

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held October 8, 2019 at the Hermon Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Nicole Bacon Ward.

Councilmen Bernard Reed Jr., John Reed and Lee Carvel. Absent Kathy Carpenter.

Also present were Chester and Elizabeth Rathbun, John Davis, Chris Stransky, Robert Reed, Brian Brunet, John Stransky, Mike Perry, Bruce Bigelow, Shain Brunet, Larry Denesha, Lenore and Roger Zaubere, and Chris Velez.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting as submitted were approved on motion by Lee Carvel. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.

SLC Legislator Larry Denesha

- Allen Reid was appointed as SLC Risk manager, replacing Paul Baxter.
- On September 30, SLC Board meeting we appointed Bruce Green to a 6 year term
- On the NYS Comptrollers List of Municipalities in fiscal distress report, St Lawrence County was not on the list.
- SLC Legislators passed a resolution which will provide 3 additional days off per year for our workers who are Veterans for Combat Leave.
- Appointed Jason Fortinhauer on County Planning Board, replacing Keith Zimmerman who retired.
- Appointed a new Director of Emergency Services- Matthew Denner –beginning October 15
- SLC Fund balance for 2019-20 is \$23.1 million. In the past years, totals were in 2018 was \$20.4 million, in 2017 was \$13.6 million and in 2016 it was \$8.7 million.
- Tax rate for the county will remain the same
- Corner of Main and Water Street here in Hermon was scheduled for cleanup in the spring, but it may be started within the next 60 days.

Bruce Bigelow has his 911 address on Hermon Road, but the road signs are Beech Road. This is a Seasonal Road, and has not been maintained, he asked to close it or put a gate up. On August 1, UPS and Fedex have updated their software and if addresses do not match they will not deliver. Brian explained he will check and see how other towns deal with this issue and the Town Board explained they will look into further options.

Code Officer Robert Reed

- Issued 30 permits to date
- Issued 2 certificates of occupancy
- Received insurance survey

Chester and Elizabeth Rathbun came in to question why the Town was just after him for excess stuff in his yard. For about a year, the Code Officer had sent certified letters to let them know they needed to clean up and keep it clean.

Dog Control Officer report was read.

Water Sewer Report Chris Stransky August 2019

Total Pump 3,018,500
Hermon 2,264,600
Dekalb 753,900
Discharge 619,000

7 UFPO'S

September 2019

Total Pump 2,791,900
Hermon 215,200
Dekalb 639,900

Chris says the flows are good.

DEC Plant Inspection was held on September 30: everything looks good.

Dekalb Water Agreement completed

Water has been shut off Gary Gonyea and Doreen Byrns. Estates are still responsible for sewer bills per quarter.

Lee Carvel makes a motion to bill for sewer on estates when a resident passes away. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Brian Brunet

- Bridge Award letter needs to be sent to Fiacco & Riley for winning the bid for bridgework for Phase 1.
- Check received from Auctions International for 2002 Truck.
- Brian would like an Agreement of Letter of Intent to buy a 2020 pickup.

Lee Carvel made a motion to write up a Letter of Intent for Brian to purchase a town pickup for Highway Department. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and motion carried.

- Helped Gouverneur highway clean roadsides and overgrown brush on Spruce and Alverson Road
- County put flags up on Small Flats Road. A study needs to be done, speed limit to 25 MPH
- Shoulder work done on Trout Lake Road
- Mowing done around town and on some county roads.

New Business

- Appoint Erin Gratch to a 6-year term Assessor.

Lee Carvel made a motion to reappoint Erin Gratch Assessor to a 6 year term now through 9/30/2025. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and motion carried.

- Presented the tentative 2020 budget
- Public Hearing Budget Meeting on November 12, 2019 @ 5:45 p.m.
- Public Hearing for Local Law to override NYS Tax Cap

Bernard Reed Jr. made the motion to set the Public Hearings on November 12, 2019 at 5:45 p.m. for 2020 Budget and Local Law to override the NYS Tax Cap. Seconded by Lee Carvel. All in favor and motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR 2019 BUDGET MODIFICATION

Budget Modifications

A motion was made by Lee Carvel and seconded by John Reed to authorize the following budget modifications:

- Transfer \$64.14 from A1990.40 Contingent Fund to A1950.40 Taxes on Village Property.
- Transfer \$16,267.60 from Sewer Surplus to S9560.80 Repairs and Maintenance to cover the remaining cost of the sand for the sand beds.
- Transfer \$203.70 from W8310.10-Source of Supply-Personal Service to W8340.10-Transmission and Distribution-Personal Service.

Ayes-3

Nays-0

Motion carried.

Nicole Bacon-Ward, Town Supervisor

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I, Karen Wayering, Clerk of the Town of Hermon, St. Lawrence County, New York, do hereby certify that this decision was approved by the Town Board at a meeting held on October 8, 2019. There being 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Adopted this 8th day of October, 2019

Karen Wayering, Clerk
Town of Hermon

New Business Continued

- John Stransky came and asked if the Town planned to increase the Fire Department budget. The Supervisor explained they still had another budget work session and then the Public Hearing set for November 12 .
- Brian appointed Shain Brunet as his Deputy.

Historian Lenore Zaubere

- She applied for a Grant for a Historical sign for McBrier Park. This would be to commemorate E. Martin McBrier had bought pieces of land around Hermon. He cleaned up the areas and made the park.
- TAUNY quilt project is complete with the 32 Towns in St. Lawrence County.

- Went to a conference in Albany
- SLC Historical Geneological Association Fair October 26 from 10-4 Roger and I will be there set up and explaining the process of digitalizing
- Became a Board member of SLC Historical Association, voted as a trustee.
- Open on Fridays 11am-1 pm

The Town and Supervisor submitted their bank statements.

The Supervisor's and Town Clerks monthly report were examined and approved on motion by Lee Carvel. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and carried.

General (#168- #179), Highway (#115-#130)and Water/Sewer (# 60-#70) bills were audited and approved for payment by Lee Carvel. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.

Lee Carvel made motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Seconded by John Reed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering Town Clerk