

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 16, 2023

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

Public in attendance: Larry Reynolds, Anthony Nevone, Michelle Nevone, Chris Conolly, Pamela Cicconi, Roxanne Leyes, Barbara Halpin, William Fearn, Gerry Messmer, Deb Albro, Eleanor Lattin.

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

Public Heard: Barbara Halpin was questioning why the town sends copies of building permits to the county. The town board members discussed the reasons why the forms are sent to the county.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

RESOLUTION 32-2023

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

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 33-2023

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by C. Michael Learn.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 34-2023

RESOLVE that the April 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: Building permit activity picked up in April through the month of May. Three new permit applications came in for a very large pole barn, a demolition, and a deck with a roof. Rick Carroll did a construction inspection on an addition, and two site visits to the new home build on Texas Hollow Road. He received a phone call regarding work being done without a permit; the owner was contacted and he filled out a permit application. Rick is waiting for more information. Rick also received a garbage complaint for a property on State Route 224. An order to remedy was sent several months ago, but the situation has gotten worse. He sent an appearance ticket, and the owner appeared in court. The judge gave the owner thirty days to start cleaning up the property. Inspection warrants were filled out and

sent to Albany for review on another property; we are waiting to hear back from the state on those.

RESOLUTION 35-2023

RESOLVE that the April Supervisor's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by C. Michael Learn.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report: Marty said that he had made on decision on hiring; he will be hiring Rick Crane, as the only other applicant was from Elmira Heights. Rick Crane will be coming in as Deputy Highway Superintendent at \$19.25 per hour. Vince Turner was making \$20.42 when he retired. This leaves \$1.17 that is already budgeted for this year's salaries. Marty would like to increase Loren's pay to \$18.53 using the difference.

RESOLUTION 36-2023

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine approve a pay increase of \$1.17 for Loren Walp, bringing his hourly rate of pay to \$18.53, based on the budget neutral status.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Marty continued his report stating that they borrowed the Town of Dix's broom and started cleaning off the roads; the Town of Dix needed the broom returned but said that we can ask for it again at any time. There were washouts on Pertl Road and Cayutaville Road, and they fixed a driveway pipe and cross pipe on Texas Hollow Road. They will start oiling next week. No bids were received last month for the '97 Autocar. Marty will see about putting it on Auctions International with a minimum of \$10,000, and see what happens. The Chips funding came through with a raise of \$15,000. Total funds are now \$229,800 with all sources. Marty is waiting on more stone for chip sealing.

RESOLUTION 37-2023

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid: G 98 – G 118 in the total sum of \$6,738.73 and H 43 – H 53 in the sum of \$9,482.13.

RESOLUTION by C. Michael Learn, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business: The town board members discussed the planning board's recommended changes/additions to the proposed zoning law. Chris Conolly will provide a definition for flag lots to the town clerk, and they will work on preparing for a public hearing. A new rural neighborhood zone at Catharine Corners was discussed, as well as removing the nonexistent one on the county's online map. The planning board's recommended campground zone maps were also discussed by the town board members.

New Business:

Recycling for Village of Odessa – Village Mayor Gerry Messmer came to the meeting to discuss joining the current recycle program with the Town of Catharine. After discussion, he was

informed the cost for the village to join the program would be \$310 per month for an extra dumpster plus a one-time fee of \$400 for monitoring costs. The amount of recycling being brought in will be monitored to determine if one extra dumpster is sufficient.

RESOLUTION 38-2023

RESOLVE that the Town Supervisor has the authority to make changes to current recycling as necessary.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Gerry Messmer gave an update on the ongoing projects for the Village of Odessa.

Zoning Board of Appeals – The town board members discussed the resignation of ZBA member Wayne Chapman. Rick Lewis stated the Barlow Rhodes is willing to take the vacant position.

RESOLUTION 39-2023

RESOLVE that Barlow Rhodes be appointed as a Zoning Board of Appeals member to fill the vacancy left by Wayne Chapman's resignation, effective now through December 31, 2027.

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Code Enforcement Officer – Rick Carroll has resigned from his position as Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer, his last day will be May 19, 2023. Tony Nevone came to the meeting to introduce himself to the town board members and discussed his background. He is willing to take the position on a trial basis to see if he is a good fit for the Town of Catharine, and vice versa. Tony Nevone will spend some time with Rick Carroll to get everything transitioned.

Schuyler County Historical Society – Eleanor Lattin came in and gave an annual report to the board members. A handout was provided to the town board members with details.

Motion to Adjourn by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Kretchmer
Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting June 20, 2023 at 7:00pm