

TOWN OF CATHARINE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 21, 2019

Members Present: Supervisor, John VanSoest; Councilmen, Glenn Bleiler , Ronald Hoffman, C.Michael Learn, Highway Superintendent, Marty Vondracek

Absent: Jamee Mack

Public in attendance: Larry Reynolds, Bruce Bruckner, Tom Ruocco

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Supervisor VanSoest.

Public Heard: No public to be heard

Minutes: Minutes approved as read.

RESOLUTION 27-2019

RESOLVE that the minutes of the April board meeting be accepted.

RESOLUTION by Mike Learn, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 3 ayes, 0 noe

RESOLUTION 28-2019

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

RESOLUTION by Mike Learn, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 3 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 29-2019

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Mike Learn

VOTE 3 ayes, noes

Zoning Report: Harold Russell reported that there is a big interior renovation being done on Cottage Rd, a foundation repair on Texas Hollow Rd, and an interior renovation being done on School St, Alpine

RESOLUTION 30-2019

RESOLVED that the Supervisor's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Mike Learn

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 31-2019

RESOLVE that the salt storage building was completed under budget with excess funds in the Salt storage reserve fund in the amount of \$33,561.29

RESOLVE that the Town Board, the highest authority over use Salt storage reserve fund authorize the balance of \$33,561.29 be transferred out of special reserve fund to General Fund unrestricted balance.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Mike Learn

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report: Marty reported that 77 loads of gravel was placed on Hosenfeld Rd. They have been ditching ditches and scraping old steel on rainy days. They've also been grading the dirt roads. He's hoping to start doing the dust oil next week. Marty also said that the roller is down and they have been borrowing the roller from the Town of Montour. Chips funding this year with a rollover of \$4,394 from last year will be \$95,913.45 and Pave NY will be \$20,079.54. Seneca Stone in planning on paving Hosenfeld Rd next week. The new CAT loader was delivered 2 weeks ago.

RESOLUTION 32-2019

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid G92-G111 in the total sum of \$9,439.35 and H43-H50 in the sum of \$33,563.79 within funds according to totals.

RESOLUTION by Mike Learn, seconded Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business: Richard Decker has been fired from the garage renovations job as he has not started any of the renovations. John talked with Tom Ruocco about the garage renovations project. Tom has said that he can trim his price to \$19,900 with the use of 2 men versus 3 and not change the scope of the job originally quoted. Tom also said he could start by July 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION 33-2019

RESOLVE that the Town board give the garage renovations project to Ruocco Renovations for \$19,900

RESOLUTION by Ron Hoffman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Harold Russell told us that the town supervisors have been meeting regarding the County dog contract. They spoke with Joel Pearson from Southern Tier Animal Control who said that he would take on the contract with the towns in Schuyler County. All of the town supervisors that were present were in favor of using him for the rest of 2019 and evaluate later whether or not to contract with him in 2020. John gave an update on the Cottage Rd property that is in violation of our zoning law. He said that the owner has come to the conclusion that the building needs to be turned back into a garage with a bathroom and sleeping area above the garage. This has to meet all building and fire codes for final approval.

The Town Clerk/Collector's position was again discussed to be put up for a referendum to change the Town's law to make it an appointed position rather than an elected position. There will be more discussion at the next board meeting.

New Business: Suzanne Casselberry has resigned as Bookkeeper effective August 1, 2019. After meeting with Suzanne, John asked Jennifer Cole to take the position as Bookkeeper. Jennifer has accepted the position and will take over for Suzanne August 1, 2019. I asked the Board's permission to shred old documents as governed by New York State's retention law. Records to be shredded include 2011 General Ledger, 2012 bank statements, 2004-2011 vouchers, 2003 dog reports and 2001-2003 Supervisor's reports.

RESOLUTION 34-2019

RESOLVE that the Town Clerk/Collector has permission to shred the above named reports per New York State's retention law.

RESOLUTION BY Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

I also asked if we could dispose of 3 old computer towers. It was agreed to send the computer towers to SCT computers where they will destroy the hard drives before disposing of them.

RESOLUTION 35-2019

RESOLVE that the Town Clerk/Collector has permission to send 3 old computer towers to SCT Computers for disposal with the destruction of the hard drives.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Motion to Adjourn by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler  
Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm

Respectfully submitted

Diane Sidle  
Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting at June 18, 2019 7:30pm