

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held December 12, 2023 at the Hermon Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Arthur Baker.

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

Also present were Chris Stransky, Shain Brunet, Duane Taylor, Jacinda Barney, Sheri Smith, Brent McAdam, Kim and Jaimie Matthews, Larry Denesha, Penny Blandin, Patrick Merithew, John and Kate Stransky, Brian and Sharon Brunet, Frank Ashley

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.

Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

### **SLC Legislator Larry Denesha**

2024 Budget passed as presented. A 5.9% reduction in SLC taxes for 2024. This is the lowest since 1985.

Mortgage tax report resolution, Hermon will receive a check for \$4,028.68

Resolution "Authorizing Agreement with C&S Engineering for preliminary plans and cost estimates to relocate SLC Highways center for administration and maintenance from Park Street in Canton to Route 11 between Canton and Potsdam.

Resolution "Authorizing Contract with Barton & Loguidice for bidding, construct, & Inspection services for Gouverneur transfer Station.

Community College appropriations Hermon- \$14,424.99

Highway Tour

- 40 miles of rut paving (filling potholes)=1 ½ to 2 miles full paving
- 190 SLC owned bridges=574 miles of highway
- Oil & Stone-material cost approximately \$22K/mile

Emergency Services Building in Canton, approximately \$6.5 million, all contractors are from St. Lawrence County.

- NTC-General Contractor
- S&L Electric
- Empire Northeast
- Northern Mechanical

Town of Hermon Pee Wee Association (Chris Stransky) receiving a \$7,124 grant for Youth Sports & Educational Funding.

Public Discussion was had regarding the stone pile. Jamie asked about the price and the plans of what the Town and Highway plan on doing with it.

Sheri asked if it was legal to do a 3 year payment plan with Fiacco and the Town.

Penny asked if they were going to hire another highway employee. She also asked about a FOIL request, and she will bring in the letter requesting what she wants to know.

Kim asked if it was budgeted for the 5<sup>th</sup> highway employee.

Frank had stated they had 5 employees and the Superintendent when he was there.

Patrick Merithew asked if there was going to be a curb stop at every piece of property for water/sewer in the district. Answer was this is not in any contract, in 2024 they will have a water committee and then set limits.

Town Board sets the prices. Everyone will have a meter.

Duane Taylor at 103 Pleasant Street asked if the pipes could be diverted so the water doesn't all land in his driveway/yard.

Brent McAdam asked if someone could get some bulbs for the Christmas decorations.

John Stransky asked about making the Fire Department into a Fire District.

### **Officers Reports**

#### **Supervisor Arthur Baker**

Water Project Construction is winding down for the winter, will resume in spring.

#### **Code Officer & Assessor Michael McQuade**

- In November 2 permits and in December 2 permits. Checking with the progress of work/construction on all.
- Updating tax roll book and paperwork

#### **Highway Superintendent Brian Brunet**

- Waiting for snow

Art Baker let Brain know that he has done a good job over the years and a big "Thank you" for everything he has done.

#### **Dan Moyer Dog Control Officer**

A Lease/Service Agreement for Dog Pound/Shelter Services for the Calendar Year 2024 for Town of Hermon and Daniel Moyer.

**Kathy Carpenter made the motion to pass the 2024 Lease/Service Agreement with Daniel Moyer, with the request that he sends a report every month. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and so carried.**

#### **Chris Stransky Water November 2023**

Total Pumped 2,353,700

Total Discharge 2,400,000

Hermon 1,621,200

Dekalb 732,500

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

### **Library Report**

Kim Matthews thanked the Town for blocking off the street for the Santa and Grinch event. Last count there was around 160 kids .

### **New Business**

Robert LaClair Jr. informed the Town that he has had discussions with a Professor Backus, an engineering study at Clarkson College.

### **Resolution 16-2023**

**Robert LaClair Jr has sent a letter to donate his Town Board salary to the Celebrations Fund. Kathy Carpenter made the motion to accept the donation from Robert LaClair Jr. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and carried.**

### **Resolution 17-2023**

**John Reed made the motion to approve the monthly bills and for the Budget transfers/amendments to the appropriate funds. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and so 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 John Reed. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.

General, Highway, Water/Sewer bills were audited and approved for payment on m

### **Resolution 18 -2023**

**John Reed made the motion to allow Arthur Baker-Supervisor to close out the year end invoices and make the necessary budget transfers/amendments. Any activity will be reported at the January meeting. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter. All in favor and so carried.**

Motion to adjourn made by John Reed at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering

Town Clerk