

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on June 13, 2023 at the Hermon Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Arthur Baker.

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

Also present were Chris Stransky, Brian & Sharon Brunet, Larry Denesha, Kate Stransky, Mike McQuade, Kim Matthews, Terrance Sarsfield, Lenore & Roger Zaunere, Marisa Clarke, Amy Smith, Ed Carpenter, Clarissa Davis, Colin Robinson, John Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. 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.

SLC Legislature Larry Denesha

- St. Lawrence County passed a Resolution Adopting Mortgage Tax Report (October 2022-March 2023) Hermon- \$2,875.03 Higher than 2020, but lower than 2021
Dekalb- \$3,590.41
Clifton- \$1,138.99
Fine-\$6,960.19
Russell- \$6,173.95

- Recyclables Tipping Fees (Based upon commodities market)
-\$8.40/ ton in 2022
-\$99.46/ ton year to date in 2023

- Resolution proclaiming June as Dairy Month
-14 family owned and operated farms in SLC that have been in existence for over 100 years(Canton, Dekalb, Depeyster, Hammond, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Madrid, Oswegatchie, and Waddington).
-SLC dairy farmers produced 895 million pounds of milk in 2022, ranking SLC 5th in the Northeast Milk Marketing Area which extends from New Hampshire to Virginia.
- Resolution establishing 250th Anniversary Commission
-planning, organizing & creation of all SLC events in recognition of United States 250th Anniversary. (Legislator Reagen, SLC Historian Nancy Lafave & local town and Village Historians)
- SLC 2023 Paving List
-Hermon- Marshville Road to CR 21 (1.55 miles)
-Hermon-Orebed Road to East Dekalb Road (2.11 miles)
-Dekalb-CR 20, Richville Village limits to RR tracks (0.80 miles)
-Russell-Nolan Road (1.0 miles) CR17
-Russell-Dana Hill Road (1.0 mile) CR17
-Russell-Alverson Road (1.0 mile) CR 21
- Lazy River Road Bridge
-Final stages of design (construction set for 2024)
- SLC Seniorama-Monday July 24 @ Mohawk Bingo Palace
- SLC Senior Picnic-Thursday August 17 @ Morristown Fire Hall

- Resolution “Prohibiting Placement of Social Media Application known as ‘TIKTOK’ on SLC owned devices
- Board of Election- in need of Poll workers and Election Inspectors.

Barton and Loguidice Marisa Clark

- Waiting for water/sewer approvals-then Bidding process can begin.
- Rural Development (RD) and Department of Health (DOH)
- Easements are almost completed.
- August is when we are hoping to begin

Officers Reports

Supervisor Arthur Baker

- The Memorial Day parade was a huge success. Kelly Hamilton did a wonderful job again this year.
- Jody Wenzel-SLC Risk Manager- did a yearly inspection, and we have a list of things that needs to be fixed.
- Henry van den Heever from NYMIR-Insurance - did a walk through and had recommendations on some updating.

Code Officer and Assessor Michael McQuade

- May 2023 issued 1 permit and sent 3 property maintenance letters.
- Attended SLC Fair Housing Task Force Quarterly meeting in May
- Attended an online seminar sponsored by Penn State University on Siting and Zoning Considerations for Large-Scale Solar.
- Attended a meeting with the Town Attorney and a couple Board members to discuss the comments and/or changes to property maintenance law and solar moratorium.
- Grievance Day was held on June 1 from 4-8 pm. at the Town Offices.
- Ratio value has dropped.

Highway Superintendent Brian Brunet

- Getting the stone hauled out of the Hermon- Russell Road (NYPA), putting it in Marshville lot
- Helped Gouverneur pave and do shoulders
- Helped Edwards
- Ground the Miles Road, will pave after water/sewer project is completed
- Will be paving some Chub Lake Road ; Underwood Road to Rock Hollow Road; Fairbanks Road.
- Amanda -mowing the roadsides and some County roads

Dog Control Officer Daniel Moyer-report read.

Historian Lenore Zauhere

-On May 25th, participated in the Annual “School Days” project with the Dekalb Historian, Bryan Thompson. Throughout the day elementary students were brought by grade level to the Museum to hear stories about regional railways from Kenny Friedel who had worked on railroads for many years. They got to pound rail spikes and telegraph keys, inspected tools, tried different keys to open locks, and challenged their strength and solving skills to join and match up railway linking couplings that connected the rail cars to form a train.

-Lenore was asked to speak at a June 3, 2023 reception for Dr. Gary Berk, celebrating his 36 years since 1987 as a family physician at Hermon Health Care.

Chris Stransky Water Report May 2023

Total Pumped 2,530,900
Hermon 1,352,200
DeKalb 678,700
Total Discharge 3,691,000

Recreation Park-checked pricing for building bathrooms-was told need to get drawings from an engineer/architect.

ARC would like people not to park on their lawn by the Rec Park, and people need to slow down.

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

Old Business

- The CD's for Highway and General will remain rolled over, CD has been put back into Water Account. By August 1, the CD's will need to be renewed

New Business

- Got a call from John Spicer's daughter Carolyn, would like to see if anyone had any pictures or stories to tell her about her father. Kate said to give her an address/email.
- Robert Kio's son reached out to see if the Town would like to buy the property on Maple Street, Town Board said they are not interested.
- Project on Church Street-\$20,000. To do the Study through DANC. The estimate came in. The Board set a meeting to discuss on June 27 at 1:30 p.m.
- Music on Main Street to begin July 6-more details on our website. hermonny.org
- William Dashnaw has included in the Town Board packet-Procurement Policy for you to read and review for July's meeting.

Resolution to amend the Highway 2023 budget by the increases to revenues and increases to appropriations and approve the transfers in the Sewer Fund.

Transfer \$10,000.00 from Contingency CE19904.05 to Sanitary Sewers CE81204.05.

All Board members voted YES for the May 2023 Budget Amendments.

Robert LaClair Jr. made the motion to transfer funds. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and carried.

John Collins-Attorney has drafted up the proposed 2 Resolutions/Local Laws 1- 2023 Solar Moratorium and Resolution/ Local Law 2-2023 Junkyards and Junk Storage.

Bernard Reed Jr. made the motion to hold a Public Hearing on July 11 at 5:30 p.m. for the proposed Solar Moratorium Local Law 1-2023 Seconded by Kathy Carpenter. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kathy Carpenter made the motion to hold a Public Hearing on July 11 at 5:45 p.m. for the proposed Junkyards and Junk Storage Local Law 2-2023. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Town Clerk and Supervisor submitted their bank statements

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The Supervisor's and Town Clerks monthly report were examined and approved on motion by John Reed. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Kathy Carpenter made the motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by John Reed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering
Town Clerk