# Town of Catharine Town Board Meeting January 17 2017

Members present: Supervisor John VanSoest; Councilmen: Glenn Bleiler, Wayne Chapman, Ronald Hoffman, C. Michael Learn; Highway Superintendent Bill Morgan; Code Enforcement Officer Harold Russell; Guests: Dave Patterson, Barbara Halpin, Larry Reynolds

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Supervisor VanSoest.

Dave Patterson: He was wondering about the ball field and how to go about "renting" it. They are trying to put together a travel baseball team and feels that this field would be good for their purposes. The kids would be from a tri-county area and this is central for most of the kids. The Board indicated that there is no charge for the use of the field, and that there are bases and baseline marking tools available to them to use. He was directed to contact the Clerk's office for the availability and to make the reservation.

## **RESOLUTION 2017-1**

RESOLVE that the minutes of the December 20 and 29 meetings be accepted as presented to the board. RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler VOTE 4 ayes, no noes (C. Michael Learn had not arrived yet)

## **RESOLUTION 2017-2**

RESOLVE that the Clerk's report be accepted as presented to the Supervisor RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Wayne Chapman VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

### **RESOLUTION 2017-3**

RESOLVE that the Justice report be accepted as submitted to the State Comptroller and the Supervisor RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Supervisor's report: Supervisor VanSoest went through the report and gave balances. This is not the END OF YEAR report, but most of the totals are pretty close to end of year figures. There are a few budget amendments to approve before the final report can be issues. Glenn questioned the refund of prior years expenditures going into the general fund. The balances are before we make contributions to the reserve funds. " A" Fund \$50,000 is for building maintenance. Glenn suggested that we leave any reserve in the "A" fund pending the information about Salt Storage building grants. We could put \$60,000 into an equipment reserve for the next vehicle. Glenn suggests we go ahead with a \$60,000 contribution into Highway Equipment Reserve (pending a discussion with the bookkeeper). If we were to do some work on the building, at this point it would be on the Garage for doors and windows and maybe some other stuff. Glenn questioned if we should do something with the bridge reserve--it's been sitting for years with no action. We own 4 bridges (2 on Swan Hill Rd, 1 on Todd Rd and 1 on Brink Rd.) Glenn would prefer to put it in a "rainy day" fund so that if it was needed for road repair or something like that we could use it. Maybe call it a road repair fund--ask Suzanne about it as Larry didn't think we could move it. John suggests moving \$20,000 from A to DA (if allowed)

#### **RESOLUTION 2017-4**

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

## **RESOLUTION 2017-5**

RESOLVE that the board approve the Budget amendments suggested by the Bookkeeper to the Supervisor as follows:

DA5142.1 increase budget by \$3,503.00 to \$38,492.38

DA9060.8 increase budget by \$429.00 to \$429.00

DA5142.4 decrease budget by \$3932.00 to \$26,068.

DB5110.4 increase budget by \$546. to \$35,900

DB5110.48 decrease budget by \$546 to \$13,425

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Zoning report: There was only one wood stove installation permit requested, making Harold think that people don't realize they need permits for Wood Stoves. The following permits were issued: one demolition permit, 3 new (or modular) homes, 2 solar hot water systems (ag) and 3 solar installations, 4 garages; 7 repair/reconstruction of various buildings; 7 sheds or pole barns; 1 roof; 1 generator; 1 pool; 1 stairs to lake; 2 deck w/ramp or renovation of deck; 1 permit for electrical installation; and 1 miscellaneous and 1 permit for ag improvements. There were 2 violations sent out in December--one owner has responded and is starting to clean up--the other never responded. The Mobile Home park on 228 is getting worse, and he has gotten nowhere with phone calls. He will have to do something else-there are trailers wrapped in plastic and garbage bags all over.

Highway report: been busy plowing a little snow--had several trucks with issues--truck number 7 was down for a while--a spreader had bearings go out--got them fixed and then the following week bearings went out again. Worked with the Village on a water main break. The County lost their Deputy Highway Superintendent--he had done a lot of work for our town by sharing services. Phil Biever-- Ordered a spreader from Chemung Supply--he got 3 bids, one was under \$15,000, one was just over \$15,000 and one was over \$20,000. Will use the old spreader as a spare. What other things would we need to look at purchasing--an excavator, then a big truck and a mower.

Landfill- next meeting is February 4th.

## **RESOLUTION 2017-6**

RESOLVE that the following vouchers be a paid G1-23 in the Sum of \$99,874.57 and H 1-16 in the sum of \$38242.84 within funds according to the totals

RESOLUTION by Wayne Chapman, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Appointments to boards--

**RESOLUTION 2017-7** 

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine appoint Alice Learn to the County Planning Commission as the Town representative.

RESOLUTION by John VanSoest, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

## **RESOLUTION 2017-8**

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine appoint Daryl Pokorney as a Zoning Board of Appeals member for a term to run 1/1/2017-12/31/2021.

RESOLUTION by John VanSoest, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

## **RESOLUTION 2017-9**

RESOLVE that for the purposes of NYS Retirement System reporting, Board members who join the system (or are already in the system) will be credited with .83 days per month and Committee members (planning board, zoning board or assessment review board members) will be credited with 1 day per year.

RESOLUTION by C. Michael Learn, seconded by Glenn Bleiler VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Cell phone tower: The Town received a package from Verizon wanting to put a cell tower on Oak Hill Rd. The planning board thinks that the height restriction doesn't cover this type of tower as a tower that provides broadband service would not require a variance. The next step is a site plan review, sketch plan discussion--which could be set for Feb. 8 with a public hearing a couple weeks later. There are letters that need to be mailed to all neighbors and the public hearing has to be advertised. Larry asked if DELTA is still in force and if the truck traffic would put a load on the road that won't be able to handle it. John will check into it. Glenn said that they might need new right of ways. He also asked why it's a solid tower and not a lattice tower.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m. with a motion by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by all.

Respectfully submitted:

Carnella Hoffman Carmella Hoffman

Town Clerk/Collector