

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held July 13, 2021 at the Hermon Town Hall.

Public Hearing for Town of Hermon 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Present were Supervisor Michael Perry.

Council Kathy Carpenter, Lee Carvel, John Reed. Absent Bernard Reed Jr.

Also present were Anthony Young, Chris Stransky, Jody Wenzel, Ed Carpenter, Susan Allen, Larry Denesha, Brian Brunet, Sharon Brunet, Robert Wentzel, Kelly Skeldon, Richard Bish, Jeff Davis, John Stransky, Walt Doherty, Joe and Kim Weller.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Minutes of the previous meeting as submitted were approved on motion by Lee Carvel. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and carried. The meeting was recessed for the Public Hearing

The Town of Hermon Public Hearing was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Anthony Young, Engineer with Barton & Loguidice, opened the Public Hearing to hear comments, concerns and questions from the citizens for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Applications. There are up to 1.2 million dollars for grants available for local municipalities.

Project Funding

❖ WQIP Grant

- 80 % of Eligible Costs (Construction & Inspection for Disinfection)
- 62.5 % of Eligible Costs (Construction & Inspection for Collection System Improvements)
- Applications **Deadline - July 30, 2021**

❖ CDBG

- Unsuccessful 2020 Grant Application
- Income survey is underway
- Application is part of the CFA's, **Deadline -July 30, 2021**

❖ EFC

- Hardship Eligibility-30 year, 0% Interest Loan-March 2021

The Town was fined by DEC- 1 time-costing about \$4500.00

This is mandated by DEC. The Ultraviolet Disinfection is an easy system to operate and only needs to run between May to October.

Without these Grants, there are about 170 residents that live in the Hamlet, the rates would have to be increased.

The next step is finalize the CDBG application and submit by July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Public Hearing closed at 6:30 pm.

The Regular meeting was called back to order at 6:30 pm.

## Visitors Comments

Jeff Davis with Trout Lake Association came with a petition of 180 signatures to turn in to the Town Board and Don Chambers, County Highway Superintendent. The Association (people) would like help controlling the area near Trout Lake. Possibly digital speed signs on both directions coming into the area. Mr. Perry will investigate and talk with County Highway Superintendent Donald Chambers and respond back to Mr. Davis.

## SLC Legislator Larry Denesha

- COVID-19 vaccinations reports at the SLC Board meeting that Ages 15-19 is 59% are vaccinated; 19-70 is 54%, and 70's + is 96%
- 50% increase on the new Delta variant with 18,750 cases. It is encouraged for everyone to get vaccinated.
- Budget process underway for 2022
- October 4-maintain and lower tax rate.
- DANC passed a Resolution for Town of Potsdam
- Highway Facilities: Russell, Lisbon and Potsdam
- Resolution for Fishing Tournament in Massena asked for \$88,000.00; not taxpayer money.
- SLC credit rating went from A to A+
- SLC August Board meeting will be at the St. Lawrence County Fair in Gouverneur

Kathy Carpenter made a comment that the County roadsides need to be mowed.

SLC Risk Manager-Jody Wenzel introduced himself and had discussion about the Workers Compensation Plans. Also he will be scheduling Safety Audits within the next few weeks.

\*Assessor Erin Gratch submitted her Resignation Letter effective August 1, 2021

Town Board appoints Michael McQuade as Town Assessor from August 1, 2021 through until the January 2022 Organizational Meeting.

## Highway Superintendent Brian Brunet

- Cleanup of the houses on Main Street and Church Street are almost completed. Will be making a parking lot, may pressure wash and paint big rock
- Weedeating and mowing
- Dirt roads have been oiled to be less dusty

Dog Warden report read

Chris Stransky Water Report June

Total 3,343,600

Hermon 2,592,300

Dekalb 751,500

Total Discharge 856,000

Sold 80 loads water to Fiacco & Riley (for New York Power Authority project)

#### Old Business

- Barton & Loguidice Water Planning Study Estimated project cost at about \$7.65 million, report needs to be submitted by July 16.
- Demolition of condemned structures have been completed, the parking lot is in process.
- Music on Main Street has been rained out the past two weeks
- Recreation Park: waiting to do the new backstop; making a volleyball section

#### New Business

- Junkyards new laws and limitations are at our Town Attorney Silver & Collins

Library Board Trustee appointment for Kim Matthews.

Kathy Carpenter made motion for Kim Matthews as appointed Library Trustee for 5 year term. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and carried.

Also Library would like to do an Ice Cream Social at a concert on the Thursday night Music on Main.

The Town Clerk 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 Kathy Carpenter. All in favor and carried.

General (#128 - #149 ) Highway (#121 - # 134) and Water/Sewer (# 61 - # 69) bills were audited and approved on motion by Lee Carvel. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and carried.

John Reed made the motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering

Town Clerk

