

TOWN OF CATHARINE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
April 18, 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: Roxanne Leyes, Barbara Halpin, Sharon Bradford, Chris Conolly

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

Public Heard: Barbara Halpin came in to let the town board know that the New York State Department of Transportation said “no” to her request for a speed reduction on Newtown Road. She also asked about the town’s recycling program and offered suggestions for improvement.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

RESOLUTION 26-2023

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

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 27-2023

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 28-2023

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

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by C. Michael Learn.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Zoning Report: Rick Carroll reported that it was a fairly active month. We had 5 new permits this past month. He approved and issued 2 for a new house on Texas Hollow Road and a pool and fence on County Road 14. The three other permit applications are waiting on additional information and documentation. The county assessor’s office called asking for more information on a few projects that aren’t yet completed. Rick did inspections on several projects, and completed his yearly report to the state.

Rick attended the planning board meeting and the monthly code officers’ round table meeting. He also completed an additional 6-7 hours towards his yearly training requirements. Rick also met with the couple living in their camper and they told him they were working on applying for

mortgage/financing and plan to do a stick build starting late spring. They will hopefully be finished by early fall.

#### RESOLUTION 29-2023

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report: Marty said it was a pretty normal month, with nothing outstanding. They got the new pickup truck. With the warm weather, there was a washout on Hosenfeld Road and it took around 4-5 loads to get it fixed. They replaced a driveway pipe on Newtown Road. The new grader blew a tire, and the next day the old grader blew a tire. Marty said that they hauled two loads of stone with the new box, and the box has started to fold. It is under warranty. They got the old '79 out and got it running but had to replace the brakes. It is inspected and they are using it to haul stone now. They've also started grading roads and are ¾ done with one round. The '14 Pete is due for inspection and it had a broken rim. The new Pete is getting set up in May, and they should have it to us by June or July.

Chips – funding should be about the same as last year with a rollover of \$18,000, giving a total of \$117,296.69. Marty plans to finish Oak Hill Road and then chip seal that section. They'll also do chip seal on Newtown Road and Upper Foothill Road. Total projects come to \$192,200, which leaves \$21,900 for unforeseen projects and escalation of oil prices.

#### RESOLUTION 30-2023

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine approves the Highway Superintendent's proposal for Chips expenditures for 2023 on the condition that the Chips funds provided by the state are the same as what was received last year.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Glenn asked for a proposal from the bookkeeper on how best to modify the budget for Marty's expected equipment expenditures for 2023.

#### RESOLUTION 31-2023

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid: G 76 – G 97 in the total sum of \$9,498.99 and H 30 – H 42 in the sum of \$44,371.10.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business: Zoning Changes – Chris Conolly from the planning board discussed what was covered at the last planning board. Kristin VanHorn and the town's lawyer both attended the meeting. They are still working their way through the proposed zoning changes. Sharon Bradford wanted to know what was taking so long with the proposed changes. Chris Conolly and the town board members explained the process and all of the steps involved in getting changes made.

Supervisor Lewis is expecting feedback from the planning board members at the next town board meeting so things can move forward.

New Business: The Odessa Village Mayor contacted the Town of Catharine to discuss the possibility of joining our recycling program, but did not come to the board meeting as planned.

Motion to Adjourn by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Kretchmer  
Town Clerk/Collector

**Next meeting May 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

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