis Martin said that Code Enforcer Office Kim Fairchild told him there were a couple of things in the book that needed to be changed.

New Business:

Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff explained how he has been reaching the procedure for the budget including attending a 2-hour webinar. He asked if everyone would be able to attend a Monday, October 5, 2020, 6:00 pm zoom conference, budget workshop. The Board and other present town employees agreed with the day and time.

Councilman Louis Martin stated he would like to make a motion to reconsider the solar project vote. Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff reminded him of how he was asked to speak at the County Legislators meeting regarding this issue. He also reminded him that the County Legislators threw out this bill and there was nothing to reconsider.

Supervisor Guy Ruoff then explained why he has asked everyone to announce new business before the meeting. ~~Councilman Louis Martin quote from the Roberts Rule of Law book that he has recently purchased. Regarding the issue that any board member can bring up new business at any time.~~ Councilman Martin tried to explain that there is a statement in the Robert's Rule of Order book stating any Board member could bring up new business but was interrupted.

Town Lawyer Dan Ellis brought to the attention of the Board that Richard Cunningham from Thoma Development Consultants had joined the meeting as requested. Supervisor Ruoff thanked him for joining the zoom/teleconference and asked if he could explain how his company works. Mr. Cunningham said he was happy to join tonight and would like to give a summary of his business before a Q & A with the Board. He explained how they have based out of Cortland for about 40 years and have done business with every community except Scott. They write grants and help assist with the grants. Primary they like to identify the needs of the client and what you would like to do. Then they can assist you and help map them out to your needs. They like to win so they will push grants that you may not get. There cost of service is a flat fee proposal, there is no charge unless they are writing the grant. Supervisor Ruoff thanked Mr. Cunningham and told him the town was very interested in working with them. Mr. Cunningham thanked the Board and said he was looking forward to working with us.

Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff asked if County Legislator Kevin Fitch was on. Town Clerk Tamara Congdon stated he never asked for the link. Councilman Andrew Fuller explained they are going to have a hard time with the budget because of the loss of the sales tax. Supervisor Ruoff said he was aware of the sales tax not being what it was. Councilwoman Neeca Root asked if they were still going to get a percentage of the sale tax. Councilman Fuller said that they are going to use the money for the jail to recover. Supervisor Dr. Guy Ruoff explained how he may need to reach out to another County Legislator for assistance.

Adjournment:

Councilman Andrew Fuller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm and was seconded by Councilwoman Neeca Root. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

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