

TOWN OF CATHARINE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
March 19, 2024

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

Public in attendance: Sharon Bradford, Anne Wilson, Roxanne Leyes, Brenda Reynolds, Brett Reynolds, Roger Smalley, Chris Conolly, Kristi Allen, Rosa Rice.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Lewis.

Public Heard: Sharon Bradford presented copies of the FOIL requests she had received from the Schuyler County Sheriff's office regarding harassment complaints for the Hamlet of Alpine. She discussed her desire to have the town vote in favor of the noise control law, and stated that some of the people who signed the petition against the proposed law were not residents of the Town of Catharine. Other members of the public present voiced their concerns over enacting a law that would only benefit a small percentage of the community as a whole. Sharon reiterated the difficulties she has faced in having the Sheriff's Office or the District Attorney's office do anything about her situation. This was why she came to the town board for help, and she asked the board to consider changing the law to apply just to the Hamlet of Alpine if other people didn't want it for the rest of the town.

Kristi Allen spoke to the town board members about a request the Cayuta Lake Property Owners Association sent to the Chief Watershed Implementation Division of Water. They also sent the letter to Darrel Sturges with the County Watershed Department. They would like to ask the Town of Catharine board members for assistance with requesting help from the state in considering their proposal for the properties around the lake to receive septic system replacement funding.

Jamee Mack made a motion to have the town supervisor send a letter to the DEC.

**RESOLUTION 17-2024**

RESOLVE that the Town Supervisor send a letter to the DEC requesting funding for septic system replacements for properties around Cayuta Lake.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

**RESOLUTION 18-2024**

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

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Jamee Mack.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 19-2024

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

RESOLUTION Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 20-2024

RESOLVE that the February 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: Supervisor Lewis read the printed report provided by Tony Nevone. Tony performed 32 inspections and identified 6 violations. Two barns, one house, and one garage have been demolished. One RV was removed. Ten acres of property were cleaned up, one septic tank was drained, and asbestos abatement work was completed on one home. Tony reported that the town needs to adopt part 1203 of the New York State Fire and Building Code.

The town board members asked Kellie to see if the surrounding town's have also adopted this section, and they will address it again at the next board meeting.

RESOLUTION 21-2024

RESOLVE that the February 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 Jamee Mack.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 22-2024

RESOLVE that the town bookkeeper create open and closing entries into the bookkeeping software to reflect the actual balances in the DA and DB accounts.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report: Marty said that with the nice weather, they've torn down the Pete and the International to do sand runs. With three more loads, they should be done replenishing the bay. They took the Ram to the dealer for a brake hose recall and to have the rear end checked as it is bad. This should be covered under the powertrain warranty.

Marty said that they also put up five stop signs, and put up the no parking sign on Cottage Road. Service work is done on the vehicles, and the three 10 wheelers are due for inspection next month.

Marty spoke with Jerry with Soil and Water regarding Cayutaville Road – there is a pipe that looks like it's collapsing. He will be checking on box culvert pricing, and if the funding is not available, they will do a temporary fix while they wait for funding to do a complete fix. They will be doing some digging to see the extent of the damage.

Marty did some research on the shared services agreement proposed by the New York State Department of Transportation and recommends that the town should do it, as it would save time during emergency situations.

RESOLUTION 23-2024

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine enter into a shared services agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for a period of four years. The total amount of the agreement shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 24-2024

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid G 55 – G75 in the total sum of \$8,834.80 and H 24 – H 32 in the sum of \$9,792.95.

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

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business:

Noise Control Law – This was tabled at the February 2024 town board meeting.

New Business:

2024 Mowing contract proposal – A proposal was received from Vincent Turner for his continued mowing services for the town, at a rate of \$7,300 for the year.

RESOLUTION 25-2024

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine accept the proposal for lawn care from Vincent Turner at the rate of \$7,300 for the current year.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Justice Audit – The yearly Justice Audit form was presented to the board members for approval and signatures.

RESOLUTION 26-2024

RESOLVE that the 2023 Justice Audit be approved by the Town of Catharine board members.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Motion by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Jamee Mack, to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:53 pm. All in favor, 0 opposed.

Executive Session entered at 7:53 pm.

Motion by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler, to exit executive session at 8:29 pm. All in favor, 0 opposed.

Executive Session exited at 8:29 pm with no resolution.

Motion to Adjourn by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Kretchmer  
Town Clerk/Collector

**Next meeting April 16, 2024 at 7:00pm**

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