

Town of Catharine  
Town Board Meeting  
September 20, 2016

Members present: Supervisor John VanSoest; Councilmen: Glenn Bleiler, Wayne Chapman, Ronald Hoffman, C. Michael Learn; Highway Superintendent William Morgan; Zoning Officer Harold Morgan; Guest: Chris Connoly, Bruce Bruckner, Larry Reynolds

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

John explained the Local Law Wastewater Management Law and the rationale for the law. Our law is designed after the Town of Tyrone's law around their two lakes. Ours is different in that we are not designating a taxing district for this area. Rob Halpin (our attorney) needs to have some time to read through and clean up some language so we can't adopt it this week. Questions about those who refuse to have their systems inspected? in the law there is a violation section. Harold said that if they refuse to allow an inspection, you subpoena them into court. Chris asked if this applied to the commercial properties on the lake--John indicated that yes, they are bound by the law also, but do have other regulations. If the Health Department is doing the type of inspection that is called for in the law, then that will suffice as an inspection. The Health Department stated that they do not do that type of inspection. We will discuss at the next meeting.

Regular meeting 7:30 p.m.

**RESOLUTION 2016-53**

RESOLVE that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as presented to the Board  
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman  
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

**RESOLUTION 2016-54**

RESOLVE that the Clerk's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor  
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Wayne Chapman  
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Zoning report: Harold reported that he is getting caught up and can actually see part of his wall. There is some building going on and he's doing the inspections. He inspected a pellet stove for a Day Care. DSS is going to request that building inspectors do an inspection of rental units before they cut checks for rent. This is part of the Rental Registration Law as well (not adopted by the Town at this point) Lausel is building a \$100,000 goose barn with living space in the upper story. Harold said that he has to go back to the Fire Academy for annual training hours in October. He reported that he has been coming in on Wednesday afternoons/evenings and it seems to work good as more people are home so he can see them. Mr. Austin's house (CR 14) is almost done--needs a railing around the deck and he will issue a CofO.

**RESOLUTON 2016-55**

RESOLVE that the Justice Report be accepted as submitted to the State Comptroller and the Supervisor  
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman  
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Supervisor's report: John explained the report in depth. We are still owed money from one of the other towns for the Recycling agreement. Carmella will check to see who still owes and send them a reminder.

RESOLUTION 2016-56

RESOLVE that the Supervisor's report be accepted as submitted by the Supervisor and Bookkeeper  
RESOLUTION by Wayne Chapman, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2016-57

RESOLVE that the following budget amendments/transfers be made as suggested by the Bookkeeper to balance the budget. Increase DB3501 \$22,552.59, Increase DB5112.2 \$22,552.59, Increase DB5130.2 \$37,431.38, Decrease DB9901.9 \$37431.38

Also, increase the CHIPS income account to the "total" amount of \$117,242.82 (includes the \$5420.07 rolled over from last year). The 2003 Grader will be paid for out of the remainder of the CHIPS money and the remainder from Capital Reserve for Equipment as per the adjustments made above.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Highway Superintendent: Bill expressed his thanks for the Card when his father passed.

The guys got all the mowing done with the side arm--the rake tractor is down--the estimate to get it fixed is over \$6000, and it's not worth that. They will limp along with the older tractor.

The Boys worked with the County, Town of Hector and Cayuta to help pay them back for their help on oil and stone projects.

Put some pipes on Oak Hill Rd.--also fixed a washout that was requested by DEC on Connecticut Hill.

they are also asking us to dig some deeper ditches. The oil and stone on Beardsley Hollow Rd is on hold for now. We are getting to the end of the season, but he is asking the boards opinion. It is nice to have some heat to seal it in, and that is getting less and less. He also brought some estimates for tractors (knowing that he's not going to get it this year) They can limp through without it for the rest of the season. Glenn asked if the quality of the oil and stone would be diminished if we did it now? Bill explained that it would be 60/40 chance--probably not the best idea to do this season. The Board agreed that we should wait until next year to do oil and stone on Beardsley Hollow Rd. Bill took delivery of the last of the salt for the prior contract.

We did have some complaints about the side arm mowing--Some of John Fay's pine trees were cut down that probably shouldn't have been cut and there were complaints about the shaggy limbs. The guys will do what they can to make things right. The Board suggested that the guys plant new trees for Mr. Fay.

Landfill: Only 2 people showed for the meeting. There being no activity and no quorum, the meeting was adjourned.

RESOLUTION 2016-58

RESOLVE that the following vouchers be paid: G152-162 in the sum of \$3903.02 and H77-85 in the total sum of 74,301.68 within funds according to the totals.

RESOLUTION by Wayne Chapman, seconded by C. Michael Learn

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Status of Zoning Laws: The Committee had a meeting and the ball is now in the regional planning dept court. We questioned about the minimum size of a house and wondered if we should just go to the state standard. Also mobile homes were questioned --the proposal is that single wide mobile homes have to be in parks--but Chelsea is checking to see if single-wide trailers are even legal anymore. If we limit the singlewide to parks, you are going to have a lot of variances. Larry said that the only bad thing is that when they start adding additions and covers over them. Also if we stick with 900 sq. ft. you are good with trailers also. Glenn says that he doesn't think we shouldn't limit the ability of people to live in whatever they are comfortable with. Lots of discussion--most feel that we wait and see what the state says.

Park Trails: Carmella presented the idea of having the Conservation students from GST BOCES do some trails in the wood of the park. They can come straight from school and work either morning or afternoon (depends on their BOCES schedule--if they are AM students at BOCES, they would work here in the morning). They need to be supervised by one of our employees. Bill Morgan said that if they can do 4 days a week he can supervise and if he's busy, Corey or one of the other guys could supervise

RESOLUTION 2016-59

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine "contract" with GST BOCES to have students do trails in the woods of the park. They will do the internship from Monday - Thursdays 9-11 and be supervised by William Morgan

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Assessor--John was in on the interviews for the Appraisal trainee position for the County and they have hired a person for the position. It will be a two year training program. New values of assessments will be ready for the school taxes of 2017.

Glenn Bleiler made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. seconded by Wayne Chapman