

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

Present were Supervisor Nicole Bacon Ward.

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

Also present were Chris Stransky, Ed Carpenter, Larry Denesha, Erin Gratch, Brian Brunet, Ward Bacon, Marc Toffolan.

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

SLC Legislature Larry Denesha

- On January 2 , SLC held their Organizational meeting
- Home Heating Fuel Sales Tax in 2017 was 4%; a discussion was had about the Fuel Oil and home heating taxes that everyone has to pay
- Sales Tax for Town of Hermon-in 2017 received \$14,070 in revenue; Town of Dekalb received \$22,000; County wide \$1.85 million; \$1.3 million City of Ogdensburg.

Assessor Erin Gratch

- Senior Citizen exemptions for 65 and over, Town Board sets the levels. The income level is \$20,000, you can get a 50% exemption on land tax
- Primary residence for 65 and older

Lee Carvel makes motion to leave Senior Citizen Exemption at \$20,000 as is. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.

- On February 12, 2019 at 5:50 p.m. a Public Hearing is set to adopt a Local Law to change the date established for Grievance Day for Real Property Assessment Review

Code Officer Report was read.

- 34 Permits issued in 2018

No Dog Warden Report

Chris Stransky Water/Sewer Report December 2018

Total Pumped	3,005,400
Hermon	2,441,800
Dekalb	563,600

Total Discharge 2,128,000

Audit of Water/ Sewer Bills.

Highway Superintendent Brian Brunet

- Rick Wells fixed the furnace-it will need to be replaced. Brian received a price for a Central Boiler Wood Furnace- cost is \$11,400 shipping is \$495
- New trucks have not arrived yet
- Brian spoke about possible paving projects for this summer. He is checking on costs but would tentatively like to pave the rest of the Trout Lake Road, Maple and Pleasant Streets

Old Business

- Pictures of the Clock Tower at the Baptist Church were passed around; discussion was had about repairs to the tower
- Bernard has contacted a masonry contractor who will be in the area in March. He would like to get an estimate to repair Library building. The steps at the library are unsafe and have been blocked off. Patrons can still use the right side of steps. Hydraulic cement was suggested to repair if the temperature is higher.

New Business

- Dog Warden yearly agreement \$500.00 yearly
- Fire Department Agreement was presented

John Reed made the motion to approve Fire Department Agreement. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor.

Lee Carvel made the motion to accept the Dog Warden Shelter Agreement. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter. All in favor.

- The letter that was sent to DEC Representative Paula Jacobs, regarding the high flows at the Waste Water Treatment Plant has been accepted.
- Discussion was had about upcoming Disinfection requirements for WWTP.
- The Board decided to hire Dustin Clark from the Barton and Lejudice Engineer Firm. Dustin will be attending the February meeting.
- Bernard Reed Jr. has researched grants available through the DEC. He asked that we check with Mr. Clark to see if the Town qualifies for the grants. We received a correspondence from the DEC regarding our Water Withdrawal Permit Application. The DEC has requested more information, Kevin Feuka from C2AE is working on gathering the requested information.
- The request for reimbursement for the SAM Grant has not been approved yet. Supervisor was told to check back in one month. The SAM Grant will be used to repair the Main Street bridge.
- A \$500.00 scholarship through New York Rural Water Association will be available to a HDCS senior.

The Town Board members have received 2 anonymous letters, pertaining to the Highway Department. Wish the letters were not anonymous, the Board would like to respond. Brian Brunet is an elected official. The Board has no right to take him out of office. Town Supervisor has contacted the NYS Comptroller's office, local Assemblyman and Senator's offices, but do not have any answers. We are not turning our heads to this. We are awaiting NYS Comptroller's decision.

John Reed said that he contacted the SLC Sheriff's office and their investigation is complete and there are no criminal charges. John also contacted Attorney General office, but has not heard back.

Audit of General Bills

The Town Clerk and Supervisor submitted their bank statements.

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

General (# 1- #22); Highway (# 1- # 5) and Water/Sewer (# 1- #4) bills were audited and approved for payment on motion by Lee Carvel. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter. All in favor and carried.

Motion to adjourn regular meeting at 7:50p.m. by Lee Carvel. Bernard Reed Jr. made motion to hold the Organizational Meeting .

Organizational Meeting 2019 Town of Hermon

- The designated official newspaper is the Watertown Daily Times.
- Town Board meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and held in the Town Offices at 109 Church Street Hermon, NY
- Payroll periods are: **WEEKLY**-Library Technician & Substitutes, Highway employees, Water and Wastewater Plant Operators & Highway Superintendent. **BI-WEEKLY**- Supervisor, Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer, Town Justice & Assessor. **MONTHLY**-Library Cleaner & Justice Clerk. **YEARLY**-Town Councilmen & Historian
- Town Mileage: Fifty-four point five cents (54.5) per mile for use of personal car for Town Business (2019 IRS Rate)
- Eric J. Gustafson - Town Attorney at \$125 per hour.
- Community Bank NA, Hermon branch, is the depository for Town monies.
- Lenore Zauhere - Town Historian.
- Art Baker is the custodian for Parker Cemetery in West Hermon.
- The Hermon Cemetery Association Is the custodian of Marshville Cemetery & Porter Hill Cemetery.
- Daniel Moyer - Dog Control Officer.
- Robert Reed - Code Enforcement Officer.
- Erin Gratch- Assessor
- Chris Stransky- Water Treatment Plant Operator
- Danny Forbes- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

The Organizational Meeting was approved on motion by John Reed. Seconded by Lee Carvel. All in favor and carried.

Organization meeting closed at 8:00 p.m.

John Reed made motion to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Lee Carvel.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A Wayering
Town Clerk