

The regular meeting of the town board was held on September 14, 2021, at the Hermon Town Hall.

Present were:

Supervisor: Michael Perry

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

Also, present Brian and Sharon Brunet, Ed Carpenter, Larry Denesha, John Condino and Chris Velez.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

Minutes of the previous meeting as submitted were approved on motion by Kathy Carpenter, second by Lee Carvel, all in favor and carried.

#### SLC Legislator Larry Denesha

COVID update: Delta variant is believed to be the cause of the increase in numbers. 62 new cases as of today. Hospitalized down since last Friday 26 as of today from 31 last Friday. St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties are at the highest positive rate in the region at 5.58%, whereas the statewide average is 3.27%.

At the SLC full board meeting they passed a resolution on the Opioid settlement between Johnson and Johnson and SLC. SLC will receive \$700,000 over the next ten years. The funds are restricted to Opioid addiction and law enforcement.

Vacancy Review Committee holds monthly meetings to review vacant positions. Before a position can be filled it must be brought to the committee. There have been a number of position requests that have been turned down or asked to wait 30-60 days to fill the position. Since August 2020- August 2021 this has yielded a savings of \$1,617,818.

SLC preliminary budget will be presented to the Board on first Monday of October. There will be a drop in county property taxes. This has occurred for 5 years in a row now.

County Route 27 Bridge in DeGrasse is now closed.

Invasive species problem -Bilfoil/Water chestnuts: The county was approached by the Black Lake association to help with the process to eradicate the species. Black Lake Association was given \$30,000 from the Environment fund to help. Since then, Sylvia Lake Association has requested \$15,000 in assistance with the cleanup. A resolution was passed to adopt a Moratorium for further spending and allocation of funding pending the recommendation of St. Lawrence County Management Council and NYS DEC.

SLC is working on updating the SLC Emergency Services radio system to hopefully be a UHF system.

#### Michael Perry- Town Supervisor

Chester and Elizabeth Rathbun's attorney contacted the town's attorney, John Collins relative to closing the sale for the Rathbun property. We are prepared to close once we receive a clean title and the previously agreed upon terms. If they choose not to close with us then we will bill them for the demolition and removal costs, and they will be charged with all their past due water and sewer bills owed.

A new steel backstop for the baseball field has been installed by Chris Stransky and volunteers and they are constructing a sand volleyball court at the Recreation Park.

Nicole Bacon Ward's Music on the Street series has gone very well this summer. Angie Miller will be the last performer in the series this Thursday evening.

Nicole Bacon Ward along with other members are planning on doing a Charlie Brown Christmas program with children. Details will follow as we receive them.

Mike McQuade is working toward his Assessor's certification. December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for the recommendation to the board on how we will be moving forward as to the organizational meeting.

John Reed, Mike Perry, and Steward Shain Brunet will meet with Teamsters representative Mickey Smith to negotiate a new contract to replace the current contract which expires 12/31/21. The original meeting that was scheduled was postponed due to an attendee being quarantined.

The exterior doors on the Town Offices have been repainted.

New signs were made for Marshville and Porter Hill Cemeteries and installed. The front fence at Marshville was removed and we will remove the front fence at Porter Hill as well. We will try to find some volunteers next year to help with other repairs.

The 2 solar radar speed indicators that were purchased to install on the Trout Lake Road (in the residential section) have been installed. We are adding a couple 35 MPH yellow cautionary signs on the strip.

The clock mechanism in the Baptist Church tower is planned for removal with assistance of the Highway Superintendent, Brian Brunet and will be stored until further discussion for its destination.

Michael McQuade- Code Officer report- Report read for August 2021

Brian Brunet- Highway Superintendent

Michael Perry began with complimenting Brian and the Highway staff for what they have accomplished this summer.

Brian reports:

- Paving done out front of Town Building and back-alley way
- Paved across the Small Flats Road
- Removed brush on the Chub Lake Road and property line of Richard Sims to help with the limited sight distance due to the blind hill. Brian previously spoke with Mr. Sims about the situation and suggested the removal of the brush.
- Shimmed some bad spots on the Chub Lake Road
- 3 road signs were installed for the bad intersection on the Parameter Road and 5 Mile line Road. The signs were as follows: four-way, caution and 25 MPH suggested speed limit.
- Started hauling sand
- Going back up to the old Card property to complete some final site work and brush trimming
- We bid on 2 brush hogs from SLC to replace our old brush hogs that need repairs. We were notified by the county that we won the bid.

- Peterbilt truck that we ordered is done, but we are waiting on a chip for it.
- Lenore Zauere reports that the property on Main Street is ready for final site work.

Chris Stransky: August 2021 Water report read by Karen Wayering

Total Discharge: 752,000

Total Pump: 3,091,400

Hermon Usage: 2,352,900

DeKalb Usage: 738,500

Water Sales to Fiacco & Riley: Reported by Michael Perry

Truck loads	Month	Cost	billed	Paid
7	April	\$1,190	√	√
80	June	\$13,600	√	√
125	July	\$21,250	√	
90	August	\$15,300	√	

Daniel Moyer Dog Officer report read for August 2021

Lenore Zauere Historian report read for August 2021

Motion to accept Officer’s reports by Lee Carvel. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and carried.

Old Business:

John Condino presented B&L Report. Packets were handed out to board members and supervisor.

First portion is on the wastewater and effluent disinfection project which remains the same as before. No word on the grants yet.

Second portion is on the water project. Finished the preliminary report and was submitted to DOH and EFC in July. No word on grants yet. Bond resolution due in October.

Library grant in process and is 98% done. Next week they will be up to get the hazardous materials evaluation done to complete the paperwork on the grant.

Part 3 of report: Resolution No. 6-2021 reviewed by board and acknowledged. Motion to accept resolution as presented made by Lee Carvel. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and resolution adopted.

New Business:

Committee formed to purchase decorations for Christmas in the Hermon town park. Kathy Carpenter and Sharon Brunet are the committee members.

Library board would like approval of a new member, Megan Sharpe. Kathy Carpenter made a motion to accept Megan Sharpe to be a 5-year library trustee. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and carried.

Town Clerk and Supervisor submitted their bank statement

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

General (#150-#174) Highway (#135-#148) and Water/Sewer (#70-#76) bills were audited and approved for payment by Lee Carvel. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter. All in Favor and carried.

Lee Carvel made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by John Reed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Brunet, Deputy Town Clerk

Karen A. Wayering, Town Clerk