

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 24, 2016

Members present: Supervisor John VanSoest; Councilmen: Ronald Hoffman, C. Michael Learn; Highway Superintendent William Morgan; Code Enforcement Officer Harold Russell; Guests: Barb & Jim Halpin, Larry Reynolds, Bruce Bruckner; Absent: Councilmen Glenn Bleiler, Wayne Chapman

No public be heard

Additions to the agenda: Retirement resolution

RESOLUTION 2016-30

RESOLVE that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as presented to the Board

RESOLUTION by C. Michael Learn, seconded Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 3 Ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2016-31

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

RESOLUTION by C. Michael Learn, Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 3 ayes, no noes

Code Enforcement report: Harold is somewhat concerned about the recent meth activity in the town and knowing how to remediate residues if there has been cooking going on. He is talking to the Health Department and will contact the Troopers to see if they have a way to know what needs to be done. A court appearance has resulted in getting the property on Van Loon Rd cleaned up. There were 2 large dumpsters that got filled. The owners of the property on Swan Hill Rd. will be making another court appearance. There is new home on Cottage Rd (remade). A pavilion on County Rd. 14, and there is a campground developed on St. Rt. 228--there are 7 campers there now and more sites set to go. He will go back and revisit again later this week.

RESOLUTION 2016-32

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

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 3 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2016-33

RESOLVE that the Supervisor's report be accepted as submitted and explained by the Supervisor/Bookkeeper

RESOLUTION by C. Michael Learn, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 3 ayes, no noes

Highway Superintendent's report:

Graded, raked and rolled all the dirt roads and also got them oiled. Ditched Foots Hill Rd, stabilized Swan Hill, The pipe on Pertl Rd is replaced, and the road is reopened. There was a mishap at that site today, but it's cleared up thanks to a lot of people working together. There are a lot of people who need to be thanked for their help on this project. Bergen Farms, Town of Hector, Odessa Fire Department and last but by no means least Schuyler County Soil and Water. Bill figures that the project

will come in with a price tag of around \$25,000 but because of grant funds from Soil & Water, the cost to the town will be minimal.

The guys have started mowing roadsides too.

RESOLUTION 2016-34

RESOLVE that the following vouchers be paid General Fund 81-98 in the sum of \$5330.34, TA in the sum of \$40.83, SL in the sum of \$97.38 and Highway 43-50 in the Sum of \$5,372.52 within funds according to the totals

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 3 ayes, no noes

Unfinished business:

The test on the septic system did show some blue liquid, but it's dried up now--we will keep watch on it.

The Rental Registration Law--not acting on that now as there isn't a full contingent of board members and we would like to talk to other towns who are using it to see what their impression is. Larry asked about the Rental Registration Law--he wonders if the village has adopted this--we have no answer for him on that we don't know what the Village is doing. Who are we going to be inspecting and is it going to do any good. He is working with Harold on some things in the village, on property maintenance. He wonders if the more laws we impose are we going to gain anything. John said that he has seen some improvement based on Harold's work. Larry thinks the improvements are more voluntary compliance--but that is not the case as there have been court cases requiring the cleanup/improvement. Is there benefits to all the red tape? John spoke of the problem with meth issue. Harold would be able to make the residence where Meth has been found not rentable. Larry argues that it's the "incident" that makes it non-rentable not the rental registration law.

Barb said that one thing to remember is that you asked for input from the public and we got that from one landlord, some public, and now the County Social Services is more aware of some of the places that they put people and are more likely to go for inspected places. It was suggested that we invite Village of Montour Falls Mayor John King or their code enforcement to the next meeting to see how Montour Falls, likes it and deals with it.

New Business:

State Retirement system is requiring a resolution that designates a work day for Elected and Appointed officials.

RESOLUTION 2016-35

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town has elected to set a work day for Elected and Appointed officials at 6 hours per day (part-time people--Board members, Supervisor, Clerk, and any of the "other" board members who are part of the Retirement system)

RESOLUTION by John VanSoest, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 3 ayes, no noes

Jim Halpin asked about the zoning ordinance--is it still under review. John explained that we still have to have a public hearing and more discussion. There was some change on the language that Jim talked about at the public input session on Silviculture. Carmella will email a copy of the "newest" zoning to Barb Halpin for Jim.

We need to talk to Carl States and require the insurance paperwork be sent to our office naming town as additional insured for the Motorcycle races coming in June.

