

TOWN OF CATHARINE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
February 20, 2024

Members Present: Supervisor, Richard Lewis; Councilmen: Glenn Bleiler, Ronald Hoffman, C. Michael Learn, Jamee Mack; Code Enforcement / Building Inspector Anthony Nevone  
Absent: Highway Superintendent, Martin Vondracek

Public in attendance: Brett Reynolds, Brenda Reynolds, Caleb Reynolds, Rosa Rice, Roger Smalley, Roxanna Johnston, Chris Conolly, Kristi Allen, Jeremy Hourihan, Craig Bianco, Anne Wilson, Bird Southern, Isaac Walker, Roxanne Leyes, David Burke, Jon Underdown.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Supervisor Lewis.

Public Heard: Roxanna Johnston from the Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Watershed Organization and Isaac Walker, manager for the Seneca Lake Watershed, gave the town board and members of the public present an update on what their organizations have been doing for the last year. They also offered information to help with getting assistance with treating Little Lake.

Brett Reynolds presented the town board members with a petition started by Randy Lovell with multiple signatures from people not in favor of the proposed noise control law. An email from James Allen regarding the proposed law was also presented. Kristi Allen presented reports from the Sheriff's Office showing no complaints from the Town of Catharine for noise issues. Jeremy Hourihan from the District Attorney's office and Craig Bianco from the Sheriff's office were available to answer questions from the town board and members of the public present. Questions were asked and answered regarding what the current New York State laws cover versus what this new law would cover.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

RESOLUTION 9-2024

RESOLVE that the minutes of the January 2024 board meeting be accepted.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 10-2024

RESOLVE that the January 2024 Clerk's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor.

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

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 11-2024

RESOLVE that the January 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: Tony stated that he had nothing to report.

RESOLUTION 12-2024

RESOLVE that the December 2023 Supervisor's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor with the proposed list of budget amendments provided by the Town Bookkeeper.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 13-2024

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 14-2024

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine reimburse Martin Vondracek in the amount of \$916 for a bookkeeping error made with his New York State retirement.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report: They've done 10 plow runs. The Ram 5500 was making noise in the driveline and was slowing down. They replaced the U joint and it was still making noise. They took it to Fleet Pride, and they are checking the rear end and taking care of the check engine light for inspection.

Maintenance on equipment is done. They are ready for summer work. They patched holes on the dirt roads.

Marty is working on a list for summer CHIPS programs, but everything planned will depend on how much we get in funding, especially with the proposed cuts to the program by the governor's office.

RESOLUTION 15-2024

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid G 27 – G 53 in the total sum of \$117,900.27 and H 14 – H 23 in the sum of \$14,013.06.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by C. Michael Learn.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business:

Noise Control Law –

RESOLUTION 16-2024

A motion was made by Ronald Hoffman to kill the proposed Noise Control Law. The motion was seconded by C. Michael Learn.

VOTE – Aye: Ronald Hoffman, C. Michale Learn. No: Jamee Mack, Richard Lewis

Abstain: Glenn Bleiler. MOTION not carried.

RESOLUTION 17-2024

A motion was made by Glenn Bleiler to table the proposed noise control law to the next scheduled board meeting. The motion was seconded by Jamee Mack.

VOTE – Aye: C. Michael Learn, Richard Lewis, Jamee Mack, and Glenn Bleiler. No: None.

Abstain: Ronald Hoffman. MOTION carried.

New Business:

NYSERDA Update – The town board was informed that the grant for \$5,000 was approved, and the funds were received by the town.

A letter from Brett Reynolds, indicating his interest in a position on the town board should a position become available, was presented to the town board members present.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Kretchmer  
Town Clerk/Collector

**Next meeting March 19, 2024 at 7:00pm**