

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2018

Members present: Supervisor John VanSoest; Councilpersons: Glenn Bleiler, Ronald Hoffman, C. Michael Learn, Jamee Mack; Guests: Jan Brown, Larry Reynolds, Tom Ruocco

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Supervisor VanSoest

RESOLUTION 2018-69

RESOLVE that the minutes of the October board meeting be approved as submitted to the board

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2018-70

RESOLVE that the Clerk's report be approved as submitted to the Supervisor and board

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Zoning Report: Harold reported that the camper on 224 that was being lived in was moved, but it has been noted that it's been moved to Swan Hill Rd.; a 1 ½ story (24x60') garage is being built on Cooley Camp Rd. for storage; some removal of a mobile home has been noticed; a 1700 sq. ft. log home going up on Steam Mill Rd.; a 17x34' carport is being erected; a 20x20' latrine was built at Grove Park; the property maintenance problem on CR15 is being cleaned up.

RESOLUTION 2018-71

RESOLVE that the Justice report be accepted as submitted to the State Comptroller and the Supervisor

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

The Supervisor's report was discussed. All of the Accounts with the exception of the DA Account are in good shape yet. The Snow removal account is really tight, but hopefully it will last the last month of the year. Also still waiting for the CHIPS money to come in.

RESOLUTION 2018-72

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

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2018-73

RESOLVE that vouchers G220-238 in the sum of \$6966.92 and H110-122 in the sum of \$7957.42 be paid within funds according to the totals.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Highway Superintendent Report: Got FEMA paperwork in for the flood damage. Because of the limits, we could only claim for Beardsley Hollow (\$4556) and Hosenfeld Rds. (\$12357). The men got the grading of roads done at the end of October. The one ton developed an oil leak and it went to Elm

Chevy last month and they just got it back this week—the bill was \$2100. #3 international was set up for plowing and the first trip out it blew an oil line when it got to the water tank just above the Village. #7 the autocar was hauling millings to Seneca Falls and had problems with the wheels- of the 10 wheel studs, 8 were broken. Ron asked what caused that to happen? Marty said it could be that the studs stretch and it could be that we don't replace the rims every time we get new tires. Did some ditching on Steam Mill and Charles and replaced a pipe on Foothill—put a new pipe on Oak Hill Rd. Plowing snow—things went smooth. The last of the CHIPS work got done 2 weeks ago. Marty got a price for a box from Viking, the price came in at \$22,000. It was suggested that they keep the 1997 as a salt truck and use it's box on the newer truck.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Highway barn renovations: John and Ron and the Highway guys met with each of the bidders and do a walk through and have the contractors tell what they were going to do. John explained that we are obligated to take the lowest bid unless there is a problem with the bid/bidder. They did not find any issues. Jamee said "I will be voting NO on the Bids. It has nothing to do with the actual bids. Even though I am not in favor of Richard Decker after asking some questions about his performance and quality of work, it is the process we used to get to this point. In my opinion, we should have done in June what we did with these two bidders. Richard Decker has raised his bid by approximately \$2,100 from the original bid in June that our tax payers should not have had to pay.

Councilmen Bleiler, stated he was not sure he understands her concern with the process. Jamee said that in her opinion, we wasted the tax payer's money with re-advertising, that we should have done the same thing with the three original bids received. But, because we could not agree on who to award the bid to, we choose to reject them all. And now, it costs us \$2,100 more.

Larry was at the meetings with the contractors and has offered to be the Clerk of the Works and will keep track of the progress.

RESOLUTION 2018-74

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine accept the bid submitted by Richard Decker for the renovations of the Highway Garage to begin in January, 2019

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 4 ayes, 1 no (Jamee Mack)

Budget—There were no changes in the budget after the budget workshop and public hearing.

The Final tax rates are:

"A"- General Townwide \$2.254414

"B" General Outside the Village \$0.199567

"DA" Highway Townwide \$1.521921

"DB" Highway Outside Village \$0.889962

"SL" Alpine Street Lighting \$0.379123

"SF" Fire protection district \$0.831083

Townwide/Inside the Village rate will be \$3.776335 (a decrease of 0.4100%)

Outside Village rate will be \$4.865865 (a decrease of 0.3436%)

Outside Fire rate will be \$0.831083

Street Lighting rate will be \$0.379123

The total budget will decrease by \$3.07/thousand dollars of assessed value. There is a planned reserve for equipment of \$74,000 between DA & DB. Larry wanted to know if we designated in the budget what

piece of equipment we were putting the money into reserve for. John said that no it's not noted in the budget as if there is a problem, then we would need that money for something different.

RESOLUTION 2018-75

RESOLVE that the 2019 budget be accepted as presented to the Board and the public with the above rates.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

New Town Clerk: With Carmella retiring at the end of December, there is a need for a new Clerk. Janette Brown has expressed an interest in the position. Jamee knows her and would recommend her for the job. Carmella will do some training with her, but Diane (Deputy Clerk) will do the training for tax season.

RESOLUTION 2018-76

RESOLVE that the Town Board reappoint Alice Learn to the County Planning Board for another term.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 4 ayes, no noes, 1 abstention (C. Michael Learn)

Humane Society Contract:

The Humane society has requested a new contract for 2019. After review by the Supervisors of the Town in Schuyler County, the overwhelming response is to reject the contract as presented and go with the same contract as in prior years. It was decided that to change the contract for future years, they (the Humane Society) should plan to meet with the clerks and Supervisors in AUGUST to discuss it. They do not feel that they can afford to continue to pay for the enumeration as stated in the contract.

RESOLUTION 2018-77

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine reject the proposed contract from the Humane Society for 2019 and continue with the contract as it stands currently. If a change is still needed for future years, the Humane Society and the Supervisors and Clerks should meet in August before budget work starts.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes.

End of year meeting will be scheduled for December 31, at noon at the Town Hall.

We will be looking for a new member for the Zoning Board of Appeals. We will need to check with some of the current members of the boards to see if they are still interested in serving.

Motion to adjourn by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler at 8:51 p.m. All approved.