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The Town of Forestburgh held their regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, September 1, 2022**, at the town hall.

Supervisor Hogue called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present – Daniel S. Hogue, Jr., Supervisor
Karen Ellsweig, Councilperson
Vincent C. Galligan Jr., Councilperson
Susan Parks Landis, Councilperson
Steve Budofsky, Councilperson

Absent – None

Recording Secretary – Teresa Collins, Deputy Town Clerk

Others

Present – Troy Johnstone, Attorney for the Town

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MINUTES – Minutes of the August 4 town Board meeting were submitted. MOTION by Councilperson Landis, seconded by Councilperson Ellsweig to accept the minutes. With the need to change the roast beef dinner date at the firehouse to be 9/10/22. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS - # 179 – 189 in the sum of \$8,214.23 as set forth in abstract #8 were audited for payment. MOTION by Councilperson Landis, seconded by Councilperson Ellsweig to pay the General Fund Vouchers. Councilperson Budofsky abstained. Vote: 4 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY FUND VOUCHERS - #97 – 108 in the sum of \$61,117.96 as set forth in abstract # 8 were reviewed. MOTION by Councilperson Budofsky, seconded by Councilperson Landis to accept the highway fund vouchers. Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN –

STATE OF NEW

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, TOWN OF FORESTBURGH

COUNTY MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Town of Forestburgh, with the assistance from the University at Albany's Albany Visualization and Informatics Labs (AVAIL), has gathered information and reviewed the County Hazard mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS Town of Forestburgh is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS Town of Forestburgh has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Town Council that Town of Forestburgh adopts the Sullivan County Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

MOTION by Councilperson Ellsweig, seconded by Councilperson Budofsky to adopt said resolution. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

ADOPTED this First day of September 2022, at a regular meeting of the Town of Forestburgh Town Board.

LOG CABIN REPAIRS – Dan will ask Joe to draft up some sort of plans on some of the repairs that is needed on the log cabin.

DASNY GRANT – Councilperson Ellsweig collected all the necessary information needed for the two generators, one for the town hall and one for the highway department. Councilperson Ellsweig will fill out all necessary paperwork to show the state the amount of money that we are asking for. Councilperson Ellsweig received two quotes from vendors, but Supervisor Hogue indicated that at a later date that the generators must be put out for bids.

NEW BUSINESS

JUSTICE RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERNDUM – Two months ago Justice Hugel resigned due to personal reason. Our attorney has drafted a permissive referendum to reduce the town justices from 2 to 1 with a stipend of \$5000.

RESOLUTION

Subject to a Permissive Referendum

To Reduce the Number of Town Justices in the Town of Forestburgh Pursuant to Section 60-a of the NYS Town Law

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Forestburgh hereby determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to reduce the number of Town Justices from two (2) to one (1), and

WHEREAS, the NYS Town Law Section 60-a(2) authorizes the reduction of the number of Town Justices upon a resolution subject to a permissive referendum that shall become effective at the end of the current term of the Town Justice seat to be terminated, and

WHEREAS the Town of Forestburgh has a Justice seat which is currently vacant, and which is scheduled for election in November 2025 for a new term and thus the seat and the current term shall terminate as of December 31, 2025, and

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Forestburgh hereby appoints Justice Leroy Gunther, to fill the vacancy of Town of Forestburgh Justice until December 31, 2025, and it is further

RESOLVED, that Justice Leroy Gunther will not receive a salary for this position but rather receive an annual stipend of \$5,000, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Forestburgh hereby resolved that the currently vacant Town of Forestburgh Justice seat and one position of Town Justice, shall and hereby is terminated effective December 31, 2025, and there shall be one (1) Town Justice position henceforth, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution is made subject to a permissive referendum and shall become binding unless a petition is filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Forestburgh within 30 days of the adoption of this resolution and in the form prescribed by law.

Resolution motion made by: Councilperson Ellsweig
Seconded by: Councilperson Budofsky

ROLL CALL:

Supervisor Daniel S. Hogue, Jr. voting aye,
Councilmember Steven Budofsky voting aye,
Councilmember Karen Ellsweig voting aye,
Councilmember Vincent Galligan voting aye,
Councilmember Susan Parks-Landis voting aye.

Dated September 1, 2022

If no one comes forward with a petition with the appropriate number of signatures this Resolution will become effective on October 1, 2022.

Motion carried.

2023 BUDGET -Budget package has been handed out to all departments and request that they are returned by mid-month. At that point supervisor Hogue will present it to the board.

REPORTS/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS –

VACANCIES – We are currently looking for a ZBA Secretary.

PLANNING BOARD – Chair Robbins stated they had no applications.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – September 10 Roast beef dinner.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Fall clean up will be held on October 7 and October 8, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call the Highway Department 845-794-8069.

We are back on winter hours from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. five days a week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – MOTION by Supervisor Hogue, seconded by Councilperson Landis, to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel pertaining to highway department. Invited in Attorney Johnstone, Jim Steinberg, and Art Petrowsky. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

MOTION by Councilperson Budofsky, seconded by Councilperson Ellsweig to reconvene into regular session.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION by Councilperson Budofsky to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Collins,
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ADJOURNMENT – MOTION by Councilperson Landis to adjourn at 6.20 p.m.

Executive Session

Motion made by Dan Hogue to go into executive session at 6:20pm. Invited in were Jim Steinberg, Art Petrowsky, and Troy Johnstone.

Motion made by Steve Budofsky to come out of Executive session. Second by Karen Ellsweig. AIF

No action taken.

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