

Town of Catharine  
Town Board Meeting  
July 19, 2016

Members present: Supervisor John VanSoest; Councilmen Glenn Bleiler, Wayne Chapman, Ronald Hoffman, C. Michael Learn; Code Enforcement Officer Harold Russell; Highway Superintendent William Morgan; Guests: James Shaddock, Tim & Jan Collins, Bruce Bruckner, Larry Reynolds, Albert Roy, Eugenia Fudala, Adriel Mourey

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2016-41

RESOLVE that the minutes of the June meeting be approved as submitted to the board

RESOLUTION Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2016-42

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

RESOLUTION Glenn Bleiler, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

No Justice Report

Supervisor's report: Went through the supervisor's report by fund and are still okay

RESOLUTION 2016-43

RESOLVE that the Supervisor's report be accepted as submitted by the Bookkeeper and the Supervisor to the Town Board

RESOLUTION Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Highway Superintendent: Have done Swan Hill Rd., doing Oak Hill --graded Connecticut Hill Rd. (trained Vince on the grader)--Oil and stone being done--interesting job as the chipper employee is new and there is a problem with the machine--and the oil tankers were slow today. Have Terry Hill and Oak Hill to finish as well as Newtown Road & Upper Foothill. Will be on Vacation from July 25-August 5, but Corey will still be in the shop and Bill will be available by phone for emergencies.

Zoning Report: Harold did an inspection on Oak Hill and they still need an electrical inspection before they can get any sort of occupancy permit. 3 property maintenance calls from Tenants. One has no smoke detectors or CO2 detector. Tenants can call, but could cause some rift with the Landlords. No glaring deficiency's that the Town would have to deal with. Harold would like a board member to go with him to one of the places to see the quality or lack thereof of the electrical service. This is a possible condemnation property due to shoddy workmanship and hazards it poses. Austin's new double wide is almost done, but has a wrap around deck that needs some attention--part is 2 stories high and needs additional supports to be considered safe.

Meth 101-- We have \$1500 in new books in the Zoning Officer's office, but there is nothing on Meth code enforcement. He had to call the Health Department to see if there was anything on their end that could help. All they could tell him was anything that is absorbent must be removed and any hard surface has to be cleaned numerous times. He has been working on this, but has a long way to go. John

asked questions. There has been an incident where someone was arrested for Meth, but the landlord says they weren't cooking and immediately rent it back out. Harold is still concerned about the children who might be living there and crawling around on carpeting. There are a couple states where if there is Meth production being done, the house is torn down. Glenn stated that if other towns were concerned there should be some way to encourage the state to do something. there are test kits that are available, but it would be the responsibility of the Town to purchase them, but Harold doesn't want to be responsible for testing properties--he thinks it should be the landowner's responsibility to have an outside agency come in and clean and test for residue. He issued building permits last week for a solar system and generator for \$24,000 and a rental for \$30,000, so he brings up the fee again. If we changed \$3/thousand, we could have earned \$252 in fees, versus the \$20 we received. John said he wondered if the rental registration law would help with the meth questions. John said to let the board know when he figures it out.

#### RESOLUTION 2016-44

RESOLVE we pay the following vouchers G119-139 in the sum of \$23,743.68 and H63-67 in the sum of \$4,114.99 within funds according to the totals.

RESOLUTION by Wayne Chapman, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

#### Unfinished business:

Hazard Mitigation Plan--EMO sent a copy of the resolution they would like us to adopt. This would be an update from the 2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Glenn and Ron asked what changes were instituted--there were really not many changes, but the plan has to be reviewed every 5 years. The Fire Department would actually be the lead in any hazardous situation that takes place. Bill would have the capability to close roads if they are hazardous.

#### RESOLUTION 2016-45

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Catharine, with the assistance from Schuyler County Emergency Management and Emergency Preparedness Solutions, LLC,, has gathered information and prepared the Schuyler County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Town of Catharine is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Town of Catharine have reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Town of Catharine Town Board adopts the Schuyler County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

RESOLUTION by C. Michael Learn, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Landfill--Wayne reported due to the cooperation (or lack thereof) between Albany and Avon, there has been nothing done. The fence around it has a lot of debris growing into it. They are still testing, but not hauling anything. Still waiting on word from DEC.

The Town Zoning Committee and Board held a hearing Monday night and will be working on the comments they received last night. A date will be set as soon as we can send an email out to all committee members to determine their availability.

Town of Enfield has determined that there is more time needed to review the FSEIS on the windfarm that is being proposed. They have notified all the surrounding towns of this. Glenn wondered if we have talked to them to see what they have learned from this exercise.

Harold received a letter stating that DSS will be able to withhold rent for properties not meeting requirements for living conditions. If there are code violations, they will withhold rent until the violations are corrected. This protects those who get Social Services, but not all renters.

Adriel Mourey submitted 150 signatures on petitions for the Zoning Committee to review.

Adjourn to Executive Session:

RESOLUTION 2016-46

RESOLVE that the Town Board enter into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss a sensitive matter

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Wayne Chapman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2016-47

RESOLVE that the Town Board resume the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Wayne Chapman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

There being no more business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. was made by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by C. Michael Learn--all in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Carmella P Hoffman  
Town Clerk/Collector