

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 18, 2024

Members Present: Supervisor, Richard Lewis; Councilmen: Glenn Bleiler, Ronald Hoffman, C. Michael Learn; Highway Superintendent, Marty Vondracek.

Absent: Councilperson – Jamee Mack; Code Enforcement / Building Inspector – Anthony Nevone.

Public in attendance: Brett Reynolds, Jessica Verrigni, Jerry Verrigni, Jean Sorgi, Sharon Bradford, Chris Conolly, Roxanne Leyes, Annie Wilson, Bird Southern.

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

Public Heard: Jerry Verrigni, with the Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District, came in to discuss the repairs needed on Cayutaville Road. There is a system of 4-5 culverts, and at least one of them has collapsed. The ideal repair option would be to install a box culvert. The estimated cost to repair the damage and help prevent future issues would be \$300,000. He also presented options available for fixing the road, and suggested possible sources of funding. If funding is obtained, the estimated cost to the town would be approximately \$35,000. The members of the Town Board asked many questions, and Jerry tried to present all the options available, including keeping the culvert system or changing to the box culvert. The members of the Town Board and Highway Superintendent, Marty Vondracek, will need to weigh the options that have been presented.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

RESOLUTION 40-2024

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 41-2024

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

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 42-2024

RESOLVE that the May 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 was unable to attend the meeting. Supervisor Lewis read Tony's report: Tony conducted 26 inspections and issued three permits. He identified and acted upon one violation. Tony conducted research for court cases involving multiple violations. Tony attended five formal meetings and took multiple phone calls.

RESOLUTION 43-2024

RESOLVE that the May 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 reported that the blacktop for Cayutaville Road was done last Tuesday. He is waiting for the bill to turn that in for CHIPS funding. They finished hauling stone for chip sealing and did shared-services work with the Town of Hector. They have mowed the roads once and changed the flail head out on the mower. Marty said that they borrowed the broom for the Town of Dix and pulled the shoulder on Pertl Road and Newtown Road. The grader went down right before the last board meeting, but it is back up and running now after an expensive repair.

RESOLUTION 44-2024

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid: G 116 – G 135 in the total sum of \$11,082.81 and H 53 – H 63 in the sum of \$36,652.66.

RESOLUTION by C. Michael Learn, seconded Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business: The allowance of ATV's and UTV's on Town Roads proposal made by Jamee Mack at the last board meeting will be discussed during the July board meeting.

New Business:

Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (GTCMHIC) Municipal Cooperative Agreement (MCA) – GTCMHIC notified the town that it is necessary to sign a new MCA as their board no longer recognizes the former MCA.

RESOLUTION 45-2024

Approval of the 2024 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium

WHEREAS, the Town of Catharine is a Participant in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (the "Consortium"), a municipal cooperative organized under Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law, and

WHEREAS, the municipal participants in the Consortium, including this body, have approved and executed a certain Municipal Cooperation Agreement (the "Agreement"; effective date of October 1, 2010), and

WHEREAS, Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law (the "Insurance Law") and the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Financial Services set forth certain requirements for governance of municipal cooperatives that offer self-insured municipal cooperative health insurance plans, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement sets forth in Section Q2 that continuation of the Consortium under the terms and conditions of the Agreement, or any amendments or restatements thereto, shall be subject to Board review and upon acceptance of any new Participant hereafter, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Cooperative Agreement requires that amendments to the agreement be presented to each participant for review and adopted by a majority vote by its municipal board, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catharine is in receipt of the proposed amended Agreement and has determined that it is in the best interest of its constituents who are served by the Consortium to amend the Agreement as set forth in the Amended Municipal Cooperative Agreement, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that upon receipt and review of the amended Agreement, the Town of Catharine approves at a meeting of the governing body held on June 18, 2024 and authorizes the Chief Elected Official to sign the 2024 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement (Effective 1.1.24) of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium as recommended by the Board of Directors.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

New York State and Local and Local Retirement

RESOLUTION 46-2024

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine hereby establish the following standard work days for these titles: Ronald Goossen, Justice; Ronald Hoffman, Councilman, as part-time officials at 6 hours per day and will report the officials to the State of New York and Local Retirement system based on their record of activities.

RESOLUTION by Richard Lewis, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Correspondence:

Carol Fagnan will be hosting a presentation prepared by her intern, Cornell 2024 student Bennett Staffa, on July 4, 2024 at 7 pm at the Odessa American Legion Hall.

The presentation tells the story of the Founding Fathers of the Town of Catharine.

Bennett Staffa's internship was possible through a fellowship granted to the Carol Fagnan, the historian for the Town of Catharine.

Supervisor Lewis shared information provided by Congressman Nick Langworthy's office regarding a 50th Anniversary Vietnam-Era Veteran Pinning Ceremony taking place at the Horseheads High School Auditorium on July 2nd at 2 pm.

Motion to Adjourn by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.
Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Kretchmer
Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting July16, 2024 at 7:00pm

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