

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 16, 2017

Members present: Supervisor John VanSoest; Councilmen: Glenn Bleiler, Wayne Chapman, Ronald Hoffman, C. Michael Learn; Highway Superintendent: William Morgan; Code Enforcement Officer Harold Russell; Guests: Barb and Jim Halpin, Larry Reynolds, Bruce Bruckner

Public be heard: Barb asked if we had discussed any of the ideas from the "shared services" committee meeting--John said that this is our first meeting since they met, and would be discussing it tonight.

RESOLUTION 2017-26

RESOLVE that the minutes of the April meeting be accepted as presented by the Clerk
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman
VOTE 5 ayes no noes

RESOLUTION 2017-27

RESOLVE that the Town Clerk's report be accepted as presented to the Supervisor and Board
RESOLUTION by C. Michael Learn, seconded by Wayne Chapman
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Zoning Report: The board had the planning board minutes to see what their concerns are. One of the problems is a "campground" that isn't a legal campground. Harold has spoken with Watershed and the water and the septic system is okay and there shouldn't be an issue getting it approved by the Health Department without much expense. Also a home business that is being started that didn't get a special use permit and may need one--it would be our first floating business district. It will be covered in the training session on June 14th. John said that we still need the flow chart so that when people come in for a building permit there is a process that can be followed every time!

Glenn asked if there is a time frame for dealing with the "campground"--but we haven't put a time on it. There are two new building permits on Harold's desk.

RESOLUTION 2017-28

RESOLVE that the Justice Report be accepted as submitted to the State Comptroller and Supervisor
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ron Hoffman
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Supervisor's report: John went through the supervisor's report and questioned what comes out of the Snow removal contractual versus Machinery contractual. Bill explained that snow removal is for cutting edges and sand/salt where machinery is for breakdowns and tires and such. Glenn asked if the loader is used mostly outside the village? Bill said that yes for the most part--sometimes it does get used in the village as part of our shared services.

RESOLUTION 2017-29

RESOLVE that the money to be put in reserve CD's should be divided between the DA & DB accounts--\$10,000 from the DA9950.9 and the remaining from D9901.9.
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2017-30

RESOLVE that the Supervisor's report be accepted as presented to the Board by the Supervisor and Bookkeeper

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Highway report: Graded the roads and did some ditching and have been hauling stone and doing trade for the millings we got last year. They went to the Mine Safety class so that they can haul out of State's gravel pit. They rented a sweeper to clean the roads. They are doing the second grading of roads now so that they can put dust oil down next week or the week after. We might get some money from Storm Stella but not sure--if we do, it won't be much. They have been using the equipment trailer from Montour and would like to buy it. Montour is willing to sell it to us for \$2500. Bill said that it's handy to have to haul pipe and misc. stuff. Mike asked if we could borrow Montour's new one but Bill indicated that he's pretty protective of the new one. Bill has approval to get the trailer. The roller blew a hose and ended up in the ditch. The 112 Grader blew a hydraulic pump and they are having trouble getting parts. The new grader had a blower motor go and they had to get it repaired. Truck number 3 the hydraulic lifts are leaking and need to be repaired. Truck #7 the gear box is making noise, the quote for a pump is \$3200 for repair. Worked with the Village hauling sand. He got a quote to put an overlay on Cottage Rd. \$29,000 and MacDowell Rd. \$12,000 for 1 1/2" of top.

Landfill-At the public hearing, there was no public in attendance. They passed the budget as presented. Still haven't gotten any answers from DEC about the closure. Joel Moore is still doing work on it.

RESOLUTION 2017-31

RESOLVE that the following vouchers be paid G84-98 in the Sum of \$8522.23 and H50-57 in the sum of \$6901.95 within funds according to the totals

RESOLUTION by Wayne Chapman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Unfinished Business:

Park update--the sand and infield mix is here and just waiting to be laid.

Town Dumpster Day is set for June 3, 2017 from 9-12. Will have some volunteers and will encourage them to unload their own stuff. Some of the board will try and help.

Insurance rider for Motocross races. We got one insurance certificate, but need certificates for both races in the future.

New Business:

RESOLUTION 2017-32

RESOLVE that the board appoint Jennifer Cole as Justice Court Clerk effective June 1, 2017 to Replace Carmella who has decided to step down from that position.

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Wayne Chapman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

To open a new CD, the bank needs a Corporate resolution.

RESOLUTION 2017-33

RESOLVE that the Board approve the following transfers of funds into CD's

1. \$20k from A to facilities reserve CD
2. \$40k from DA to equipment reserve CD (includes the \$20 from A side)
- 3 \$40K from DB to equipment reserve CD
4. \$5K + 15K into a reserve CD for retirement

RESOLUTION by C. Michael Learn, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Shared Services Initiative --Tim O'Hearn held a meeting to bring the county supervisor's together to see how we could save money some things talked about were:

Insurance--Liability and Health--we did work on the health insurance once and got booted out of the plan because of our size.

Clerk issues --are there places that you could share clerks--or manpower

*Highway management/labor--same thing could you share one manager and some labor

Equipment-supplies--use county bids for some of the things and the purchasing department for office supplies--

Computers--County contracts with BOCES--they have 2 people who work with the county

*Fire Departments--can they combine/share

Assessment--already done

Code Enforcement--one code enforcement officer for the county

*Judicial things--can we combine justices--is it legal. Jim Halpin said that a district court would be good but that the county justices have a strong lobbying organization.

Grounds and lawn care--we currently share services with the Village, but would it be more efficient to have a county mowing service.

Facilities--heating, maintenance, fuel, etc.

IT/phone-

Legal assistance: share legal assistance--

* indicates top priorities for our town

Why not consolidate towns together to have fewer towns/staffing

Executive Session--moved to enter Executive Session by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by John VanSoest at 9:30

Moved to exit Executive Session with a motion by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler at 9:37 p.m.

motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:37 p.m. made by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

Respectfully submitted:

Carmella Hoffman