

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 20, 2021

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

Public in attendance: Bruce Broughton II

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Lewis.

Public Heard: Bruce Broughton II, Bank Manager for Chemung Canal, came to explain the services they offer to municipalities.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read with the spelling corrections of lake and resolve.

RESOLUTION 22-2021

RESOLVE that the minutes of the March board meeting be accepted with corrections

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 22-2021

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 23-2021

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Mike Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Zoning Report: Harold was not present. Jamee Mack brought up a complaint she received from a tenant in the Wildwood Trailer park on County Rd 14. She showed us pictures of garbage and debris that is scattered in the park. Rick stated that he had also seen the pictures and complaint. He said that he is trying to get in contact with someone in the Department of Health as they regulate trailer parks.

RESOLUTION 24-2021

RESOLVE that the February Supervisor's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor knowing that the amounts to be collected on lines A1001, DA1001 and DB1001 are incorrect due to a update not being completed in the budget process. Also, the amounts collected and deposited to those lines are correct per the final budget and what was collected through taxes.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 25-2021

RESOLVE that the March Supervisor's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Mike Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report: Marty said that the guys were all prepared for a significant snow storm the beginning of March which ended up being a small amount of snow. He said they went out and did some plowing and sanding. They replaced a ram on the International truck. He ordered new wing arms for the truck back in February and they just showed up. One of the wings is showing rust and will need replacing at some time. Marty said the Town of Cayuta Highway Dept was sweeping the roads on rainy days. Marty stated that he had information that the chips funding for 2021 will be \$117,302.73, Pave NY will be \$31,183.26 and Extreme winter recovery will be \$26,227.44. Total funding-\$174,713.43. He also stated that there is about \$19,000 from last year that should roll over to this year's funding. Marty got an estimate of \$123,000 to pave Oak Hill Rd from County Rd 6 to Westervelt's. He is also planning a adding gravel to parts of Oak Hill Rd to get it ready for paving in the future. He is also adding gravel to Carley Rd as it is down to clay.

RESOLUTION 26-201

RESOLVE that the town board approves Marty's plan to pave Oak Hill Rd from County Rd 6 to Westervelt's and add gravel to Oak Hill Rd and Carly Rd.

MOTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 27-2021

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid G48-G66 in the total sum of \$22106.03 and H34-H42 in the sum of \$11945.11.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded Mike Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business: No information on shared services for Code Enforcement. Rick stated that he has talked to several people at NYSEG trying get a street light placed on the corner of State Route 224 and County Rd 6. He did finally get ahold of someone that is supposed to go out and look at the pole where the light would be placed.

New Business:

RESOLUTION 28-2021

RESOLVE that we adopt the following resolution supporting the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FINGER LAKES NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes form a unique and diverse region in Upstate New York and encompasses a patchwork of cultures and history, as well as spectacular natural, scenic and recreational resources that reflect a unique contribution to the collective American identity, and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes is distinguished by eleven pristine lakes formed over 19,000 years ago at the end of the “Ice Age” that have over the years been Native American hunting grounds and villages, rich agricultural lands that inspired settlement, villages and small towns, a world renowned wine industry, which have together formed a unique and distinctive landscape, and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has the authority to designate National Heritage Areas that encompasses a region where natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally distinctive landscape shaped by geography and cultural traditions, and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area Feasibility Study was authorized by the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act of 2019, which directed the Secretary of the Interior to evaluate the natural, historic, cultural, educational, and recreational resources of the Finger Lakes, and

WHEREAS, the legislation identified the following counties to be considered as part of the study: Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Livingston, Monroe, Onondaga, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, and Yates, and

WHEREAS, the **Town of Catharine** is within the Finger Lakes Tourism region, as designated by New York State law and the National Heritage Area study area and has a plethora of natural, cultural, historic, agricultural and recreational resources pertinent to the study, and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance has worked since 2014 with regional and area civic organizations, local jurisdictions and local governments, business community and numerous other stakeholders and non-profit groups in submitting the original request to the National Park Service which resulted in the Feasibility Study in 2021, and continues to work the National Park Service to gather input from the public regarding the creation of a national heritage area in the Finger Lakes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Town of Catharine** supports the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area designation and the inclusion of all fourteen counties including Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Livingston, Monroe, Onondaga, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, and Yates counties in the National Heritage Area, and supports Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance in their current and future leadership role in administering the National Heritage Area.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Jamee brought information from the Schuyler County Attorney which gives the villages and towns options on whether or not they want to allow cannabis retail dispensaries. It states what the villages and towns must do to adopt regulations.

Rick has been looking into getting another attorney to represent the town. It was discussed to consider a new attorney for code violations with no decision at this time. Jamee Mack in not in favor a getting a new attorney.

RESOLUTION 29-2021

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine add Chemung Canal Bank as our official bank along with Tompkins Trust Company for 2021.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Motion to Adjourn by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

Respectfully submitted

Diane Sidle
Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting May 18, 2021 at 7:00pm