

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
Sept 21, 2021

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

Public in attendance: Gordon Craver, Patti Craver, Tammy Vona, Karen Benton, Lyndsey Klees, Michael Hancock, Susan Beebe, Larry Reynolds, Bill Fearn

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

Public Heard: The new owners of Cool Lea Camp came to the meeting to tell us what they have been doing over the summer as new owners of the campground. There had been some complaints earlier this summer from a few neighbors regarding noise and jet ski rentals. There were several neighbors of the campground that came in support of the new owners. They are very pleased with the upgrades that they are trying to accomplish. The new owners were advised of our zoning laws and told that if they want to make additional services available that they would need to provide a business plan to the Planning Board.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

RESOLUTION 57-2021

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

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 58 -2021

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 59-2021

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

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Zoning Report: There was no zoning report

RESOLUTION 60-2021

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Mike Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

The Supervisor's Report was approved with the understanding that we are monitoring our spending, as the Highway is well over their budgeted amount this month. That will be resolved once the NYS Chips funding is received.

Highway Superintendent's Report: Marty stated that the grader broke down before they went on vacation. When they returned from vacation they noticed that the batteries had been stolen from the grader, which was parked on Carley Rd. The grader has been repaired and moved back to the garage. The upper and lower parts of Oak Hill Rd have had gravel placed in preparation for possible Black topping next year. The shoulders have been done on Oak Hill Rd. Marty also said they have been mowing, doing shared services with the Town of Montour and the Town of Hector, hauling in sand and ditching Cayutaville Rd. He also said the tractor had a flat tire and he is waiting for a new tire to come in. Fall grading has begun.

RESOLUTION 61-2021

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid G145-G162 in the total sum of \$13,278.05 and H79-H88 in the sum of \$31,111.99.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business: Rick said that there is one candidate for Code Enforcement that is already taking classes and will have his training completed in December. There is still no information from NYSEG for the cost of installing a street light on the corner of County Rd 10 and State Route 224. There have also been no more estimates for the repairs to the stairs at the Town Hall. There is a new Bookkeeper, Billie Jo Hyer, and a new Court Clerk, Karen Allen. Both will start on Monday September 27, 2021.

New Business: Jamee said that there is funding available through NYSERDA for LED street lights in Alpine. Diane will contact Cornell Cooperative Extension to grant information. Jamee also said that there are funds available to the towns for economic development. Towns do need to apply for this funding. The Village of Odessa is holding public hearings on the new Cannabis Law in New York. They will be voting in April 2022 on whether to opt in or opt out of allowing Cannabis sales in the Village. The Town of Catharine also has the option to opt in or out of allowing sales of Cannabis in the Town of Catharine. Barbara Halpin sent a letter requesting the speed limit on Newtown Rd be reduced from 55 to 45 miles an hour. The town will also request the state allows us to lower the speed limit on Pertl Rd to 45 miles an hour. Glenn and Rick will start working on the 2022 budget. A budget workshop is scheduled for Wednesday October 13, 2021 at 5pm.

RESOLUTION 62-2022

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine request to have the speed limits on Newtown Rd and Pertl Rd reduced from 55 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

Respectfully submitted

Diane Sidle
Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting October 19, 2021 at 7:00pm