

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 26, 2016

Members present: Supervisor John VanSoest; Councilmen: Glenn Bleiler, Wayne Chapman, Ronald Hoffman, C. Michael Learn; Highway Superintendent: William Morgan; Guests: Larry Reynolds, Steve Bannister, Jackie Grey

Public Be Heard: no comment

Additions to the agenda--unfinished business--Bill's Retirement & full time temporary highway position

RESOLUTION 2016-22

RESOLVE that the minutes of the March meeting be accepted as presented to the Board and public

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 Ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2016-23

RESOLVE that the Clerk's report be accepted as submitted to the Board

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 5 Ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2016-24

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

RESOLUTION by C. Michael Learn, seconded by Wayne Chapman

VOTE 5 Ayes, no noes

Supervisor's report: John went through the supervisor's report and talked about how we ended for the year 2015 and the surpluses that we had in each of the funds. He explained the transfers for the purchase of the loader. John asked about making any transfers into reserves--the DA & DB washed each other out so the only reserve money we have would be on the General side. Glenn pointed out that we need to increase/preserve revenue on the DA/DB side--and the A side is the stronger side. He thinks keeping some sort of reserve for buildings is good. What would we want to put aside for buildings? Bill said that the garage could use windows and doors. Glenn asked about the Salt Storage--we mention it, but never move on it. What do we want to look at for checking account balances at the end of each year? Some towns do 100%, but that's not what we want. Glenn is proposing that we move \$50,000 out of unexpended fund balance into a general reserve for buildings (Garage, Town Hall, Salt Storage, etc.). Ron commented that he'd like to see a roof/awning over the handicap lift to protect it and also to have an extra waiting place. Larry brought up that the septic system for the Town Hall is beginning to fail as it's running into his driveway. We need to have someone come see what's going on with it--we will call Watershed and have them come up.

RESOLUTION 2016-25

RESOLVE that we transfer \$50,000 of unexpended fund balance from 2015 into a building reserve fund for maintenance and replacement of buildings as needed.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 Ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2016-26

RESOLVE that the Supervisor's Report be accepted as presented to the Board
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman
VOTE 5 Ayes, no noes

Highway Superintendent report:

Elm Chevrolet gave bill a price of \$28,000 with a \$3000 trade in so for \$25,000. We would have to bid it out if we want to buy local. Bill would like to see us make a decision soon so that we can do the bidding. John left it to Bill to decide if he really needs a pickup--he said that it's really getting tired. The state bid is for a place in Syracuse. John said that we should find out the price of the state bid--and we will go from there.

The Board talked about the next big purchases, which would be a grader/excavator shortly, and a new dump truck in about 8 years (if all goes well). Bill will continue to check on this.

Soil & Water is going to help us on Pertl Rd to replace the pipe by McClure Creek.

On the subject of "reserves" for Capital Equipment purchases, Larry stated that his rule of thumb was to put aside \$90,000 into reserve each year so that in 3 years you could purchase almost any piece of equipment needed. We need to look at all our options--maybe not purchasing new is one way to save. Or we could buy something used. These decisions are down the road so we don't need to worry about it right now. Glenn suggested maybe renting a grader if we have grading **scheduled**. Save ours for emergencies.

They dismantled 2 of the plow trucks only to have it snow in April. Bill took 2 weeks off to deal with family issues and Marty did a good job as Acting Superintendent.

They have been replacing pipes and had been hauling stone until they found out the truck was broken. Soil & Water is going to stabilize the road on Swan Hill and also work on Pertl Rd. with us. We also got \$20,000 in additional CHIPS funding through the Pave New York program.

Bill worked with the Village today while they replaced pipes on Church Street.

Big projects for this summer are Pertl Rd. pipe replacement, Oak Hill (another coat) and 8 tenths of the other end, Terry Hill, Upper Foots Hill and Newtown. The current price of oil is \$377/T so we should be able to do more dust oil. Bill suggested that maybe with the extra CHIPS funds they put a second coat on Terry Hill Rd.

Landfill--budget hearing is next Wednesday.

RESOLUTION 2016-27

RESOLVE that the following vouchers be paid General 60-80 in the total sum of \$5,504.97, Highway 30-40 in the total sum of \$18,623.67 and TA \$40.83 within funds according to the totals.
RESOLUTION by Wayne Chapman, seconded by C. Michael Learn
VOTE 5 Ayes, no noes

Status of Zoning Laws--We had a presentation of what the new law will be--the meeting was very well attended. There was some concern and some good comments. John felt that we left feeling that we are moving in the right direction. Glenn said that he thought maybe we need to change the wording about the silvaculture and the height of fences. There is really not much new--other than the Site Plan review and the septic law for Cayuta Lake properties. It is really just an update to the law that we currently have. We also removed the bureaucracy by eliminating a process in the appeals. The major change is the lot size--currently it sits at 7 acres minimum EXCEPT for in hamlets where the minimum is 1 acre. There still has to be some discussion on this. We settled on 7 acres as that is the minimum for a farm (if someone is making \$10,000 for the sale of agricultural products). We will have to schedule another

meeting with the engineers to do some clarification and then we will bring it back to the board for approval or more discussion.

Rental Registration Law--John is still not ready to push it and Glenn is concerned about the additional liability that could be incurred if we institute this law. Glenn wants to know for sure what our liability is. He would also like to break it down into the two separate laws again. Harold needs to come up with a time that it would take to do this and what is being dropped as a result of the additional work. Ron would like to see it happen one way or the other--Mike is in favor too--Wayne is in favor of the registration. If there are 100 units and only 90 get registered, there would be fines on the 10 not registered. So there would be some revenue achieved. If it could be on a rotational basis that could be 30 inspections a yr. We will get some clarification from the Town Attorney--do we assume any additional liability if we adopt this Rental Registration/Inspection Law?

Carmella brought up going out and cleaning up the woods at the park so see if there is some timber that could be taken down to better manage the woods and some trees that need to be taken down for safety. Do we want to maintain the woods for park reasons? Do we want to harvest for maintenance? John asked what is our park policy is? Glenn mentioned putting trees in to the field and keeping it brush hogged to allow more "walking" areas. Should we hire a forester to give us an idea--no decisions. Bill and the Highway guys will check on the tree that is leaning really close to the road (Park Rd.)

John moved that we go into session to discuss a particular job description at 9:50 p.m. seconded by Ronald Hoffman--

Moved to come out of executive session at 10:25 p.m. by Mike, Ron--no decisions made in session.

RESOLUTION 2016-28

RESOLVE that the Town create a Full-time Temporary Laborer Position, removing the "Seasonal Part-time Laborer position

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Wayne Chapman

RESOLUTION 2016-29

RESOLVE that the Town change the Full time Highway Superintendent Position to a "Less than full time" Highway Superintendent position

RESOLUTION by John VanSoest, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 Ayes, no noes

Glenn Bleiler moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 p.m. seconded by Ronald Hoffman

Respectfully submitted:

Carmella Hoffman

Town Clerk/Collector