

Town Board Meeting
October 18, 2016

Members present: Supervisor John VanSoest; Councilmen: Glenn Bleiler, Wayne Chapman, Ronald Hoffman, C. Michael Learn; Code Enforcement Officer Harold Russell; Guests: Larry Reynolds, Bruce Bruckner

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor VanSoest.

RESOLUTION 2016-60

RESOLVE that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted with the corrected numbers on the Budget transfers recorded as presented by the bookkeeper.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2016-61

RESOLVE that the Town Clerk's report be accepted as presented to the board.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, noes

Zoning Report: Harold is in training this week at the Academy. He reported on the progress of some of the building permits he has been working on.

The Zoning Board of Appeals met and approved the appeal that came from Cottage Rd. to build a house on a lot that is not the 2 acre required, the height of the building was too high and also didn't meet setbacks. The setbacks will be changed, the height will be lowered. The building can proceed.

There is a ground mounted Solar System going in at Thomas Lakes on County Rd. 15

Alpine is no worse, not much better either. There had been reports that someone was living in the house on the corner of CR 11 and Swan Hill, but as far as Harold can tell, there is no one living in the house at this time. The Swan Hill Rd. site is due back in court shortly, there hasn't been much progress made. It is currently up to the Justice now.

An insurance company ISO did an evaluation and sent us a report--Harold indicated that we scored 4 out of 10 with the 1 being the best. This will help with the Fire Insurance rating, and may help to lower fire insurance rates.

Supervisor's Report:

Went through the report to see where we stand--still at the appropriate spending levels for 3/4 of the year.

RESOLUTION 2016-62

RESOLVE that the Supervisor's report be accepted as submitted by the Supervisor and Bookkeeper to the board

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Highway Report: All the grading is done--the new machine is much nicer than the old one. They have had 4 wheel seals go on the new truck, but it is still under warranty. They covered the seals, but not the brake pads. The county hauled the truck to the dealer to be fixed. On truck #3 another wheel seal went. Have been hauling stone and trading for the millings that we had stockpiled. Bill and Cory have been working in the park with the BOCES kids. They got 6 loads of wood chips to use on the trails from

the Village of Odessa. We also used the Village Wood Chipper. There is some logging going on Connecticut Hill and they are coming down next to Daryl Pokorny's. That's a pretty steep, narrow road, but they seem to be doing ok. They got some cold patch this year and laid some on Pertl Rd.. They have been hauling sand for winter. One truck is ready for winter. Cory got his permit, so the guys are training him. It's been a good year to get work done because we didn't have to stop for rain. Glenn stated that there are some wells going dry toward Alpine and he wondered if we got a bunch of rain if Bill thought we would have mud slides or problems. The guys are on the lookout for a used box salt spreader.

Landfill: next meeting will be the first week in November.

RESOLUTION 2016-63

RESOLVE that the following vouchers be paid: G166-184 in the Sum of \$5,297.73, H86-96 in the Sum of \$6,768.86, TA14 in the sum of \$40.83, within funds according to the totals.

RESOLUTION by Wayne Chapman, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Status of Zoning Laws: John explained that we got the updated laws from Chelsea Robinson (STCRD). The newest version will be emailed to all members of the committee to be once again reviewed, even though it's been handed off to the Town Board. The discussion turned to single-wide trailers/homes and double-wides. Currently, as the law is written, single-wide (mobile homes) are limited to House Trailer Parks, but we question if that really the way we want it. Glenn mentioned that a lot of people will purchase a mobile home to live in while they are building something more substantial. It was decided that mobile homes can be placed on any lot, but we are leaving the "10 years old or newer" clause. The next discussion was the size of a dwelling. Ron still feels that 900 square feet should be the minimum size, Larry said if someone wanted to bring in a 300 square foot home, they could apply for a variance (although, they are creating their own hardship). Glenn asked what value are we bringing by making large sizes. John polled the board and 4 members think 600 square feet should be the minimum. Minimum lot size was the next up for discussion. John stated that the inventory of the buildable lots will not change--anything that is currently buildable will be grandfathered, so if you have a 2 acre lot now, even after the new law goes into effect, you could still build on that lot. Much discussion followed on this issue too. Upon polling the members of the board, it was decided that the lot size in the Ag district should be 5 acres and the lot size in the Neighborhood zones would be a minimum of 1 acre. We set a public hearing for November 9th 7 p.m. to hear comment from the public. The newest (Oct. 6) zoning will be posted on the website. We will contact Chelsea and have her make the final changes that will then be uploaded to the website and be the one to presented at the Public Hearing.

We got the Wastewater Management Law back from the lawyer with his suggestions.

RESOLUTION 2016-64

RESOLVE that the Town adopt A local Law for the Establishment of Wastewater Management for the Cayuta Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Properties. This law will take effect once it's filed with the Secretary of State

RESOLUTION by C. Michael Learn, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no

Budget: John explained the budget at this point. The budget workshop has been set for November 1, 2016 from Noon to 2.

RESOLUTION 2016-65

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine support the 2017 Reassessment that is being proposed in the County for the Cooperative Assessment units.

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Correspondence:

We received a letter from James Coleman concerning the proposed zoning laws and his displeasure with it. He asked that his comments be included in the minutes--the Board said his comments should be added to the other comments and not added to the minutes as none of the other ones are in the minutes. Carmella will add them to the comment section on the website.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 made by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by C. Michael Learn
All approved.