

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 20, 2022

Members Present: Supervisor, Richard Lewis; Councilmen: Ronald Hoffman, Jamee Mack;
Highway Superintendent, Marty Vondracek; Code Enforcement / Building Inspector Rick Carroll

Absent: Glenn Bleiler, C. Michael Learn

Public in attendance: Barbara Halpin, Roxanne Leyes

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

Public Heard: Barbara Halpin provided an update on reaching out the New York State Department of Transportation regarding the possibility of a speed reduction on Newtown Road. Someone will be going out to the road soon to take a look at the situation, and they will advise on what decision is made.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

RESOLUTION 65-2022

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

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 3 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 66-2022

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

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Jamee Mack.

VOTE 3 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 67-2022

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

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Jamee Mack.

VOTE 3 ayes, 0 noes

Zoning Report:

Rick Carrol said that it was another busy month. Six new building permits were applied for and all six were issued. Two of the projects were due to seeing the projects underway during his drives through the Town of Catharine. He told the owners they needed to come in and get building permits for their projects.

Year to date there have been 26 building permit applications received. A few are finished, but most are still works in progress. We had 19 permits at this time last year. He has done 16

construction inspections for this year's permits, and 2 additional inspections for unregistered vehicles. He issued a stop work order for a deck permit from last month. No permit was obtained by the contractor, and the work that had been done failed code. The situation was resolved by the contractor returning the money to the homeowner and taking out everything that had been done. The homeowner will be looking for a different contractor going forward.

Rick issued a certificate of occupancy for the new house on Upper Foothill Road. He will put together a checklist for what people need in order for a certificate of occupancy to be issued; this will help homeowners know what they need to have completed in order to get the certificate issued. He also met with a few individuals who have plans or projects and discussed what they need to do to go forward with their plans.

RESOLUTION 68-2022

RESOLVE that the July and August Supervisor's Reports be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor.

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Jamee Mack.

VOTE 3 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report:

The '97 autocar is in the shop; had to replace the air valves and the frame broke. It was replaced 10 years ago. They have hauled in 75 loads of washed sand, and took care of some nuisance ditches on Beardsley Hollow Road and Macdowell Road. They've been mowing, and the Peterbilt is back in the shop after running for two weeks. It has another fuel issue, so they are trying to fix it again. The service guy said that they'll get it figured out. They've started grading, and there are 2 more weeks left for the box on the International.

RESOLUTION 69-2022

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid: G 176 - 194 in the total sum of \$16,879.78 and H 86 - 96 in the sum of \$33,423.55.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 3 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business:

The proposed rental law, zoning ordinance review, and 2023 budget will be discussed at the budget workshop scheduled for September 29, from 6 -8 pm.

New Business:

Recycle – The new contract was received by the Town Supervisor today, it shows no increases in price.

RESOLUTION 70-2022

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine renew the recycle contract with Casella at the current rate.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 3 ayes, 0 noes

Mowing – The Village of Odessa will no longer be doing our mowing after this season. Marty obtained quotes for new mowers and one used mower. He will get an estimate from some local businesses and check to see what the cost would be to have a service do the mowing. This will be discussed further at next month's meeting.

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation made by Jamee Mack, seconded by Richard Lewis at 7:28 pm.

Motion to exit executive session made by Richard Lewis at 7:31 pm, seconded by Ronald Hoffman, with no action taken.

Motion to Adjourn by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Jamee Mack.
Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kellie Kretchmer
Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting October 18, 2022 at 7:00pm