

Town of Catharine  
Public Hearing 2020 Budget  
November 19, 2019

Public Present: Richard Lewis, Larry Reynolds, Eugenia Fudala.

John VanSoest went over the 2020 for the Town of Catharine explaining any changes to the line items from the previous year. John stated that once again taxes remain flat with an actual decrease of .03% in the tax rate for 2020. There were no comments from the public. Motion to adjourn the public hearing by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ron Hoffman with all in favor.

TOWN OF CATHARINE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
November 19, 2019

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

Public in attendance: Richard Lewis, Larry Reynolds, Eugenia Fudala, Tom Ruocco

The meeting was called to order at 7:24pm by Supervisor VanSoest.

Public Heard: Jamee Mack stated she had received information from someone regarding mold in the basement. I explained that the mold was a previous flood in the basement and that it was treated with bleach and doesn't appear to be spreading. The big concern was regarding the file storage room which does not have any mold in the room. Also, there was a concern about the exterior of the building. John asked Marty if he could get one of the highway guys to pressure wash the exterior when they get time.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

RESOLUTION 68 -2019

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ron Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 69 -2019

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

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Mike Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 70-2019

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

RESOLUTION by Ron Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Zoning Report: Harold reported that the contractor for the Cottage Rd property has sent him pictures of the ongoing renovations. Some one bought a house in Cayutaville that needs major renovations. Harold also stated that he received a complaint about a rental property in Oak Hill Rd. The issue has been addressed with the owner. Harold posted a NO Occupancy notice on a building in Alpine. The owner states that he was to fix it up. Harold told him to send him information on what he plans to do to bring the building up to code.

RESOLUTION 71-2019

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Mike Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 72-2019

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report: Marty said the grading is finished, one of the tractors is down and that he had to regrade some of the roads after the 10/31/2019 rain storm. Also, during the storm they had to clean out a few sleuce pipes and remove a tree from Steam Mill Rd that went down. He had Jim Gee's Tree Removal Service take down a large willow tree on Oak Hill Rd. Marty said he had a rear spring break on Peterbuilt and it is currently out for repairs. The roller will back in service this week. Marty stated that the 1 ton showed 3 engine codes. He did clear the codes for now. Regarding the new truck, Marty said Friendly Dodge came in with the lowest bid and they stated there would be no price increase for 2020.

RESOLUTION 73-2019

RESOLVE that the town purchase a new Ram 5500 with dump body and plow.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ron Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 74-2019

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid G206-G226 in the total sum of \$9240.27 and H93-H102 in the sum of \$20231.40.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business: John discussed the electrical issues at the Highway garage. After much discussion it was decided to have some electricians come in and go over the list of deficiencies that was provided to the town by Fred Fitch and give us an estimate of the cost to correct the issues.

RESOLUTION 75-2019

RESOLVE that the town delegate Marty Vondracek with assistance from Larry Reynolds to use Fred Fitch's list to get estimates from at least 2 contractors for the repairs.

MOTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

New Business: Jamee Mack has requested that I contact Peggy Tomassi at Schuyler County and discuss the possibility of them hosting our website.

Motion to Adjourn Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler. All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted

Diane Sidle  
Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting December 17, 2019 at 7:30pm  
End of year meeting December 30, 2019 at 3pm