

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2017

Members present: Supervisor John VanSoest; Councilmen: Ronald Hoffman, C. Michael Learn, Glenn Bleiler, Wayne Chapman; Highway Superintendent: William Morgan; Guests: Martin Vondracek, Larry Reynolds, Jamee Mack, Tom Ruocco, Vickie Flynn & Alan McIlroy , Steve Bannister

Meeting Called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor VanSoest

Public Be Heard:

Steve Bannister--asked about the set back from property lines for the Salt Storage building. It is 10 ft. from the South side and 25 ft from the western line. He wants to know how they will deal with the runoff from the building--Soil and Water will take care of the drainage issues. There will be some work done on the drainage--Steve said that the water currently comes right off the pile and into his property. The ditch that was originally there hasn't been working for a number of years. John said that we can check with Jerry Verigini about this.

Guests: Schuyler County Real Property Tax Service

Vickie Flynn came to introduce Alan McIlroy. He lives in Burdett. he's been with the county for just over a year. He has been working as the assessor for the Towns of Hector and Catharine--he's been doing some hands on work with the grievance days and some of the informals. Vickie would like to have us appoint him January 1, 2018. We will continue to go on the path we had discussed in the past.

RESOLUTION 2017-60

RESOLVE that the minutes of the September meeting be approved as submitted to the Board
RESOLUTION by C. Michael Learn, seconded by Glenn Bleiler
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2017-61

RESOLVE that the Clerk's report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by C. Michael Learn
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Zoning Report: Carmella indicated that there have been 4 building permits issued, but Harold was not present to give a report of issues or violations.

RESOLUTION 2017-62

RESOLVE that the Justice report be accepted as submitted to the State Comptroller and the Supervisor
RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by C. Michael Learn
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Supervisor's Report: John went through the report. Most funds are still okay being 3/4 of the way through the year. Still waiting on CHIPS and Sales Tax money's to come in

RESOLUTION 2017-63

RESOLVE that the Supervisor's report be accepted as presented to the board
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Wayne Chapman
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Highway report--1000T of gravel was hauled for use on Hosenfeld Rd. and they fixed some of the washouts that occurred a couple years ago. Hauled 30+ loads of millings from St Rt 13 and have them

stored in the turnaround at the park. They are cutting the edges of the roads back to allow drainage. They have worked on the set up of the salt storage building. There had to be a survey done to determine the property lines. The concrete walls were poured today. Sent 2 trucks to Cayuta to do oil and stone and then sent them to haul millings. Graded roads for winter and one truck is set up for the winter except for the plows. The pickup is getting unreliable at this point and Bill said that it's up to the board to decide if a new one should be purchased this year. John said that if we put the money into a pickup then the money won't be available for other things. There are 3 major items that will need to be replaced in the next few years. Glenn would like to get to the end of the year to see where the balances are. Bill will check into OGS to see if there are any pickups on there. If we bought a new truck and kept it for 2 years, we could put it on/in an auction and maybe make some money. Glenn asked about leasing. John would agree that we should wait to purchase until the beginning of the year. At the next meeting Bill will have pricing for us.

Landfill report: Wayne reported that there was no quorum, so there wasn't a meeting. The commission has \$315,000 in reserve--no discussion on the return of giving some of the reserve back. The Dug Road landfill is now going to be included in all the expenses. Glenn feels that we should be given a budget each year and then be able to scrutinize it and pay accordingly. The "slush fund" should be given back to the towns to relieve the tax burdens of each town. John asked Wayne to voice our opinions/concerns to the committee.

RESOLUTION 2017-64

RESOLVE that the following vouchers be paid G172-192 in the sum of \$6,995.13 and H98-110 in the sum of \$65,906.11 and TA14 in the sum of \$41.99

RESOLUTION by Wayne Chapman, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

New Business

There are some vacancies on our planning board, assessment review board and ZBA boards that we need to be looking for people to fill those seats. If you have any ideas, please let John know.

Budget:

The retirement bill for State Retirement went down about \$14,000, our health insurance is only going up 2-3%. There will be some personnel changes coming up in the next year and that will make some changes in the budget. This would take into effect raises for personnel. Sales Tax -we are going to max at \$105,000 and we have been budgeting at \$100,000 so we are okay in that area, but can increase by \$5,000. There was an increase in the assessed values, so the tax rate will go down approximately 5%.

John has asked Tom Ruocco to check out the Highway building and give us an estimate on the cost of replacing the windows and doors and Tom also mentioned that the windows in the basement of the town hall are also in need of replacement or repair--it was suggested that maybe in the town hall we just concrete in the windows.

Moved adjourn at 8:32 p.m. with a motion by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

Respectfully Submitted

Carmella Hoffman

Town of Catharine Town Clerk