TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 21, 2023

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

Public in attendance: LuAnn S. O'Connell, Dana Sgrecci, Chris Conolly, William Fearn, Roxanne Leyes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Supervisor Lewis.

Public Heard: Dana Sgrecci and his sister LuAnn O'Connell came in to discuss any regulations the Town of Catharine might have regarding the natural burial of their father on their property on Halpin Road.

RESOLUTION 16-2023
RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine sets the following requirements/criteria to allow for the natural burial of Louis Sgrecci on the family farm located on Halpin Road in the Town of Catharine: The burial site must be 25 feet from a property line, 100 feet from a well or water source, 50 feet from any septic tanks, and the location of the burial must be recorded on the property deed with a map attached.
RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by C. Michael Learn.
VOTE   5 ayes,   0 noes

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

RESOLUTION 17-2023
RESOLVE that the minutes of the February board meeting be accepted.
RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.
VOTE   5 ayes,   0 noes

RESOLUTION 18-2023
RESOLVE that the March Clerk's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor.
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack.
VOTE   5 ayes,   0 noes

RESOLUTION 19-2023
RESOLVE that the February Justice Report be accepted as submitted to the State Comptroller and the Supervisor.
RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Jamee Mack.
VOTE   5 ayes,   0 noes

Zoning Report: Rick Carroll stated that there were no new building permits for March. He did seven inspections; five were construction inspections and two were site inspections. He attended the meeting with the town's lawyer and Supervisor Lewis regarding the proposed zoning changes. He also attended the planning board meeting.

Rick is in the process of obtaining two inspection warrants for properties in the hamlet of Alpine.   He had a couple of items for the planning board, including a proposed seasonal event business on State Route 228, and a question on zoning for the old Humane Society building on County Road 10.

RESOLUTION 20-2023
RESOLVE that the January Supervisor's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor.
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack.
VOTE   5 ayes,   0 noes

RESOLUTION 21-2023
RESOLVE that the February Supervisor's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor.
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack.
VOTE   5 ayes,   0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report: Marty reported that they had done a dozen runs since the last meeting. The '04 blew a hydraulic line during the last storm. They've been patching holes on Steam Mill Road and Texas Hollow Road. The '97 Autocar has been taken out of service. The straps are rusting off, and it quit running. Marty pulled the tires off of the '97 and put them on the '79 Autocar. The Board members questioned Marty regarding how much the Town might get for the '97 Autocar; Marty said that he would include two old plows and a wing, and it has a stainless spreader. It could possibly go for $10,000 or maybe more. The Town will advertise it and reserve the right to reject bids.
The grader had three flats and the spare was flat. The new pickup is coming in around April 22, and the loader is due for replacement. A new loader will be $275,000; the last one was $219,000. We would get $225,000 for trade-in; and the new loader would come with a 2-year warranty.

RESOLUTION 22-2023
RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine board approves the purchase of a new loader for the highway department.
RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.
VOTE   5 ayes,   0 noes

RESOLUTION 23-2023
RESOLVE that the following bills be paid: G 49 – G 75 in the total sum of $92,689.32 and H 20 – H 29 in the sum of $8,720.27.
RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by C. Michael Learn.
VOTE   5 ayes,   0 noes

Unfinished Business:

Zoning – The board members will discuss changes to the zoning law at next month's meeting to give the Town's lawyer time to attend the planning board meeting in April.

Chris Conolly gave a short report on what was discussed at the March planning board meeting.

New Business:

Justice Audit – The Town Board was informed that it was time for the yearly Justice Audit.

RESOLUTION 24-2023
RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine has conducted an audit of the Town's Court as required by the State of New York Unified Court System.
RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded Glenn Bleiler.
VOTE   5 ayes,   0 noes

Multi-Municipal Youth Group 2023 – The summer recreation program is due for renewal.

RESOLUTION 25-2023
RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine renew the agreement with the Village of Odessa for the Summer Recreation Program for the year of 2023.
RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded Glenn Bleiler.
VOTE   5 ayes,   0 noes

Dumpster Day – This year's dumpster day was discussed. Jamee Mack asked that we look into what it would cost to allow electronics to be included for next year's event. Volunteers for this event were requested.

Personnel policy – The board members discussed how many days or years of work are required for sick leave in regards to retirement. The current policy states that retiring employees who have accrued 90 days of sick leave can use that time to cover their continuation of health insurance coverage. It would take an employee approximately 9 to 10 years to accrue 90 days of sick leave.

Marty was asked to bring the exact pricing for his three proposed large equipment purchases before the Town Board. The board would then make resolutions for the bookkeeper to amend the budget to the amount required for these equipment purchases.

Motion to Adjourn by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.
Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Kretchmer
Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting April 18, 2023 at 7:00pm