

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 16, 2021

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

Public in attendance: Bill Fearn

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Lewis.

Public Heard: Bill Fearn has concerns about the number of Air BnB's on Cayuta Lake, especially Cottage Rd. He states that some of the rentals are being used over capacity for the number of bedrooms in the cottages. This causes issues with noise, parking along side of the road, garbage that is being dropped on other properties and possible septic concerns. He was wondering if there was anything the town could do in regards to zoning for these rentals. Rick said he will look into the NYS Regulations for Air BnB's

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

RESOLUTION 11-2021

RESOLVE that the minutes of the February board meeting be accepted with the correction of Kristin Van Horn, Schuyler County Planning Director.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Mike Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 12-2021

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

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 13-2021

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

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Zoning Report: Harold stated that there was a fire call on S Swamp Rd. While there he noticed that there was a new structure that was built without a permit. He has 2 new building permits, 1 for a double wide on Route 228 and migrant housing at Glenview Dairy on CR 14. There is going to be an upgrade to the cell tower on Oak Hill. A cottage on Cottage Road that expanded the second floor has been completed and everything was done to code. There is a cottage on Cottage Road that is doing a rehab with no building permit. Harold has spoken to the owner who is supposed to be getting a building permit. Harold said he will have his annual report filed by April 1, 2021.

RESOLUTION 14-2021

RESOLVE that the December Supervisor's Report dated February 2, 2021 be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 15-2021

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

The February Supervisor's Report was not approved as corrections need to be made to the budget lines.

RESOLUTION 16-2021

RESOLVE that the Bookkeeper make the necessary corrections to the 2021 Budget lines in the Accounting Software.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report: Marty stated that they have been out 6 times plowing and sanding the roads. The Peterbuilt had a check engine light come on. It is currently in the shop to be repaired. They have been getting equipment serviced for summer work. They have also been out filling pot holes. Chips funding is going for oil & stoning and overlay on Oak Hill Rd to get it ready for paving part of the road. Cost is estimated at \$65,300.

Carol Fagnan submitted a Historian report informing the Town Board of the work they have been doing over the past year in getting her historian material into our file room and cataloged.

RESOLUTION 17-2021

RESOLVE that the Town Board acknowledges the hours and efforts put forth by Carol Fagnan, Kathy Mayo, Deb Albro and Bob Crippen for cataloging Carol's collection of Town history for the community and future generations with Certificates of Appreciation.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 18-2021

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid G47-G67 in the total sum of \$9619.25 and H23-H33 in the sum of \$9801.01.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded Mike Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business:

RESOLUTION 19-2021

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine add the Solar Energy amendment to the current Zoning Law.

MOTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Jamee Mack

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Rick met with the Town of Montour, the Villages of Montour and Odessa regarding shared services for Code Enforcement. Rick stated that he was informed that a new code enforcement officer will probably cost around \$25.00 hr. With that in mind, Rick thinks that the price for building permits need to be increased, as other surrounding towns are charging around \$3.00 per thousand the cost of the project. He suggested we raise ours to \$2.00 per thousand.

RESOLUTION 20-2021

RESOLVE that effective May 1, 2021 the Town of Catharine will charge \$2.00 per thousand for the cost of the project for building permits.

MOTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes 1 abstention

New Business:

RESOLUTION 21-2021

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine hereby established the following standard work days for these titles: Ronald Goossen, Justice, Ronald Hoffman, Board Member as part time officials at 6 hours per day and will report the officials to the State of New York and Local Retirement based on their record of activities.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Mike Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Rick is looking into having a street light installed on the corner of State Route 228 & County Rd 11. People have concerns that the intersection is dark and people are missing the turn. He is waiting on NYSEG for the cost of installation and the monthly fee.

Rick stated that he has been in communication with Jim Allen in regards to his proposed campground and rezoning. The board is not in favor of amending our current zoning law to add campgrounds to the floating business zone.

Diane stated that she will be doing the annual Dumpster Day on Saturday May 22, 2021 from 9am-noon. She said any help would be greatly appreciated. Cory, from the Highway Dept, will be helping with the loader to assist loading heavy objects.

Jamee Mack informed the board that Tom Bloodgood, Director of Real Property Tax, is retired and working part time. She also stated that Alan McIlroy, Assessor for the Town of Catharine and Montour, will be leaving July 1, 2021

Motion to Adjourn Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.
All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted

Diane Sidle
Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting at April 20,2021 at 7:00pm