

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2021

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

Absent: Marty Vondracek

Public in attendance: Larry Reynolds, Bill Fearn

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

Public Heard: Bill Fearn said he heard there was an opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals Board and that he was interested in sitting on the board.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

RESOLUTION 49-2021

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Mike Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 50-2021

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

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 51-2021

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

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Zoning Report: There is no zoning report

RESOLUTION 52-2021

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report: There was no Highway Superintendent's Report.

Larry Reynolds brought up the situation on Steam Mill Rd where there are multiple cars that are close to the road and sometimes actually in the road. He stated that that becomes an issue

during winter months when the plows need to get through. The board recommended that Harold make a visit and address the code violations of multiple unlicensed vehicles.

RESOLUTION 53-2021

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid G130-G144 in the total sum of \$6,829.68 and H72-H78 in the sum of \$5,593.50.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business: Rick said that there are two potential candidates for Code Enforcement. The Village of Odessa, the Town of Catharine and the Town of Montour are meeting with someone on Thursday. Rick is still waiting for NYSEG to give him an estimate of the cost to install a street light on the corner of State Route 224 and County Rd 10. One estimate was received for the repair of the stairs. The estimate was for cutting out the damaged section and repair that section. It was decided to look into other options such as capping the stairs with aluminum diamond tread as well as wait for other estimates for full replacement. The Planning Board had requested the town board address the concerns at Cool Lea Camp with the addition of services that are not part of the original Special Use Permit that was granted when Cool Lea Camp was originated. The board requested Harold to take the list of concerns to the new owners and ask them to come to a board meeting and present their business plan.

New Business: John Murch has requested to be removed from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

RESOLUTION 54-2021

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine appoint Bill Fearn to the Zoning Board of Appeals effective 8/17/2021-12/31/2023.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Jennifer has resigned as Bookkeeper and Court Clerk effective 8/30/2021. There is someone that might be interested and knows Williamson Law Bookkeeping. We will reach out to see if she would like to become our Bookkeeper. We will also be looking for a new Court Clerk

The Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation sent us a 10 year intermunicipal agreement.

RESOLUTION 55-2021

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine will enter into a 10 year agreement with the Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation.

RESOLUTION BY Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Jamee Mack

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

There was a discussion of giving retroactive premium pay for essential workers from the Covid Fiscal Recovery Funds. There was also discussion of other uses of the funds such as improvements in neighborhoods with buildings out of repair and may need demolition.

RESOLUTION 56-2021

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine pay premium pay of \$5,000 to each of the three Highway employees and \$2,500 to each of the two Town Clerk's Office employees

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Rick Lewis

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Motion to Adjourn by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted

Diane Sidle

Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting September 21 at 7:00pm