

Town of Catharine
Town Board Meeting
June 19, 2018

Members present: Supervisor John VanSoest; Councilpersons: Jamee Mack, C. Michael Learn, Ronald Hoffman, Glenn Bleiler; Interim Highway Superintendent Marty Vondracek; Guests: Wayne Chapman, Larry Reynolds, Bruce Bruckner, Tom Ruocco, Tim Jaynes, Richard Decker; Zoning Officer Harold Russell.

The Town of Catharine had advertised for Sealed bids for a remodeling project at the Highway Garage. The Bids were due on Monday, June 18 and opened at this board meeting. There were 3 bids received. The Bidders were:

Ruocco's Renovations with a bid of \$24,900
Shoreline Development with a bid of \$17,900
Richard Decker with a bid of \$17,425

The Board will need time to review each of the bids to be sure they include all the work that was listed in the specs. No decision will be made at this meeting to allow that time.

PUBLIC BE HEARD:

Brayton Foster: Came to ask the board for their permission to open the Wickham Gravel Pit for more hours—they would like to have it be 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday for a few hours. Larry gave some background on the pit and the problems we've had in the past, and the problem with the mud this spring and the stones on the highway now. John said that we need to have some public input into whether or not they want increased hours. The reason right now that we have a lot of trucks coming in and out of the pit is due to the work in Watkins Glen for the Sewer project. The number of trucks will slow back down once that project is done. The question was asked as to how much material can be taken from the pit in a given day. Right now the limit of materials that can be taken out of the pit is based on 40 trucks per hour not on tonnage.

Tim Jaynes lives on Carley Rd. He asked Carl States to put up a sign when they are going to close the road for the races so that people don't drive up the road only to find out they can't get through. He also said that they travel too fast through the corners (not the racers). He would like to see the signs put at both ends of the road. He also asked about who fixes the road after it's all torn up by the racers? Marty indicated that we do—Tim said it shouldn't be a Town responsibility with Town Taxpayers money. The Town will try to have a meeting with Carl being that it's been a few years since his application was put in. We also need to know if they have a mass gathering permit as required by NY State Department of Health for gatherings over 4999 people.

Additions to the agenda: Under New Business discuss gravel pit and Procurement policy

RESOLUTION 2018-36

RESOLVE that the minutes of the May meeting be accepted with the correction of the typos.

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2018-37

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

RESOLUTION 2018-38

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

Zoning Report: Building permits are slow coming in this year—The people who opened the repair shop (the Coopers) did an excellent job on the shop and their doublewide is in. A big addition on County Rd 6 is moving along slowly. The Lausell's house is coming along. New building going up on Cottage Rd. Sent 5 certified letter for violations, all the return receipt slips have come back. 2 were receptive, 2 were mediocre and one will be a problem.

Supervisor's report:

RESOLUTION 2018-39

RESOLVE that the following transfers be done according the Supervisor and Bookkeeper
Transfer of Expense from DA5130.2 of \$34762.39 to DB5130.2.
Budget transfer of \$28,800 from DB9901.9 to DB5130.2
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2018-40

RESOLVE that the Supervisor's report be accepted as presented to the Board
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Highway report: Marty stated that we need to take the additional 40T of salt soon or we will be charged storage finished grading roads only where we were going to oil, so he still has some grading to do. Been hauling stone—and truck #7 broke down and the can on the back broke and they can't find a part in the US. The Peterbilt has had wheel seals wear out, and #3 also down for repair of wheel seals. Then they had to take #4 to Caskey's for repair and they are able to find a part for the #7 truck from Bendix, but don't have a cost yet. Still waiting on seals for his truck. Highway school went well and was very informative—good idea to send all the guys.

Will start CHIPS projects next week—Grant Rd, Park, Cottage, Texas Hollow, Steam Mill and Beardsley—Soil and water are doing ditches next week on Carley Rd and Oak Hill Rd and Hosenfeld.

Excavator—Marty found the problem—one of the motor mounts was too long and was hitting the crank shaft. He fixed it and hopefully that will be the fix to the problem—CAT-206—1985. Jamee said that the county has one that is going to auction and suggested that maybe if we need one we should call the county and see if there is a deal we can work out. Carmella passed her thanks to Cory for doing the weed whacking around the park and town hall.

Glenn asked if there is some preventative maintenance that can be done to prevent the rusting seal problems on the trucks. Marty said that they do power wash the trucks when they can but that the heated garage and the salt combined is what causes the problem.

RESOLUTION 2018-41

RESOLVE that the following vouchers be paid G122-146 in the sum of \$6,67149 and H60-70 in the sum of \$20,445.46 within funds according the totals. The only exception to this is that the bill to the HiLites for the bid ad is wrong and needs to have a credit applied. That will be taken care of on the next billing cycle.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Ball Fields discussion: There is a grant that we can apply for that will pay 75% of the cost of this project. The Softball people have come together and gotten some figures for equipment. Jerry Verigini has given us some really good ideas and figures—we need to talk to him and make sure that he is talking about doing some of the inkind work. In John's eyes, just in the grant idea, it looks more plausible to him. His concern is the maintenance. We are now talking about softball fields and 2 small soccer fields and 1 large soccer field. Things that would help are petitions and letters of support. We will seek petitions from the public though different methods. The application needs to be in on July 27th. Carmella is working on putting together the grant and will have it done in time to have SCOPED review it for us. It's a very indepth grant, but should be doable in the time frame.

Status of Generator –still more discussion needed

Gravel Pit Request for additional hours: John thinks we need to put it out to the public by a public hearing and put it to the planning board for their input. Put ad in the paper for July 16th at 7:00 p.m. Carmella will send the planning board the letter that was given to us and have them discuss it at their July 11th meeting.

Glenn Bleiler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. with a second by Ronald Hoffman—all in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Carmella Hoffman