

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held February 8, 2022, at the Hermon Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Arthur Baker.

Councilmen Bernard Reed Jr., John Reed, Kathy Carpenter, and Robert LaClair.

Also present were Chris Stransky, Anthony Young, Marissa Clarke, Brian and Sharon Brunet, Jason Pfothenlauer, Lenore and Roger Zaunere, Chris Velez, Mike Gillette, Robert Thayer, Larry Denesha, and Nick Eells.

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

Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

Jason Pfothenlauer from SLC Planning Office discussed the grants that may be available through Community Block Development Grants.

#### SLC Legislator Larry Denesha

COVID 19: 188 new cases, 29 in hospitalized, as of today 170 deaths in St Lawrence County.

In 2021 Sales Tax Revenue was budgeted for \$60,450,000. The actual receipt was \$73,011,054

Passed a Resolution for NYS DEC Tax Delinquent 4- properties in St. Lawrence County for cleanup.

Passed a Resolution to Ban on burning wood in SLC (Upstate New York)

Nick Eells, from town's CPA firm: Discussed the services they provide for the Town of Hermon.

Such as:

- Creates monthly abstract of bills from information sent to them from us and the abstract is brought to the monthly meeting that the board approves.
- Also, along with the abstract is the checks to pay the bills and a set of financial statements.
- They receive the bank statements for all accounts and reconcile them.
- They will provide budget amendments to the board for transfers and approvals.
- Payroll
- Submits annual report to New York State

Mike Gillette from Fuller Insurance Agency: Discussed our insurance policy coverage in detail.

Anthony Youngs and Marissa Clarke from Barton & Loguidice:

#### Sewer Project:

- Disinfection designs deadline to DEC by May 1<sup>st</sup>
- WPIL application should be coming soon to supervisor's email-please forward everything to B&L
- Will we be taking out a BAN-anticipation note for costs
- Douglas Goodfriend- bond council

#### Water project:

- Water report submitted for WPIL grant

- Submitted for RD grant and should have some preliminary numbers soon

Library project:

- Meeting scheduled on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the library to discuss the draft report for phases and costs of the work needed at the library.

There was a question on how water meters would benefit the town. Anthony explained the purpose of water meters would tell if there was a leak and the location of the leak. If the leak was at a specific property, it would be able to detect and even shut the water off remotely to stop the house from flooding.

DEC would like meters to help keep track of water produced to see if it is actually being used or not. If there is a leak right now, nobody knows about it. If there were meters in place, you would know if there was a big leak. Essentially there is a cost to make the water and the whole district is paying for it.

Motion made by Bernard Reed Jr to use the income survey from 2010, second by John Reed, all in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor's report-Arthur Baker

- Looking to change the door locks on the Town office/Court building
- Will contact John Collins regarding code changes

Chris Stransky Water Report for January 2022

2,834,900 Total Pumped

1,974,600 Hermon usage

860,200 Dekalb usage

1,315,000 Total Discharge                      14 UFPO's last month

This year the year that all the reporting has to be done for test samples sent in.

Highway Superintendent Report- Brian Brunet

- Main focus is plowing/sanding roads
- 400 ton of road salt delivered last month
- New plow truck came in

February 16, 2022 at 1:00 pm, meeting with DANC and IDA on excess water

Assessor and Code Enforcement reports read

Historian Report- Lenore Zaunare

- Pomeroy Marker ordered in January. In November Lenore wrote a grant and it was granted for \$1,140, which pays for the marker. She will plan a dedication ceremony in late spring or early summer.

Dedication Ceremony will take place by Laura Foster's home. This is the closest to the original location to where the hotel was built by Asa Gardner.

- Ed and Kathy Carpenter donated old glass bottles from drug stores dated in the early 1900's. You can view them on the Historian website under new donations.
- Working on location of burial of John Negus and Robert Storin (or Sterling, Storing, not sure of exact last name).

New Business:

- How can Hermon generate money with all the left over water that is being pumped back into the creek. February 16, 2022 at 1:00 pm: meeting with DANC and IDA to discuss options on what to do with excess water.
- Working on getting a bank back into Hermon
- Obtain forms from NYS to get sales tax back for gas purchased from Woody's

Motion made by Kathy Carpenter to accept the minutes from previous meeting. Seconded by John Reed, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion made by Robert LaClair to accept officers report. Second by Kathy Carpenter. All in favor and motion carried.

Motion made by Kathy Carpenter to approve the monthly bills, seconded by John Reed, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion held regarding needing a bookkeeper. Rate was determined at \$20.00 per hour. Bernard Reed Jr. made a motion to change Sharon Brunet's current position of Deputy Supervisor to Bookkeeper. Kathy Carpenter seconded, all in favor and motion carried.

Kathy Carpenter made a motion for Robert LaClair to be Deputy Supervisor. Seconded by Bernard Reed, Jr. all in favor and motion carried.

Bernard Reed Jr. made a motion to hire William Dashnaw for budget training and assistance for 1 year. Second by Kathy Carpenter, all in favor, motion carried.

Agreement to spend highway funds submitted. Motion made by Kathy Carpenter to approve the agreement, seconded by John Reed, all in favor, agreement passed.

Motion made by Kathy Carpenter to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Robert LaClair, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering

Town Clerk

