

## Public Hearing 7:00pm

### Possible Referendum to change Town Clerk position to an Appointed Position from an Elected Position.

Public Present: Wayne Chapman, Bruce Bruckner, Karen Phenes, Greg Phenes, Debra Albro, Norma Burris, John Olin, Larry Reynolds, Cathy Pelchar, Wayne Pelchar, Rick Lewis, Carmella Hoffman, Janette Brown.

John VanSoest explained the purpose of the Public Hearing stating that the Town Board was looking into the possibility of having a referendum to change the Town Clerk's position to an appointed position versus an elected position. There were many questions asking about the advantages of having an appointed position. Some of the advantages are the Board would have control over the Town Clerk as with an elected position the Clerk is independent from the Board. Also, you would be able to appoint someone that doesn't actually live in the Town versus an Elected Clerk must live in the Town. Some of the people in attendance were for it while others still like things the way they are. Most did agree to let the public make that decision through a referendum. No resolution at this time.

## TOWN OF CATHARINE

### TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 20, 2019

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

Public in attendance: Carmella Hoffman, Larry Reynolds, Bruce Bruckner, Janette Brown, Deb Albro, Rick Lewis, Wayne Chapman

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by Supervisor VanSoest.

Public Heard: No public to be heard

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

#### RESOLUTION 51-2019

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

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Jamee Mack

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

#### RESOLUTION 52-2019

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack  
VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 53-2019

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

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, Michael Learn  
VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Zoning Report: There was no zoning report

RESOLUTION 54-2019

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman  
VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report: Marty Said they have been cleaning road pipes and regrading roads after the storms that have passed through recently. They paved Cotton Hanlon Rd from the Village line to the Town line. They have been hauling millings and trading for 1b's and crusher run. The 1 ton truck is in for repair of hydraulic lines. They also chip sealed McDowell Rd and Fowler Rd.

RESOLUTION 55-2019

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid G151-G167 in the total sum of \$32,187.85 and H69-H76 in the sum of \$27,782.71 within funds according to totals.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded Ronald Hoffman  
VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business: At this time Jamee Mack has left the room. John read a letter from Tom Ruocco regarding the garage renovations. Larry is satisfied with the work that was done. A walk through will be performed to address any items that may need to be fixed. Jamee Mack has returned to the room. John discussed the Cottage Rd property. Plans have been submitted and reviewed by Harold Russell, John, the property owner and the contractor. Harold will inform the property owner and contractor of any code requirements before the plans are approved.

John discussed the ongoing issue with animal control. He said he met with the other Town Supervisors, our attorney and a representative from the Schuyler County Humane Society. They will continue to receive 70% of the dog licensing fees and there will be no reimbursement for dog enumeration. They have agreed to send monthly reports. The contract will be from 1/1/2019 thru 12/31/2020.

RESOLUTION 56-2019

RESOLVE that John VanSoest sign the contract with the Schuyler County Humane Society once it has been approved by our attorney and received in our office to be in effect from 1/1/2019 thru 12/31/2020.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Michael Learn

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

New Business: There was no new business

The board moved in Executive Session at 8:20pm

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman at 8:25pm

RESOLUTION 57-2019

RESOLVE that the bookkeeper's hourly rate will be \$35.00 hr

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Motion to Adjourn by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted

Diane Sidle

Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting September 17, 2019 at 7:30pm