

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held August 9, 2022 at the Hermon Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Arthur Baker.

Town Council Kathy Carpenter, Bernard Reed Jr., John Reed, and Robert LaClair Jr.

Also present were Larry Denesha, Chris Stransky, Anthony Young, Marisa Clarke, Veronica Newwine, Kate Stransky, Kim Matthews, Michael McQuade, Sharon and Brian Brunet, Bill Dashnaw, Ed Carpenter, Susan Allen, Nicole Ward, Matt Corey, Dawn Vincent

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting as submitted were approved by Kathy Carpenter. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

SLC Larry Denesha

Larry let us know that SLC Public Health would be doing COVID monthly reporting. In July we had 719 new cases, we are at medium level. 61.6% are fully vaccinated, 200 deaths to date.

SLC passed a resolution for new outpost for electric cars in Russell, Potsdam and Lisbon. Contractor is from Clayton., not to exceed \$ 178,000

78 Main Street property can be purchased by Town of Hermon for delinquent taxes and penalties

August 11, 2022 is the date that property owners have to pay delinquent taxes. SLC has 113 properties scheduled for September 10, 2022 at Auctions International.

Workers Compensation for 2022 is \$29,489.00; in 2023 will see a decrease of \$2676.00

SLC Fund balance is \$30 million.

Budget season -goal to try to get a minimal decrease

SLC Resolution 2022 Blight property-29 parcels-poor or condemned condition

Welcome Visitors

Nicole Ward

Everyone is enjoying the Music Series. Would like to do a Block Party in 2023, 3rd weekend in July on a Saturday, similar to when they previously held fireman's field days, possibly block off the section from bridge to stop sign. Would like businesses to participate and Lena Gilbert do her Reptiles and small creatures (for kids)

Bernard Reed Jr. made the motion to allow Nicole to plan the Block Party for 2023. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter. All in favor and carried.

Robert LaClair Jr. stated that the SL Credit Union-new bank coming to Hermon- wants to contribute to things happening in the Town.

Atkinson Family Performance had a great turnout of around 180 people.

John Stransky: Fire Department submitted the paperwork for the yearly preparation for Budget 2023. The Fire Department is asking for a 15% increase in the budget.

Susan Allen commented that the Library steps look great. And a thank you for the land fill for her new property.

She also asked what was going on regarding the ambulance service for Hermon. She knew of 2 people recently in need of the service, but after calling with no response, they had to drive themselves to the hospital. It was told that Hermon has a paid EMT to be at the Fire Station Monday - Friday 7am-3pm. Was explained that the department was in need of volunteer drivers to drive the ambulance when we have calls to be able to respond.

North Country Library System (NCLS) Dawn Vincent and Matt Corey came to discuss operation of the Library and to answer questions that the Town Board may have.

Library Trustees Veronica Newvine, Kim Matthews, and Kate Stransky were present.

Would like to put on the Hermon-Dekalb School 2023 Ballot for Hermon and Dekalb residents to vote on to add revenue for the Library

Most of the Library revenue comes from the Town of Hermon.

Bond Resolution and Certification for construction/reconstruction of Hepburn Public Library

Discussion was had.

Application Grant 466,000

Bond Resolution 155,000

Phase 1 \$ 622,000

Bernard Reed Jr. asked if we could withdraw at anytime if the Town could not afford to do.

Kathy Carpenter made the motion to complete the Bond resolutions and certification for construction/reconstruction of Hepburn Public Library. Seconded by Robert LaClair Jr. All in favor and motion carried.

Chris Stransky Water Report July 2022

1,609,000 Total Discharge

2,946,200 Total pumped

2,229,000 Hermon

717,200 Dekalb

Tower Inspection completed

New Business

RESOLUTION 16-2022

Resolution of the Town Board authorizing submission of a NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant

Arthur Baker, Supervisor Aye
Robert LaClair Jr. Councilman Aye
John Reed, Councilman Aye
Bernard Reed Jr., Councilman Aye
Kathy Carpenter, Councilman Aye

RESOLUTION 17-2022

Sharon Brunet asked the Town Board to move money \$4300. For Assessor; and \$40,000. For Barton & Lojudice.

Kathy Carpenter made the motion to allow Sharon to move monies. Seconded by Robert LaClair Jr. All in favor and carried.

Bill Dashnaw

Requested the Town Board to do 2 Resolutions for spending and moving COVID money.

Resolution 18 and 19-2022

John Reed made the motion to spend money; and transfer COVID money into water account. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.

The Town Clerk and Supervisor submitted their bank statements.

The Supervisor's and Town Clerks monthly report were examined and approved on motion by Kathy Carpenter. Seconded by Robert LaClair Jr. All in favor and carried.

General, Highway and Water/Sewer bills were audited and approved for payment on motion by Kathy Carpenter. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.

Kathy Carpenter made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by John Reed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering

Town Clerk

