

Town of Catharine
Town Board Meeting
January 16, 2018

Members present: Supervisor John VanSoest; Councilpersons Glenn Bleiler, Ronald Hoffman, C. Michael Learn, Jamee Mack; Highway Superintendent Bill Morgan, Deputy Highway Superintendent Martin Vondracek; Guest: Larry Reynolds, Alan McIlroy (Assessor) Bruce Bruckner, Tom Ruocco

Meeting called to order at 7:30

Public Be Heard: none

RESOLUTION 2018-1

RESOLVE that the minutes of the December meetings be approved as presented to the Board.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Zoning Report: Harold said that he has been in contact with Supervisor of Adult Protective Services as there was a call in our Town that had NUMEROUS violations in the home. These violations were brought to the attention of Code enforcement by the Fire Chief after a rescue call at the home. The violations have been corrected by the landlord and the resident is returned to the residence. Another call out on County Rd 6 that Harry checked on, but it was not in our town, so he passed it on to Town of Hector Code Enforcement.

The big house on Oak Hill Rd is coming--the mechanical is good, but the contractor is hard to meet up with.

Harry has a monthly meeting with the State Code Enforcement people and they still don't like the fact that we only charge \$10 for a building permit. Glenn asked why there should be an increase in fees-- Harry said that building permit fees were never meant to be a fund raiser, but to help offset the code enforcement officer wages. He offered to bring in some figures if we were interested.

Jamee said that there was a push a year ago to have DSS work with Code and wondered if it was still in the works. Harold said that they are supposed to call before they pay rent on any rental unit.

Supervisor's report:

John went through the report--before adjustments—General Townwide fund has \$30,000 in surplus. On the General Outside side there is \$2400 in surplus; Highway Townwide has a surplus of \$20,600 (due in part by extra sales tax) Highway Outside is short based on the CHIPS money to still come. That is expected in February sometime. The amount will be accrued as a revenue and expenditure-- John suggested that the surplus in General Townwide fund go into fund balance so we could use it for reduction of taxes in the next year. Some question about why the unallocated fund balance and the amount in the checking account don't balance out—a question for Suzanne.

RESOLUTION 2018-2

RESOLVE that the Supervisor's report be accepted as presented to the Board by the Supervisor and the Bookkeeper.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Larry Reynolds commented that there is still some work that needs to be done in the Salt Storage building, mainly the electric, so we could use some of the "extra" money for that. John would like to see

if there is a way to transfer some of that money to the DA side if at all possible. Jamee is just concerned that we don't do something we shouldn't with the money.

Suzanne gave the board budget amendments that she suggests to get the budget balanced. The suggestions are attached.

RESOLUTION 2018-3

RESOLVE that the suggested Budget Amendments that are attached be accepted.

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Jamee Mack

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2018-4

RESOLVE that the Clerk's report be accepted as presented to the board

RESOLUTION by C. Michael Learn, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Carmella indicated that the money received from Identago for fingerprinting is not reflected in the report this month as the deposit was made after the end of the month.

Highway report: Hauled 75 loads of sand, and loads of 1B (stone). The salt storage building is done and is already being filled. The real cold brought on frozen highway pipes and ditches. There are some ice dams on Oak Hill Rd., but it's staying within the ditches at this point. The excavator is becoming very unreliable. Ordered 100 T of salt at \$44.54/t. (we put 200T on reserve and have to take 70% of that 140T) The ice and snow storm required everyone to work all day Saturday. Have heard nothing about the new truck, but it's supposed to be here at the end of the month (update—truck will be delivered at the end of February).

RESOLUTION 2018-5

RESOLVE that the following vouchers be paid G1-26 in the sum of \$55,533.92 and H1-18 in the sum of \$41,437.77 within funds according to the totals.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

Appointments to zoning board of appeals, Planning board, Assessment Review Board--

John made calls to those who were suggested. Deb Albro agreed to be on the planning board.

RESOLUTION 2018-6

RESOLVE that the Town Board appoint Deb Albro to replace Jamee Mack on the Planning Board for a term the duration of the term (12/31/2021

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Jamee Mack

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Zoning Board of Appeals has 2 vacancies on that board. John asked Mike Scullin and he declined. We also threw out Tom Ruocco's name, but we are afraid that it might be a conflict of interest. Still need some suggestions to get that board filled up.

RESOLUTION 2018-7

RESOLVE that the Board appoint Jess May to serve on the Assessment Review Board. She will be filling the term left vacant by Marc Cassada that will go through 9/30/2018.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes,

Jamee questioned if 1986 was really the last procurement policy. John indicated that yes, that is the last one. She will take the time to read through it and see if there are laws that have changed since our policy was written.

RESOLUTION 2018-8

RESOLVE that the Board Appoint Alan McIlroy as our Assessor beginning in January to fulfil the term of Vickie Flynn through 9/30/2018.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. made by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack
All approved.

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