The regular monthly board meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Supervisor Gary Eddy followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Les Berghorn, Clarence Woodruff, Ken Gleason and Logan Eddy.

PUBLIC FORUM:
Liz Berghorn spoke about the Town’s water and sewer system regarding unread meters, account credits, and meter replacements. She states that there are 250 unread meters. She was accompanied by Walt and Rebecka Davis of Sandy Pines Trailer Park, of which most of the issues revolved around. They were wondering what happened to the credit granted due to overpayments in the park. It was also mentioned the in the previous billing cycle there were bills that showed negative flows.

Bill Green spoke regarding his water bill, he has had an increase. Gary Eddy stated that he had spoken with Mr. Green prior to the meeting at length regarding this. Mr. Green also stated that due to the pandemic he has been home more.

Andrew Varrow addressed the board regarding a solar project his company would like to peruse in the Town of Rutland. He has been working with the planning board regarding this project. Gary stated that this project would need to go by the county SEQR and Ft. Drum compatibility Study. Mr. Varrow stated that the Glint/Glare FAR had already been done. Logan asked if the Planning Board was capable of being the lead agency for this project. Gary and John Boomhower said it could and Gary thinks this is a good idea. Les Berghorn inquired about the project timeline. Mr. Varrow stated that if all went smoothly construction could start before winter. Ken Gleason asked about cost recovery to which Mr. Varrow said they would be seeking a three party decommissioning agreement between the company, the land owner, and the Town of Rutland.

Logan Eddy spoke regarding some things he has heard people say were said about him and asked that he be addressed directly if anyone has a problem.

COMMUNICATIONS:
The Route 3 Sewer Board Minutes were provided for informational purposes.

ATTORNEY: Gary has received information back from the attorney regarding the land that Tim Percy wishes to sell the town on the Burnup Road. He would like $10,000.00 for this parcel and this was offered as a counter offer to the $6,000.00 that the town offered after approval at the last meeting. Gary had the attorney respond that the town was firm at $6,000.00.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:
Claude Phelps submitted a written report and spoke C.H.I.P.S. He stated that it may only fund to and 80% level due to the COVID-19 pandemic and he would like to get the invoices payed as soon as possible. There may have to be a special meeting to make this happen. Claude will send the invoices via email as soon as he has them.

ASSESSOR: Jim Rounds asked if the town still wanted to move forward with the re-eval this year during the COVID crisis. The board’s consensus is to move forward as planned.
ZONING: Written report provided by James Harter; during the month of May 2020 he received two zoning applications. One for a pool and one for a prefabricated storage shed. He has issued both permits. With the COVID restrictions being softened he has started enforcement of the Property Maintenance Law and has issued numerous citations. He is continuing to evaluate every property within the town to ensure compliance. He suspects that there will be residents attempting to speak with the board in protest as he has already met with some opposition. He will keep the board posted in further reports as to compliance.

MS4: No Report.

TOWN CLERK:
All members of the Town Board were provided with the current Revenue and Appropriations report for review.

Motion made 1st by Ken Gleason and 2nd Logan Eddy by to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the May 14th meeting and approve them with one correction to the spelling of box under the Highway Superintendents report.
Ayes: Ken Gleason, Les Berghorn, Logan Eddy, Clarence Woodruff and Gary Eddy. Motion carried.

Motion made 1st Ken Gleason by and 2nd by Logan Eddy to approve paying abstract #20-00154 to #20-00192 (Ab5) in the amount of $38,129.30.
Ayes: Ken Gleason, Les Berghorn, Logan Eddy, Clarence Woodruff and Gary Eddy. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:
The Supervisor’s Report was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor, Donna Martel.

Motion made 1st by Ken Gleason and 2nd by Clarence Woodruff to approve the Supervisor’s report.

No Audit was performed due to COVID-19.

NEW BUSINESS:
The Will Kalin, town clerk, reported that the clerk’s safe had failed and was unrepairable due to the manufacturer no longer making this model and having no stock of repair parts. The safe had to be forced open in order to retrieve it contents. He request a budget in order to procure a new fire resistive safe. A new safe will cost between $1,500.00 and $3,000.00.

Motion made 1st by Logan Eddy and 2nd by Ken Gleason to approve a budget of up to $3,000.00 for the purchase of a new safe or multiple safes as the Town Clerk see fit.
Ayes: Gary Eddy, Ken Gleason, Les Berghorn, Logan Eddy, and Clarence Woodruff. Motion carried

Discussion was had regarding the proposed solar project regarding the cost of an engineer and setting up an escrow account to cover the costs. Donna asked regarding JCIDA involvement and the option 478 law. There was also discussion regarding PILOT agreements.
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Resolution 2020-6 was offered 1st by Logan Eddy and 2nd by Les Berghorn to appoint the Town of Rutland Planning Board as the lead agency on the SEQR and request and escrow account deposit of $5,000.00 from NY Solar 1001.

Vote by Roll Call:

Motion made 1st by Logan Eddy and 2nd by Clarence Woodruff to appoint Liz Berghorn as a temporary clerk to the Town Clerk with duties limited to work within the Water and Sewer area of responsibility at an hourly rate of $14.35 per hour.
Ayes: Ken Gleason, Logan Eddy, and Clarence Woodruff.
Nays: Gary Eddy
Abstained: Les Berghorn
Motion Carried.

Logan Eddy spoke regarding the Fort Drum Compatibility Study. He stated that the flight mission is expanding to a larger area. Gary Eddy asked what the economic impact would be pointing out that certain areas already cannot have windmills and such. He asked when we were going to see something in return. There was some discussion regarding PILOT agreements and property values regard this.

Motion made 1st by Les Berghorn and 2nd by Logan Eddy to the adjourn meeting at 9:42pm.
Ayes: Ken Gleason, Les Berghorn, Logan Eddy, Clarence Woodruff and Gary Eddy. Motion carried.

Submitted By,

William E. Kalin III  
Town Clerk