

Town of Catharine
Town Board Meeting
November 15, 2016

Members present: Supervisor John VanSoest; Councilmen: Wayne Chapman, Ronald Hoffman, C. Michael Learn; Highway Superintendent William Morgan; Code Enforcement Officer Harold Russell
Guests: Eugenia Fudala, Chris Conolly Absent: Glenn Bleiler

Public Be Heard:

Eugenia Fudala spoke about the pipeline that will be going in in Tompkins County.

RESOLUTION 2016-63

RESOLVE that the minutes of the October meeting be approved with the change of the wording "decided" to "discussed" in the section about the zoning law

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Wayne Chapman

VOTE 4 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2016-64

RESOLVE that the Town Clerk's report be accepted as presented to the supervisor

RESOLUTION by C. Michael Learn, Wayne Chapman

VOTE 4 ayes, no noes

Code Enforcement report: Harold got 25 hours of training at the Academy. A new solar installation going in on CR 15 that has been inspected and is set to go, and one on Cottage Rd. There is a property maintenance issue on Steam Mill Rd. that he will be looking into. It's possible that it could be a zombie property, but it is not in accordance with zoning. There was a standalone generator installed on one of the trailers in Haven's Trailer Park--while checking on that, he noticed that the trailer park only has 60 amps of service. He brought up to other code guys and supervisors about having a 3rd party inspection of places that have been busted as meth labs to be sure that it's safe to re-rent. There is no action on it at this point. DSS is now calling the code enforcement to have rental units inspected before they will pay rent. Asked about how many structures could be on a lot--John indicated that it's one.

Supervisor's report: John went through the report and told where there was some leeway in the budget.

RESOLUTION 2016-65

RESOLVE to accept the Supervisor's Report as presented to the Board

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 4 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2016-66

RESOLVE that approved the Justice report as submitted to the State Comptroller and the Board

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Wayne Chapman

VOTE 4 ayes, no noes

Highway Report: Bill reports that they had one snow day in October. He had to buy tires for the pickup as he couldn't make it up Newtown Rd. They have hauled in 75 loads of Sand and worked with the County doing shoulders. Truck number 7 had injectors go bad and had them repaired. Still grading and

still hauling in stone and still looking for a slide-in spreader. Cory has been working with Vince driving truck (working with the County).

Status of zoning laws--had the hearing and are getting close to an agreement, but will not vote tonight because Glenn is not here and we still need discussion on some things. Chelsea has prepared some documents that we need to do when we adopt the law. She has prepared a resolution that we will adopt to be attached to the zoning law regarding "Grandfathering". Larry asked if you would have to go through a planning board and do an environment assessment form if you wanted to build on a 5 acre parcel. That is not our intention, but we will check with someone in the know. John thinks it only takes effect if you disturb 5 acres or more. Again we will check with Chelsea. John said we need a better understand of what SEQR procedures would have to be followed and for what parcels.

Park Trail project: We will replace the window for BOCES Loader that got broke during our park trail project.

BUDGET: The proposed budget was presented. Each of the funds is going down some, not a considerable amount, but some. John also noted that the Tax rate is going down in the County so that will help the tax bills. The new budget will put aside some money for retiree's benefits (earned sick time), but as a result of that, we will be putting a little less into equipment reserve. The new budget will continue to fund the benefits for employees in full as in the past. There are raises for all employees at the rate of 1-2% increase.

RESOLUTION 2016-67

RESOLVE that the Budget proposed for 2017 be accepted as presented to the board and public RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Wayne Chapman

VOTE 4 ayes, no noes

Identago--fingerprinting --the board agreed that the Town Clerk's office can be a FingerPrinting site as long as it doesn't disrupt the work that has to be done. If it doesn't work, or takes more time than we have, can we quit? Carmella will ask the representative that question. Our town would be the only place in Schuyler County for fingerprinting (non-criminal) so it will bring people to the town.

Landfill--meeting held, but nothing done--nothing from the state yet, so the next meeting is in February.

RESOLUTION 2016-68

RESOLVE that the following vouchers be paid G185-199 in the sum of \$4435.22, H100-107 in the sum of \$8916.64 and TA15 in the sum of \$40.83 within funds according to the totals

RESOLUTION by Wayne Chapman, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 4 ayes, no noes

There being no more business to come before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by John VanSoest. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.