

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on February 14, 2023 at the Hermon Town Hall.

Present were Deputy Supervisor Robert LaClair Jr.

Councilmen John Reed , Kathy Carpenter, and Bernard Reed Jr. Absent was Arthur Baker.

Also present were: Larry Denesha, Chris Stransky, Dr. Gary Berk, Ed Carpenter, Anthony Young, Veronica Newvine, Brian and Sharon Brunet, Bill Dashnaw, Kathryn Stransky, Kim Mathews, Rick Engle.

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

### **Legislator Larry Denesha**

Discussion was had about the-Fort Drum ReEnergy Plant. Losing around 400 jobs. Truck drivers, loggers, people that work at the plant, and this produces all electricity at Fort Drum.

Fiscal Reform-resuming the cost; 90% tax levy; Medicare and Medicaid-half

Proposed State Budget by April 1, 2023.

ARPA Fund has awarded \$3 million and I have 3 municipalities in my district that will be receiving these. Town of Hermon -\$250, 000; Town of Dekalb- \$250,000; and Clifton Fine-\$74,000.

Blighted properties: 5 properties in the county will be taken care of. Will send the Resolutions to all of my Towns.

**Rick Engle** with SLC Sherriff office came and introduced himself to the Town letting us know he is running for position of retiring Sheriff Bigwarff. He has lived in St. Lawrence County for 30 years. In 2001-became Road Patrol; and in 2017 became Detective.

### **Anthony Young B & L**

Sewer Project-requesting and submitted an extension-May 1 deadline.

Water Project-Easement signing at the Town Office during office hours, and in March, Marisa will be coming up and go door to door to finish.

### **Hepburn Library**

Craft Show will be held March 18 -Saturday 10 am – 2 pm

New Trustees Alexander Bush, Paige Hamilton and Jessie Wentzel

Asked about the Surplus Computers for the Library-through the County- Supervisor is sending a letter to Ruth Doyle on this.

### **Chris Stransky January 2023 Water Report**

Hermon 1,777,600

Dekalb 561,500

Total Pumped 2,339,100

Total Discharge 4,357,000

New Membership for Fire Department: Mark Newvine CR 20 Hermon, NY

John Reed made the motion to accept membership of Mark Newvine into Fire Department. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter. All in favor and carried.

### **Brian Brunet Highway Superintendent**

Sold excavator for \$42,800

Opened and read the Bid from Tracey Road Equipment that was received for Road Widener . Brian asked to accept the bid.

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

### **Code Enforcement Report-Michael McQuade**

#### **2 new permits**

1-residential solar project and 1 residential renovation. Project cost: \$91,000 and fee amount is \$288

Training in Lake Placid February 27 thru March 2. This is for my 24 hour In-service Training, as the past 2 years have been via-Zoom.

January 2023- I checked in on a few ongoing projects that I have issued permits for:

A single family structure on Water Street is taking shape, working on the interior of the structure installing electrical and doing some plumbing.

Camp/Cottage on CR 19 has completed the exterior/interior framing along with window and door installation.

Completed site visit on the Camp/Cottage on Orebed Road. They are finishing the exterior/interior framing, roof and window/door installation. Are hoping to have the interior portion completed by late January.

#### **Assessor-Michael McQuade**

Putting information on next year tax roll which includes new property owner exemptions and updating property assessments due to some projects that were completed or began after the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Also inputting Real Property exemptions for senior citizens, nonprofit organizations, agricultural exemptions.

I also sent out senior citizen exemption postcards. This mass mailing was brought down by NYS Taxation and Finance Department as a requirement to all municipalities. The Town of Hermon Senior Citizen Exemption has been in place with the Maximum Income of \$20,000. in order to receive the exemption.

#### **Town Historian Lenore Zauere-February 2023**

I have decided to submit Mary Smallman's name to the County Historian for inclusion in March's Celebration of Women's month. She was the Town and Village Historian for many years.

Continuing the search for local suffragettes from surrounding areas. The suffragettes were women who were active in support of guaranteeing women the right to vote in public elections. In the early 1900's women across the country gathered to bring this issue to the public's attention. If anyone may know of an Ancestor's name from Hermon, let me know and I will do the research.

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

#### **Old Business**

Dr. Gary Berk stopped and said he'd be done and out of the office on February 28, 2023

#### **Resolution 3-2023**

Robert LaClair Jr. has donated his 2022 salary to the Celebration Fund. **John Reed made the motion to accept the donation from Robert LaClair Jr. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.**

**Resolution 4-2023**

**Standard Work day and Reporting for NYSLR. Kathy made the motion to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.**

**Audit Resolution 5-2023**

**Bernard Reed Jr. made the motion for William Dashnaw to conduct an Audit for Town Clerk, Justice Clerk, and Bookkeeper. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and 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. 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.

John Reed made the motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering

Town Clerk