

TOWN OF CATHARINE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
October 19, 2021

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

Absent: Jamee Mack

Public in attendance: Todd Knobbe, Fonda Chronis, Bill Fearn

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

Public Heard: Bill Fearn came in to voice his opposition on a petition that was signed by some of the residents on Cottage Rd regarding the stones, 1B's, that are put down during the winter months. Some were saying that the stones were a nuisance. Bill said that he is grateful for the highway department and all they do on Cottage Rd. He did suggest that some ditching might improve the issue with the stones.

Fonda Chronis came to introduce himself to the board. He is the new Deputy Administrator for Schuyler County.

Todd Knobbe, from Cornell Co-op Extension, did a presentation on Clean Energy Communities. He explained that grants are available, however the town must perform certain tasks toward energy efficiency in order to receive these grants. The town is currently looking into LED street lighting for the hamlet of Alpine.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read with 3 typing corrections

RESOLUTION 63-2021

RESOLVE that the minutes of the September board meeting be accepted with the corrections.

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 64-2021

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 65-2021

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

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Zoning Report: There was no zoning report

RESOLUTION 66-2021

RESOLVE that the September 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 stated that they have been gravelling Carly Rd, hauling in 1b's for winter. He is also doing some mowing. The 1979 Autocar had the rear end go out in it, also the box is bad. Marty would like to get a new box for the 2006 truck and put the box from that truck on the 1979 Autocar. The 2014 Peterbuilt is getting a new spreader chain installed. Marty also said he got a call from the Town of Hector regarding flooding on Cayutaville Rd on Oct 4. He said he ended up closing the road for the night.

RESOLUTION 67-2021

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid G163-G184 in the total sum of \$5,703.60 and H89-99 in the sum of \$17,006.29.

RESOLUTION by Mike Learn, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business: Rick is interviewing a candidate for Building Inspector/Code Enforcement on Wednesday. He is certified as a building inspector and is currently taking classes for code enforcement, which will get him certified in December. The street light on the corner of County Rd 10 and State Route 224 will cost \$995.65 to get it installed and approximately \$17.00 a month through NYSEG. Dana Bailey, Town of Montour Highway Superintendent, is going to do shared services with our highway guys to do the repairs on the front step of the Town Hall. The 2022 Preliminary Budget was reviewed by the board. The tax rate for 2022 will remain flat.

New Business: The Town Board needs to approve a resolution for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium for the 2022 Health Insurance.

RESOLUTION 68-2021

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine Approve the 2022 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium

WHEREAS, the Town of Catharine is a Participant in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (the "Consortium"), a municipal cooperative organized under Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law, and

WHEREAS, the municipal participants in the Consortium, including this body, have approved and executed a certain Municipal Cooperation Agreement (the "Agreement"; effective date of October 1, 2010),

WHEREAS, Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law (the "Insurance Law") and the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Financial Services set forth certain requirements for governance of municipal cooperatives that offer self-insured municipal cooperative health insurance plans, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement sets forth in Section Q2 that continuation of the Consortium under the terms and conditions of the Agreement, or any amendments or restatements thereto, shall be subject to Board review and upon acceptance of any new Participant hereafter, and

WHEREAS, by motion 001-2021 the Consortium's Board of Directors recommends approval of the 2022 Amended Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Cooperative Agreement requires that amendments to the agreement be presented to each participant for review and adopted by its municipal board,

WHEREAS, the Town of Catharine is in receipt of the proposed amended Agreement and has determined that it is in the best interest of its constituents who are served by the Consortium to amend the Agreement as set forth in the attached 2022 Amended Municipal Cooperative Agreements, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Catharine approves and authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to sign the 2022 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium, and

RESOLVED, further, that the Clerk of the Town of Catharine is hereby authorized to execute this Resolution to indicate its approval, transmit a copy thereof to the Board of Directors of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium, and take any other such actions as may be required by law.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Rick brought up the subject of short term rentals in our town. There seems to be several rentals through AirBNB and other rental agencies in our area and the town has no way of tracking these rentals. I will check with Kristin VanHorn to see if she could come to our November meeting and give us some information on how we go about creating a Short Term Rental Law.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm

Respectfully submitted

Diane Sidle  
Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting November 16, 2021 at 7:00pm