

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 16, 2019

Members Present: Supervisor, John VanSoest; Councilmen, Glenn Bleiler , Ronald Hoffman, C.Michael Learn, Jamee Mack, Highway Superintendent, Marty Vondracek

Public in attendance: Larry Reynolds, Bruce Bruckner, Wayne Chapman, Tom Ruocco, Bill Morgan

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

Public Heard: No public to be heard

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read with the correction of 2017 CAT Loader not 20017.

RESOLUTION 20-2019

RESOLVE that the minutes of the board meeting be accepted.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ron Hoffman

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 21-2019

RESOLVE that the Clerk's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ron Hoffman

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 22-2019

RESOLVED that the Justice Report be accepted as submitted the the State Comptroller and the Supervisor

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ron Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, noes

Zoning Report:

Harold reported that they are finally applying for the building permit for the cell tower on Oak Hill. He said that two new houses have been built, 1 is completed, the other has the shell up. Harold also stated that he has filed his annual reports.

RESOLUTION 23-2019

RESOLVED that the Supervisor's Report be accepted as submitted to the Surpervisor

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report:

Marty said that the new excavator arrived late March. They have already put 30 hours on it. They replaced a road pipe on Steam Mill Rd and a driveway pipe on Beardsley Hollow Rd. Marty says he plans on paving Hosenfeld Rd just past Lisk Rd at the estimated cost of \$81,225 with Chips money this year. Soil & Water are going to be lining ditches with stone to help ease erosion. Glenn asked if there was anything that can be done with Pertl Rd. He said that the shoulders appear to be breaking up. Marty said he would talk to Soil & Water and see if lining the ditches on Pertl Rd would help.

RESOLUTION 24-2019

RESOLVED that the highway dept spend the estimated \$81,225 of Chips money to pave Hosenfeld Rd

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 25-2019

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid G68-G91 in the total sum of \$7,953.78 and H35-H45 in the sum of \$225,794.55 within funds according to totals.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business:

John said he was contacted by DEC regarding abandoning two roads on Connecticut Hill. DEC received a grant to fix up Summerton Hill Rd and School Rd.

RESOLUTION 26-2019

RESOLVED that the Town of Catharine allow DEC to use grant money to repair Summerton Hill Rd and School Rd

MOTION BY Ron Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

The garage renovations have still not been started. Tom Ruocco questioned how long the board will wait for the contractor to start the renovation. After much discussion it was suggested to give him start date or he will lose the job. John will contact the contractor and inform him that the renovations must start by May 1, 2019.

There is still no contract with the Humane Society. Rob Halpin has been dealing with the contract issue for several towns within Schuyler County. The Humane Society has talked about dropping the percentage of the licensing fees and create a standard charge (possibly \$200) for each dog that is brought to the Humane Society by the Schuyler County Sheriff's Dept. and charged back to the town that the dog was picked up in. Negotiations are continuing.

John talked about the Cottage Rd property that is currently in violation of our zoning. Our attorney did send the home owner a letter regarding the violations & what needs to be done to correct them. John did meet with the home owner explaining that the permit was for a garage and not a residence and that she will need to convert it back to a garage so that a car can be parked in it.

John also said that Carol Fagnan called him to say that Joe Allen found a map cabinet and has donated it to the town. A letter of thanks will be sent to Joe Allen thanking him for his donation.

Diane stated that Empire Telephone has installed the fiber into the Highway garage and the Town Hall. Phone and internet upgrades will take place at a later date.

New Business:

There is no new business

Motion to Adjourn by Glen Bleiler, seconded by Ron Hoffman
Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted

Diane Sidle
Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting at May 21, 2019 at 7:30pm