

TOWN OF CATHARINE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 17, 2024

Members Present: Supervisor, Richard Lewis; Councilmembers: Jamee Mack, Glenn Bleiler, Ronald Hoffman.

Absent: Code Enforcement / Building Inspector – Anthony Nevone; Councilmember – C. Michael Learn.

Public in attendance: Sharon Bradford, Chris Conolly, Anne Wilson, Bird Southern, Bill Fearn.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Supervisor Lewis.

Public Heard: Sharon Bradford asked the town board questions regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals' decision for a recent variance request in the Hamlet of Alpine.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

RESOLUTION 62-2024

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

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 63-2024

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

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 64-2024

RESOLVE that the August 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: No report available for this month.

RESOLUTION 65-2024

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report: Marty said they have hauled 71 loads of gravel on Hosenfeld Road so far and have another 500 feet left to finish. The inspections were done for the Pete and the International. They have started the fall grading, and the guardrails on Steam Mill Road were finished yesterday. Marty will submit the CHIPS forms for the guardrails when the check clears the bank. The Suit-Kote bill has been submitted.

Unfinished Business: 2025 Budget – Glenn discussed the tentative Budget.

Proposed Fire District – The board members discussed the latest meeting for the proposed Fire District.

ARPA Funds – The members of the board discussed the remaining ARPA funds and what they might be spent on; a decision regarding what they will be used for will be discussed at the next meeting.

Communications Received: Supervisor Lewis shared a letter he received from NYSEG regarding an upcoming infrastructure reliability project that will replace the line from the Montour Falls substation to the Ithaca substation. They will rebuild and restructure the lines from 115 kilovolt to 331 kilovolt lines and replace the current poles with steel poles.

New Business: Motion by Jamee Mack, seconded Glenn Bleiler, to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue and possible litigation at 8:46 pm. All in favor, 0 opposed.

Executive Session entered at 8:46 pm.

Motion by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler, to exit executive session at 9:25 pm. All in favor, 0 opposed.

Executive Session exited at 9:25 pm with Resolution 66-2024:

RESOLUTION 66-2024

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid: G 185 – G 202 in the total sum of \$6,472.57 and H 81 – H 87 in the total sum of \$7,988.65. Town Supervisor Lewis will reimburse the Town of Catharine the total of \$324 for the portion of the Thaler and Thaler bill for research regarding the Public Officers Law.

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Motion to Adjourn by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Kretchmer  
Town Clerk/Collector

**Next meeting October 15, 2024 at 7:00pm**