

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 16, 2016

Members present: John VanSoest, Supervisor; Councilmen: Glenn Bleiler, Wayne Chapman, Ronald Hoffman; Highway Superintendent William Morgan; Town Assessor Vicki Flynn; Guests: Bruce Bruckner, Larry Reynolds; Absent: Councilman C. Michael Learn

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.. John welcomed the Guests.

Public Be Heard:

Vicki Flynn introduced herself and explained that she has been doing the assessing for 11 years and is now the county assessor. The CAP 1 will be just Catharine and Hector. (Cayuta is dropping out) The Real Property Tax office will be hiring an appraiser/ data collector soon. The sales ratio indicated that it's time to do a reassessment. There will be a public meeting at the Odessa Fire Department on August 30, 2016 7:00 p.m.. Catharine's farm and vacant land ratio is showing at 92%. The lake area is still in good shape (96%). They will be doing data collection before the bad weather sets in and will be sending out postcards informing the public of the meetings and then when the new assessments are done, they will get a letter in the mail with the new assessment to give them time to talk to the County before the final assessment if posted on July 1.

RESOLUTION 2016-48

RESOLVE that the minutes of the prior meeting be approved as presented to the board

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Wayne Chapman

VOTE 4 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2016-49

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Wayne Chapman

VOTE 4 ayes, no noes

Zoning report: Harold not available this evening. He left a short report and indicated there are a number of Building permits he's working on and one place he's watching as they install a 2nd story deck and he has a couple new Property Maintenance Law places he's watching.

RESOLUTION 2016-50

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

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 4 ayes, no noes

Supervisor's Report: Went through the report and explained the balances and remaining expenses to expect. John talked about the CHIPS funding and what we can expect this year. We will be submitting the CHIPS reimbursement forms after we get some canceled checks back from the bills being paid tonight. DOT now requires proof of payment.

RESOLUTION 2016-51

RESOLVE that the Supervisor's report be accepted as presented and explained to the Board

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 4 ayes, no noes

Highway report--This year the department did 7 miles of road for just over \$81,000. Corey worked while the others were on vacation. He supervised the Summer Youth Worker to get some much work done around the Clerk's office and the garage. When they came back from vacation, they finished Swan Hill Rd. by grading it. They have started doing shoulder mowing with the big mower (rented). Vince will be working for Hector and then Cayuta to pay those towns back for their help with our paving projects. Bill has found a used grader for \$65,000, but the price came down another \$5,000 so the cost would be \$60,000. It's a low hour machine so it sounds like a really good deal. The old grader could be sold, kept for Connecticut Hill Rd., or put out to Auctions International. We have also talked about buying a new pickup truck (we have bids for one that will be opened tonight). John talked about the idea of maybe not buying the pickup and getting the grader, but Bill believes that we can be reimbursed for the cost of the pickup truck. Glenn asked what the road priorities would be if we didn't use the CHIPS money for equipment--Bill said that he would do more oil and stone on Beardsley Hollow and Cayutaville Rd. . Glenn said that he would prefer to see the money spent on the roads and only go with one piece of equipment (either the grader or the pickup truck). Bill said that all of our roads are behind in maintenance, but we are also behind in our equipment. Much discussion about which way to go--tough decision either way. Glenn asked about the area on Pertl Rd. and whether or not the area that was dug up needed to be worked on before winter. Bill thinks it will be okay until next year. Bill will look at it and see if Reading will loan us the sprayer so he could spray it with oil to seal it.

Option 1--use the remaining chips money on the grader and get a second vehicle

Option 2 would be to use some of the reserve and get the grader and then fix some roads

Option 3 would be to buy one piece of equipment and keep money in reserve.

Bill would prefer to build the equipment back up. John feels that his thought is to buy the grader and put the remainder in the bank so that if we could build reserve and then go to the next budget cycle for the pickup-- Ron feels that if this grader is what Bill wants, then get it now and do some road work.

Glenn feels that if the grader checks out that we get the grader and put money into the roads and still have some buffer at the end of the year. Wayne-agrees with Glenn--get the grader and bypass the pickup until it dies. John asked what piece of equipment is most important. Bill said that they are all important but in different ways. Larry said that the real focus is going to be on the new assessment once the new assessment gets done. He would spend down all our money now. He suggests buying the grader and pickup both this year.

The roads Bill would do either this year or next are:
Beardsley Hollow, Cayutaville Rd., Grant Rd, Pertl Rd.

Bid Opening:

Boon Docker Equipment--only for the plow--\$4495.00

Elm Chevrolet: \$29,556, (truck with trade-in \$27,556 Plow \$4,770 (Chevrolet)

West Herr Ford: \$27,191 (with plow \$31,466) (Ford 250)

No decision made tonight --need to compare bids and decide whether or not to wait until later in the year.

The recommendation is that we give Bill permission to Chip Seal one mile Beardsley Hollow Rd, this season and to go look at the Grader and if it's in good shape and something we can use, ok, if not we will go back to the pickup truck and do the rest of the roads.

RESOLUTION 2016-52

RESOLVE that the following vouchers be paid G140-151 including TA12 in the Sum of \$6,379.96 and H 68-76 in the Sum of \$85,294.42 within funds according to the totals

RESOLUTION by Wayne Chapman, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 4 ayes, no noes

Status of the zoning committee work: Currently, the committee needs to make some final decisions and recommend the zoning law to the board for the adoption. We still are debating the minimum lot size and the sq. ft. size of a home and the grandfathering of current lots (a resolution would be needed to grandfather). The committee will be discussing mobile homes/mobile home parks and will get clarification on what the law says right now (it reads differently than anyone on the committee expected). Once we present it to the town board, we will have to have another public hearing (probably at the October meeting or before). We will have a hearing on the Wastewater Law (The septic around the lake) before the September 20th meeting. That Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. and will be advertised in the Watkins Review and on the Website

Adjourned at 9:30 p.m. with a motion by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman All in favor

Respectfully submitted:

Carmella Hoffman

Town Clerk/Collector