

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 17, 2023

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

Absent: C. Michael Learn

Public in attendance: Sharon Bradford, Howard Cabezas, Roxanne Leyes, Bill Fearn, Chris Conolly, Barb Halpin, Bird Southern, Anne Wilson, Felicity Wright, Kay Friedlander.

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

Public Heard: Barb Halpin had questions for the board members regarding some of the proposed zoning changes and the proposed noise control law. The members of the board answered various questions and members of the public present also discussed the proposed changes.

Minutes: Minutes were approved with one correction regarding the reason for the executive session.

RESOLUTION 64-2023

RESOLVE that the minutes of the September board meeting be accepted with one correction.
RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 65-2023

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 66-2023

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: Tony stated that he has done 15 inspections since the last board meeting. He put up a "do not occupy" sign today. As he has been driving around the town, he's noticed that quite a few people are starting to comply and fix their violations. There will be a few people coming to court soon, and he issued four new violation notices today regarding unsafe and unsanitary conditions.

Highway Superintendent's Report: Marty said that they've been mowing and grading. He put 28 loads of gravel on Steam Mill Road and they've been out patching. The loading ramp at the garage was leaning, so they tore out the concrete blocks and replaced them to avoid a collapse later. The new Pete is back; it was sent to Syracuse for programming changes for several issues. Now it has new issues, and they will be coming to the garage to fix it again. Marty is expecting around \$227,000 in Chips funds to come in the middle of December. Supervisor Lewis asked Marty about ordering the "no parking on pavement" sign for Cottage Road.

RESOLUTION 67-2023

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid: G 208 – G 227 in the total sum of \$31,689.00 and H 98 – H 107 in the sum of \$58,006.31.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business:

Zoning Changes – Further discussion of proposed zoning changes will be postponed until the town receives a copy of the next draft from the town's lawyer.

Proposed Noise Control Local Law – The members of the board reviewed the draft of the proposed local law for Noise Control. A public hearing will be held next month before the next scheduled board meeting at the Catharine Town Hall at 7 pm. The public hearing will be advertised to the public. Sharon Bradford asked how much longer this process would take, and the board members advised her that it would hopefully be completed in approximately 60 days.

Budget 2024 – Changes to the proposed 2024 budget were discussed by the board members. A public hearing will be scheduled for November 21st at 7 pm before the board meeting at the Catharine Town Hall.

New Business:

GTCMHIC MCA – A sample of a resolution that would allow the board members to approve current and future changes to the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium's Municipal Cooperative Agreement (MCA) was provided to the board members for review.

RESOLUTION 68-2023

Approval of the 2023 and Future Amendments to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (GTCMHIC)

WHEREAS, The Town of Catharine, as a member of Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (GTCMHIC), must approve any changes to the GTCMHIC Municipal Cooperative Agreement (MCA) by resolution, and

WHEREAS, GTCMHIC must amend the MCA annually when any new members are approved at the Annual Board of Directors meeting, and

WHEREAS, from time-to-time other changes are made to the MCA as necessary and when changes are made, they are reported at the Annual Meeting with membership approval, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, until rescinded by resolution our current presiding elected official is approved to sign, without further action, any GTCMHIC MCA updates that have been advanced at the GTCMHIC Board of Directors meetings and approved by the Department of Financial Services, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, The GTCMHIC is directed to keep this resolution on file to accompany any current presiding elected official signatures to amended MCA changes.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Cayuta Lake Invasive Species – Jamee Mack gave information to the board members on the results of the survey Glenn Sullivan of Ready Scout LLC completed on Cayuta Lake. Treatment options and costs were discussed by the town board members and the members of the public present for the meeting. Multiple options for funding were discussed – including grant opportunities, creating a special lake district for taxing, and possibly creating a reserve fund in the town’s budget for Cayuta Lake treatments.

Motion to Adjourn by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie A. Kretchmer
Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting November 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm