

TOWN OF CATHARINE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
October 18, 2022

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

Absent: C. Michael Learn

Public in attendance: Matthew Sullivan, Roxanne Leyes, Barbara Halpin.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Supervisor Lewis.

Public Heard: Barbara Halpin informed the Town Board that she had not heard anything from the NYS Department of Transportation regarding the speed reduction request on Newtown Road, and she wanted to know if the Town had heard anything. She was informed that the Town had not received any communication regarding this matter.

Matthew Sullivan from the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning & Development Board came in to give a presentation on Climate Smart Communities: New York's Push for Climate Resiliency. He discussed the grants that were available and the process for meeting eligibility requirements. He also talked with the board members about what our neighboring communities have done with the program. He is available for questions if the town wants more information.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

RESOLUTION 71-2022

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

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 72-2022

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

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 73-2022

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:

We have had one new application for a building permit from September to this date. Rick has not issued the permit yet as he needs more information on the project first. He has done several inspections during the month of September. Rick issued a certificate of completion and compliance on the generator installation project after completing the final inspection. He has done a couple of inspections on the foundation repair project on County Road 15. The new house build on Terry Hill Road has quite a few issues. The contractor is working with an engineer and the homeowner to resolve; he will stop there again tomorrow morning.

He did a final inspection for a woodstove installation and a porch roof, and issued certificates of completion and compliance. Construction for the new house on County Road 14 where the fire was last year has finally started. Rick did a footer inspection yesterday. He also did a final inspection on the deck project on County Road 10.

Rick received a call last week from the person purchasing the Havens Mobile Home Park. The potential new owner had questions regarding junk vehicles, boats, and some other issues. They are in the process of cleaning up the trailer that burned. The new owner plans to put in new electric service.

Rick attended a meeting at the county emergency management offices; they discussed several issues. He has done four hours of code training for a total of twenty-one hours year-to-date. He has had lots of calls, texts, emails, and correspondence this past month. Rick spent several hours last week on inspection warrants on two properties in Alpine. He completed the papers and sent them to the town attorney for review but has not heard back yet; he will call to check the status on Thursday.

## RESOLUTION 74-2022

RESOLVE that the September Supervisor's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

## Highway Superintendent's Report:

Marty has been out doing more mowing, and has been graveling Carly Road. Steam Mill Road is 500 feet down to clay; they will need to cover it with gravel. Marty called about the Peterbilt; they have a part that they will "try," they can't make it duplicate the original problem. He talked to Wilbri and the box is in; they are booked out 2 weeks, so it will be installed on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The part for the recall on the Ram is in, he took it in to them and it can be picked up in the morning. McGuire called Marty and said that Chevy is not picking up our order. Ford will allow one order; they have a regular cab available – Marty had to put in the order yesterday or lose the chance for the order. The town can trade -in the old pickup or put it out for bid depending on what is offered for trade-in value.

RESOLUTION 75-2022

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid: G 195 – G 215 in the total sum of \$6,502.93 and H 97-H 105 in the sum of \$11,630.09, with funds available according to amounts listed.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business:

Budget – Glenn Bleiler discussed the changes that had been made to the proposed 2023 budget.

Mowing – The board members discussed whether to purchase a mower or contract the mowing out, and it was decided to contract the mowing. Marty got an estimate from Tom Beach for \$7,200 per year. He will work on getting more estimates on mowing services.

Rental Registration Law / Noise Ordinance – The town board members discussed the proposed rental registration law as well as the proposed noise ordinance. Both proposals will be discussed and refined in more detail, with a public hearing after further review.

New Business:

Public Health Officer – Dr. Winkler is retiring at the end of this year, and will no longer serve as Public Health Officer for the Town of Catharine. It is believed the Dr. Benjamin Saks will be his replacement. The Town Clerk will call his office to confirm this information.

Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium(GTCMHIC) – It is time to renew the Town’s agreement with the GTCMHIC.

RESOLUTION 76-2022

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine renew its agreement with 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, have approved and executed a certain Municipal Cooperation Agreement and the 2023 Amendment that provides for the operation and governance of the Consortium, and

WHEREAS, the Consortium's Board of Directors has recommended approval of the 2023 amended agreement, and

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

RESOLVED, that the Town of Catharine approves and authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to sign the 2023 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium,

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

Motion to Adjourn by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kellie Kretchmer  
Town Clerk/Collector

**Next meeting November 15, 2022 at 7:00pm**

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