

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held June 14, 2022, at the Hermon Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Arthur Baker.

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

Also present were Chris Stransky, Anthony Youngs, William Dashnaw, Larry Denesha, Ed Carpenter, Michael McQuade, Sharon and Brian Brunet

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

Minutes of the previous meeting as submitted were approved on motion by Bernard Reed Jr. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter. All in favor and carried.

County Legislator Larry Denesha

- COVID 80 new cases over the weekend. Low risk to medium. St. Lawrence County positivity rate of 3.7% and statewide 5.5%
- Mortgage Tax for Town of Hermon is \$4249.00
- Tax Rate Collection in 2015 was 88.84%; in 2017 was 90.33%; and in 2021 was 92.26%
- On May 19, 2022, Larry said he got to attend the Department of Social Services Adoption Ceremony. 9 children got adopted into 5 families.
- Edwards Knox Central is hiring a Full time School Resource Officer. Passed unanimously.
- Carrie Tuttle with DANC- sludge-to dry out and become fertilizer. Two benefits-not taking up space in the landfill and this can be used for grass fertilizer for cows.
- Rathbun Property by Recreation Park is for sale at Delinquent tax sale. Town Board is interested in the property.

Bernard Reed Jr. made the motion to purchase the property at 78 Main Street through the St. Lawrence County. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter. All in favor and motion carried.

William Dashnaw-Budget Officer

- Transfer Resolutions-2
- Revenue for mortgage-\$6,000.
- Budget cycle-September-tentative filed at clerk's office
- No reason with the Enhanced software we have here, the annual report could be completed here by January or February.

*Kathy Carpenter made the motion for first transfer Resolution to move money. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and motion carried.

*Kathy Carpenter made the motion for second transfer Resolution to move money. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and motion carried.

Town Supervisor Arthur Baker

- June 15 Meeting at the Library at 10:00 am with Barton & Lojudice and North Country Library System regarding work needing to be done.
- Recently met with Fiacco & Riley about quotes on repairing the library steps
- Kelly Hamilton -Librarian- did a great job for Memorial Day
- Music Series kicked off on June 11 with the Band Room Band.
- The Atkinsons will be performing on Saturday July 30 from 6-8 pm
- Tabled the ATV discussion until July meeting.

Highway Superintendent Brian Brunet

- Done 3 miles of paving on Campbell Road, Grass Road, and the Underwood Road down through to the Cook Road.
- Mowing the roadsides
- We need to find a grant to help get the highway barn insulated or to construct a new building.

Code Enforcement Officer/Assessor Report was read for month of May 2022

- 4 new building permits
- Grievance Day was held on June 2 from 4-8 pm.

- NYS Department of Taxation and Finance finalized our Equalization rate for 2022 Roll. It went from 100% last year to 99% this year.

Chris Stransky Water Report May 2022

Total Discharge 3,654,000

Total Pump 2,774,800

Hermon 1,966,200

Dekalb 808,600

- Chris let the Town Board know that someone had broke into the pumphouse on Washington Street. They cut the chain and padlock off. Asking about security cameras. Need to get it secured.

*Bernard Reed Jr. made the motion to get the door fixed/secured. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter. All in favor and motion carried.

- Water Inspection is due at the Water Tower.

*Bernard Reed Jr. made the motion to get the Inspection at the Water Tower done. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and motion carried.

- Chris had a quote for Tom Rothwell Empire Forestry Consultants to take down trees at the water pump site-totaling \$2560.; and then at the Rec Park totaling \$4980. Grand Total of \$7540.

*Kathy Carpenter made the motion to allow Empire Forestry to do the trees at Water pump and Rec Park. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and motion carried.

Robert LaClair Jr. made the motion to accept Officers Reports. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter. All in favor and motion carried.

Old Business

Discussion was had on Library steps.

ATV discussion-Tabled.

New Business

DANC; Main Street Revitalization Plan discussion was had and all was in agreement to do the paperwork for \$1250.00 and get it sent out. Michael McQuade offered to be the Administrator

Elaine, (John Davis's wife) wants to buy a bench and put it in the park in memory of John.

Barton & Lojudice-Anthony Young

Resolution 10-2022 To establish the Town of Hermon Supervisor as the Certifying Officer.

*Bernard Reed Jr. made the motion . Seconded by Kathy Carpenter. All in favor and carried.

Resolution 11-2022 To establish the Town of Hermon Supervisor as the Certifying Officer for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Collection System.

*Kathy Carpenter made the motion. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and carried.

Resolution 12-2022 Resolution authorizing the Town of Hermon Town Board to schedule and hold a Public Hearing

*Kathy Carpenter made the motion. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.

- Scheduled the Public Hearing for CDBG Application on July 12, 2022 @5:30 p.m.

The Town Clerk and Supervisor submitted their bank statements.

Robert LaClair Jr. made the motion of Audit and Approval of monthly bills. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter. All in favor and carried.

John Reed made the motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering
Town Clerk

