

TOWN OF CATHARINE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

Members present: Supervisor John VanSoest; Councilpersons: Glenn Bleiler, Ronald Hoffman, C. Michael Learn, Jamee Mack; Guests: Larry Reynolds, Bruce Bruckner, William Morgan, Alan McIlroy, Jason Pauliszczak, Tom Ruocco

At 7:15 p.m. Bonnie Seeley's family dedicated the "Little Free Library" that was placed in the park for the children. This is a "take a book, bring a book" situation for the children. It is hoped that by placing this in the park, by the playground that more children will take an interest in books and reading.

Alan McIlroy told that the Town of Catharine will not be re-evaluated this year. Other towns will be getting re-evaluated (Montour and Hector). There is a new application for the Enhanced STAR program that Alan dropped off to the office a couple weeks ago. If you are not a senior, and your home was built after 2015, you must apply online for the STAR exemption. Your exemption will be sent to you in a check and not as a credit on your taxes as in the past. The renewals should be out in the mail in the next week or so. Also, the ag exemption paperwork has been mailed out. If there is a low-income senior, there will be two application processes, instead of one for STAR and aged exemption. Vickie Flynn is retiring on October 30, 2018.

No comments from the public.

Additions to the agenda: add Garage contract under unfinished business.

RESOLUTION 2018-56

RESOLVE that the minutes of the August meeting be approved with the following corrections. Tom Ruocco and Harold Russell were not in attendance as indicated, and on page 142 where we talked about Cory, it should say "his" not him.

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2018-57

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

RESOLUTION Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2018-58

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

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Code enforcement—letters of invite to court sent out last week- for court appearance on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor's report: "A" side is still in good shape. "B" side is good also, "DA" the capital contribution is now zeroed out be an adjustment for the purchase of the new truck. DB-is still waiting for CHIPS funds and Tax revenues. We are tight on the Highway sides both DA/DB.

RESOLUTION 2018-59

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

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes no noes

Highway report: Hosenfeld Rd ditched and fixed, Carley Rd ditching is done—just moved to Beardsley Hollow Rd to start ditching tomorrow.

RESOLUTION 2018-60

RESOLVE that the following abstracts G189 – G202 in the total of \$4,803.35 and H94 – H101 in the total \$8,889.99 be paid within funds according to the totals

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, noes

Budget workshop October 5, from noon -2. Will be moving more money from the "A" side and moving it to the "DA" side. John talked to Marty about if he felt that we needed a 4<sup>th</sup> person as was mentioned in a prior meeting. Marty said that he would prefer to stay with 3 men and save money to purchase equipment. We need to look at the employment situation at some point, but maybe not right now.

Clerk will be leaving, so there will be some impact on the budget with that, and there could be some changes in benefits. With Carm going out for medical leave for 12 weeks, there may be some changes to the fingerprinting. 2 people have sent in letters indicating that they may be interested in the Clerk's position. (John will contact them both)

Garage contract: Letters were sent out that all the estimates were rejected. Jamee sent a copy of the bid forms that the county uses. It's 57 pages worth of work, but the Town wouldn't need that many pages. John said that doing it that way, it would cost the Town \$10,000 before the bids even came in. The bids we requested were more "design build" and not done by an engineer. John said that if you only just copy the bid specs that we sent out, then that is not what he was looking for—he expected that the bidders were to go look at the building and decide on their own what was needed to be done. Tom gave some of his opinions about the bid process. Larry said that with the statement of "code compliant" in the bid, there is no way the ceilings would be R-38. John said that if the board wants to authorize him to hire an engineer to write the bids, he will do that. If we are going to do a job, John wonders what the State would require. Glenn said that it is the job of the Town Board to spend the public money in a responsible fiscal manner. He doesn't believe that hiring an engineer to write a bid for a simple project is fiscally responsible. John will rewrite the bid again and make it more specific, and require more detailed bids. If they don't come in with explanations, those bids will be rejected.

Jason Paulisczak asked if we can change the speed limit on Grant Rd. and Glenn Larison wants the speed limit changed on Pertl Rd. DOT says we need to make a resolution that we would like the roads evaluated for the safety. We would need enforcement if the speed limit was changed. Glenn said that there are a number of blind spots on Pertl Rd. and slow mowing vehicles and no shoulders on some part of the road. Some signage would be a good thing. Larry said that the signs need to be the highly

reflective signs and they are expensive. We might be able to do something through the County on signs. Jamee will check with the County Highway to see what we can do through them.

RESOLUTION 2018-61

RESOLVE that we request DOT to conduct a speed study on Pertl Rd and Grant Rd to potentially lower the speed limits on those two roads.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Ron moved to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. seconded by Glenn Bleiler. All approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Carmella Hoffman

Town Clerk/Collector