

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held September 13, 2022 at the Hermon Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Arthur Baker.

Town Council Robert LaClair Jr. Bernard Reed Jr. Kathy Carpenter.

Absent John Reed.

Also present were Ed Carpenter, Chris Stransky, John Stransky, Lenore and Roger Zaunere, Larry Denesha, Veronica Newvine, Jacinda Barney, Dan Moyer, Sheri Smith, Marisa Clark, Sam Hollister, Chris Velez, Sharon & Brian Brunet, William Dashnaw, Kim Matthews, Tammy Labrowski

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. August 9th Town Board meeting and September 6th Tentative Budget Meeting- Minutes as submitted were both approved on motion by Kathy Carpenter. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.

Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

William Dashnaw-Budget Officer

Explained budget transfers needed.

Budget Modifications-increase Sewer rents

Resolution 20-2022

Robert LaClair Jr. made the motion to approve the transfers. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter. All in favor and carried.

Legislator Larry Denesha

COVID Report- SLCPH will report once a month. In August there were 1,033 new cases reported. Vaccination rates -no change and 61.7% vaccinated in St. Lawrence County.

At the St. Lawrence Correctional Facility there are a number of jobs, requirements are 18 years old with a High School Diploma or GED and NO criminal record. Starting salary about \$45,000.

The dead and dying Ash trees are being taken down by the county, and they will be replacing them with other trees.

NARCAN available for any EMS unit throughout the county through St. Lawrence County Public Health, contact Matt Denner

SLC passed a Resolution to have the county attorney explore more about the Governor's newest Conceal and Carry Act

SLC passed a Resolution on NYS Climate Action Council to draft a document on our zoning.

Fuel oil or kerosene about 28%; natural gas 36%; wood 14%; propane 9%; electric 11%

Comments for Larry: Polio vaccine, he told us that Public Health is keeping track of this.

Officer's Reports

Code Enforcement Officer/Assessor Michael McQuade Report

4 Total new Building Permits.

Spoke with individual that hopes to start construction on single family structure on Water Street.

In putting information on next years roll which includes new property owner exemptions and updating some property assessments due to some projects were completed or began after March 1st deadline which will be next year's roll.

I also worked on another Star Credit report that were driven pay the NYS Taxation Finance Department which needs to be looked at prior to 2022 school tax bills which were the following:

Report # 8-Final Roll Corrections report.

Enhanced Star Exemption value was increased to \$93,200 for 2023

Chris Stransky August 2022

Total Discharge 1,581,000

Total Pumped 2,834,000

Hermon 2,157,400

Dekalb 376,600

Recreation Park- the basketball backboard was broken-got it cleaned up

Highway Superintendent Brian Brunet

Cutting brush along sides of the roads.

Bringing in sand for winter

Jonesville Road had some rain damage on the sides of the road from the past rainstorm. A lady called and told Brian that she had damage to her car. Brian agreed that the Town would pay for this.

Dog Control Officer Daniel Moyer

Picked up a couple stray dogs on Canton Street

Apartments on Main Street had some issues with dogs

Trying to reach the owner of a dog on Pleasant Street

Historian Lenore Zaunere

We have acquired a New Artifact- possibly made in Hermon in the late 1800's, from Carl Stickneys auction, it's a nice addition to the collection for the History Center.

We continue to receive donations-and update the website with pictures and recognition of the people who donate to the History Center.

The Trout Lake Historic Marker-granted by Pomeroy Foundation-working with Brian to get that installed-Laura Foster has graciously given permission to have it installed at the edge of her property.

Maybe next summer (July 2023) we will do a celebration-once the Trout Lake residents and visitors are back.

Trout Lake Association group consists of Amy Van Kirk, Paul Lawless, Will Penna and Christine Brassard.

Roger and I have designed some promotional materials for front counter for Hermon residents of the Hermon history front web page.

Marisa Clark Barton & Lojudice

She introduced Sam Hollister to the Town.

Anthony Young sent an email about the letter that needs to be mailed to Hamlet residents, and later in the year will need to do easements for the Hamlet residents

Sewer Project-WIIA Grant has been submitted

BOND Counsel Agreement-for both water and sewer-all completed.

Water Project-Waiting to hear on two WQIP Grants

Old Business

T-Mobile Grants -2 have responded

Received and read a Thank you card from the family of Michael Perry for the Dedication

KIMCO is from Canada-Trim Salvage from Ogdensburg is the contractor that sends the check for metal

Library Board -President Veronica Newvine and Vice President Kim Matthews reported that they were approved to go ahead with the Grant application from the North Country Library System.

The Ice Cream Social that was held in August at the Firehall because of rain, was one of the best, good turnout and fun had by all.

In 2021 we had 2163 adults and children come to the library. Adults checked out 961 books and children checked out 279 books. Two families do Home-School and they come to use internet and resources.

Proposed budgets presented to the Town.

October 8, 2022 Craft Fair 10-2

Dr. Berk-will be leaving around March 2023. We have some ideas on using the space-

GED/Computer classes; Clothes Closet.

Mr. White is checking with the School Board about donating older computers.

Sheri Smith -Hermon Christmas Community Group

She had heard from Bernard Reed Jr. that the Town Budget had \$5000. budgeted for Christmas. She explained that because her organization did not do any fundraising, could the Town donate the money to the Group. Town Board said NO and explained that this was called Celebrations, not just for Christmas, its used for many things throughout the year. There is a balance left of \$ 1100.

The Town Clerk and Supervisor submitted their bank statements.

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

Kathy Carpenter made the motion to go into Executive Session at 7:50 pm. for personnel and contracts.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering

Town Clerk

Executive Minutes by Kathy Carpenter-Discussion was had about:

- 1. Fireman Contract**
- 2. Library Contract**
- 3. Unauthorized use of the credit card**
- 4. Social Security numbers on the website**

Bernard Reed Jr. made the motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:37 pm. Seconded by Robert LaClair Jr.

Kathy Carpenter made the motion to adjourn Regular meeting at 8:40 pm. Seconded by Robert LaClair Jr.

