The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Town of Remsen was held Wednesday July 12th, 2023 was called to order by the Town Supervisor Thomas McDonald at 6:30 PM
Members PRESENT:
Supervisor Tom McDonald
Councilman Alex Karis
Councilman George Hurlbut
Councilman Mike Spadaro
Absent Councilman Duane Jones

Minutes for the June 14th meeting have been read and accepted.

Proposed Local law for stamped plans was discussed. If building a livable structure, it will be required to have stamped plans for all buildings of inhabitants regardless of size including additions. This will be discussed further at next month's meeting.

Subdivisions & variance fees- Karis offered resolution #27-23 to increase the rates for subdivisions and variances fees 1-3 subdivisions from $25.00 to $275.00. 4-10 subdivisions from $250.00 to $500.00 and 11+ subdivisions $1,000.00. Variances fees from $125.00 to $175.00. Hurlbut seconded. Ayes- All McDonald, Karis, Spadaro and Hurlbut. Nays-0

Funding/ Town Hall- Still waiting for SEQRA, waiting for approval from the Historic preservation, and waiting for an estimate from Tim Hogan for cost to reconfigure the inside of the building to be able to move forward on the project. Jen Hartsig is working on the government efficiency grant to get funding to assist with the project. The supervisor is asking for permission from the board to be able to sign the government efficiency grant once approved to be able to move forward as soon as possible. Karis offered resolution #28-23 to give permission to the Supervisor to sign the government efficiency grant and to give the Supervisor authority to apply for the planning grant and to make sure proper practices are being followed. Spadaro seconded. Ayes- All McDonald, Karis, Spadaro and Hurlbut. Nays-0

National Grid- Adopt a Park Program-Paperwork has been completed and turned in for funding to repair/replace the lighting, field, fences, courts, bleachers, pavement and drainage. Estimated at $64,000.00. The Supervisor is waiting for a response, it has been about a month.

Planning Grant- Jen is continuing to work on the comprehensive plan grant. The planning board is working on the comprehensive plan.

Tim Hogan/ Engineering Update- Getting close with estimated cost and SEQRA and then it can be presented to the bond council.

Summer Recreation program up and running there are 20-25 participants.

NOCCOG, Lisa Bellinger- Reviewed July 2023 announcements, webinars and trainings.

Code Enforcement Officer, Joe Rowlands- Not present but reported 1 certificate of occupancy, 2 certificate of compliance, and several permits issued.

Councilman Hurlbut- inquired about the Generator project at the Highway Department. He offered his assistance to get the problem resolved.

Councilman Karis- asking if the website is almost ready? They are uploading the meeting minutes on the site and should be ready soon. He also asked about the Solar Project. They are still working. One field of panels is in place, and they are hopeful to be done in August and testing in September.
Councilman Spadaro- was asking if the Village would be interested in consolidating services and using the same building. And would this qualify for grant funding?

Cash Flow and Bills-
Karis offered resolution #30-23 to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of $5,851.58 on the #07-23 abstract. Hurlbut seconded. Ayes- All McDonald, Karis, Spadaro, and Hurlbut. Nays-0

Spadaro offered resolution #31-23 to pay the Highway Fund bills in the amount of $6,057.09 on the #07-23 abstract. Karis seconded. Ayes- All McDonald, Karis, Spadaro and Hurlbut. Nays-0

Town Clerk, Meghan Spadaro- Submitted reports for June 2023

Highway Superintendent, Richard Roberts- working with NOCCOG on GPS mapping. The highway department has been to the town park clearing brush.

Cindy Cross, a resident of Williams Road stated that there has been no clean-up done to the property and that everything is overgrown.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM