

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on August 8, 2023 at the Hermon Town Hall.

Present was Supervisor Arthur Baker.

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

Also present were John Arthur, Laura Foster, Victoria Day, Anthony Young, Kelly Hamilton, Ed Carpenter, Chris Stransky, Larry Denesha, Brian and Sharon Brunet, Kim Matthews, Lenore and Roger Zaubere, John and Kate Stransky

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 John Reed. All in favor and carried.

SLC Legislator Larry Denesha

- Additional 10 miles of paving approved(\$1,200,000.00)-(SLC has 573 miles of road to maintain and generally paves 28 to 32 miles annually)
- Established a “Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Capital Project Management of Equipment to whenever possible, avoid financing of equipment and begin planning for the future.
- 9 years ago, we were borrowing \$11-12 million dollars each year, with interest payments of \$700-800k.
- 9 years ago, we passed a resolution committing to a 15% unappropriated fund balance...and We achieved it!!
- Solid Waste Fees(effective October 1, 2023)
 - DANC has imposed a \$3.00/ton increase in tipping fees.
 - Recycling tipping fees have increased from \$13.27/ton in 2022 to \$104.82/ton in 2023
 - Recycling fees for tires have increased from \$16800/ton to \$193.20/ton
 - Solid Waste is an Enterprise Fund that relies solely on fees charged to haulers and the public to finance its operations.

A Resolution “Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for Renovations at the Public Safety Complex”
In 1994, the existing building was converted from a Cold War era emergency bunker to a Public Safety Complex housing the Sherriff’s Office, Emergency Services, Planning, Conflict Defender and NYS Police. There will be a new state-of-the art Public Safety Answering Point(PSAP) or commonly referred to as the 911 Center, upgrades to the radio system, an additional 2 dispatcher stations and capacity for 2 more.

ARPA Funds/Awards update

A Resolution “Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law for the Year 2023, Allowing 12 and 13 Year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season With the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter” (Monday September 11, 2023 @ 5:50 p.m. in Legislative Chambers)

2023 Senior Citizens Picnic will be Thursday August 17 in Morristown (lunch served @ 11:30 am)

Barton & Loguidice Anthony Young

Water and Sewer Projects have both been Advertised for Bidding.

OPENING Water Project Bids on August 21 @ 2:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

OPENING Sewer Project Bids on August 24 @ 2:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

Agreement to Owner-Engineer Agreement Amendment No. 2 effective date of this amendment is August 8, 2023

Robert LaClair Jr. made the motion to pass the Amendment Agreement #2. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and carried.

Library

Monthly usage report was submitted to the Town.

Requesting no increase for the library budget.

Art Baker Supervisor

Art introduced John Arthur -they live at Trout Lake. The residents are experiencing that Boats and Jet Skies are speeding on the Lake. Thought maybe Town could get some boueys and speed limit signs put up. The Town let him know they would contact the Town Attorney about the situation.

Highway Superintendent Brian Brunet

Will be paving Chub Lake Road.

Checking signs to see if they are free of brush.

Stone is all hauled to Marshville.

Sand is all ready for winter.

Waiting for the bidding of the projects to see when paving the Miles Road.

Historian Report Lenore Zauhere

On Saturday afternoon, July 15th, 2023 at 3:30, the Trout Lake Hamlet Historic Marker was officially installed. Visitors gathered at the Marker which is installed, roadside, on County Rt. 19. Again, we thank Laura and John for giving permission to the Town of Hermon for placing it there in close proximity to the calculated location of Asa Gardner's popular and well documented Trout Lake Hotel.

The dedication ceremony was enthusiastically attended, and Lenore Zauhere, Hermon Historian, presented a short history of the Hotel, its founder, Asa Gardner, and its seminal importance to the growth and development of the Trout Lake community. Special mention was given to the Highway Superintendent, Brian Brunet and his crew for their installation of the marker in the Fall of 2022, to David Lowry, a Trout Lake resident who provided interesting

maps and photos relevant to the research of the project, to Jeannie Hamilton for her support and encouragement, and to Roger Zaubere, for his digitization and technical support. A remembrance comment was made about Mike Perry, who enthusiastically supported the historian's efforts to apply for the Pomeroy Grant that paid for the marker.

Lenore has been in contact with the Native American Archeology Department of the NYS Museum in Albany. She is researching a story about certain artifacts that were found in Hermon and noted in a letter written by a former historian which has been recently located in the archives of the Hermon History Center. This research and other contacts in progress may be pertinent and provide valuable information for another historical marker called "Legend & Lore" Marker.

There is a need for more file cabinets at the History Center. Lenore is working on a massive project in order to organize by subject matter, alphabetize and be able to locate relevant pieces of historical data from the voluminous materials at the History Center. Please be on the lookout for file cabinets that are being offered by office managers who may be clearing them out.

Chris Stransky Water Report July 2023

Total Discharge	2,615,000	
Total Pump	2,668,500	
Hermon	1,927,800	
Dekalb	740,700	22 UFPO's

Edwards Knox School called to see about filling the pool for them. The school plans on hauling.

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

Old Business

Reviewed and to Pass the following Policies as Resolution 13-2023

- Electronic Banking Policy
- Travel and Conference Policy
- Credit Card Use Policy
- Computer, Email and Internet Use Policy
- Procurement Policy

Kathy Carpenter made the motion to pass these Policies as Resolution 13-2023. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and carried.

New Business

- 3rd Quarter Sales Tax Revenue \$91,469.30
- Renewed Highway and General CD's for 3 months at 3.75%.
- Changed over the checking accounts to new Money Market Accounts to receive a 2.5% Interest vs. 0.0% William Dashnaw helped all his Towns with a better interest rate.
- Annual Library Ice Cream Social August 15 from 5-7 p.m. "Starlighters" performing. If it rains, will hold at the Firehall.
- Resolution 14-2023: Town of Hammond Hold Harmless Agreement.
Kathy Carpenter made the motion for Shared Services Agreement with Town of Hammond. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.
Also discussed was getting Hold Harmless Agreements with all Towns that Highway does Shared Services with.
- Marlene Carvel and Susan Allen had come into the Town Office and spoke to Supervisor Baker, inquiring about the Senior Citizens Club of Dekalb and Hermon. Town of Hermon budgeted for this group in past years, unsure of the amount, we can check into this.
John Reed made the motion to continue giving to this group. Seconded by Robert LaClair Jr. All in favor with continuing to give to the Senior Citizens.

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

Fire Department John Stransky

John let the Town Board know that there is only money enough for 1 paid person at the Firehall for the Ambulance after September.

Will need more money into the Fire Department Budget in 2024-about \$140,000.00

Incentive ideas to bring in volunteers. This is a NATIONWIDE Issue. The small stations need the same training as the bigger stations. The training is expensive.

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 Robert LaClair Jr. All in favor and carried.

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

John Reed made the motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering Town Clerk

