

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on July 11, 2023 at the Hermon Town Hall.

Present was Supervisor Arthur Baker.

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

Also present were Robert Thayer, Veronica Newvine, Kate & John Stransky, Chris Stransky, Jacinda Barney, Jeanie & Dennis Lapoint, Marisa Clarke, Matt Corey, Kim Matthews, Larry Denesha, Lenore & Roger Zaubere, Amy Smith, Terrance Sarsfield, Lori Morse, Sharon & Brian Brunet, Michael McQuade, Lynn Pickens, James Robertson, Laura Foster, Victoria Day

After the closing of the Public meetings, the regular Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting as submitted were approved on motion by John Reed. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.

Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

SLC Legislature Larry Denesha

- Resolution "Adopting a Health & Safety Policy Manual for St. Lawrence County @ the July 3rd Full Board meeting.
- Resolution "Opposing the All Electric Building Act" as included in the 2024 NYS Budget.
- Resolution "Urging the Governor to Veto NYS Assembly Bill A.4282B and Senate Bill S.3505B, "An Act to Amend the Town Law, Village Law, County Law, and Municipal Home Rule Law, in relation to moving elections to even-numbered years."
- Declaration of State of Emergency extended until August 9. (Initially adopted May 12)

Hepburn Library

Matt Corey with NCLS let us know the HDCS voters in May 2023 was 143/42

Library Usage Report was submitted to the Town Board.

Budget Amendments

General Fund

Resolutions to approve transfers General Fund Contingency Account of \$1170.96 to 33104.01 Traffic Control CE

Highway Fund

51124.03 Permanent Improvements \$21,802.05 to S1104.03 General Repairs CE

John Reed made the motion to approve transfers. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.

Marisa Clark Barton & Loguidice

July 28-paperwork is due.

Approved the SPEDES Permit-waiting for the letter

(RD) Loan Resolution to pass/and waiting for paperwork, to proceed with funding and bidding process.

Bernard Reed Jr. made the motion to pass the Loan Resolution to continue with the process of water and sewer projects. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and carried.

2 Loans, both for 30 years-1-water and 1-sewer

Officers Reports

Supervisor Art Baker

Block party on July 16 noon to 4:00 p.m. Brian was asked to close the street down.

Talked with Safety Joe, and he is updating the safety manuals/handbooks.

Town of Dekalb asked to use/borrow the sound system on August 18th. **Town Board okayed this, but asked to find out who would be responsible for this.**

Getting ready to start on the budget workshop for 2024, will schedule.

Mike Perry Jr. let us know that there were no flags put out at the Porter Hill Cemetery.

Highway Superintendent Brian Brunet

Hauling the crushed stone from Russell-Hermon Road down onto McCollum Road

Shared Services- doing the stretch from Cemetery down CR 17 (trading barriers) for paving down to the stop sign.

Mandy mowing second time on roadsides.

Chris Stransky- June 2023 Water Report

1,791,000 Total Discharge

2,636,100 Total Pump

2,016,400 Hermon

619,700 Dekalb

17 UFPO's

Historian Report Lenore Zauhere

On July 15, Trout Lake Association from 10-3 is having Art Festival-(Jean Hamilton)

At 3:30 p.m. we will do the Trout Lake Historic Marker dedication celebration, It was installed Fall 2022 along the roadside in front of Laura Foster's home on County Route 19.

Michael McQuade Code Enforcement/Assessor Report

3 new building permits issued.

Attended an on-line webinar sponsored by Penn State University on Large-Scale Solar from the Developer Perspective.

Assessor Office is slow until school starts in September.

The Board of Assessment Review would like to request the Town of Hermon to move Grievance Days back to the normal fourth Tuesday of May. The previous assessor had several towns, so there was a conflict.

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

Old Business

The Policy and Procedures that Sharon handed out at last months meeting so the Town Board could read through. These need to have a Resolution to adopt these policies. The Board tabled to August meeting.

June 27th meeting was held for discussion of the Main Street Project.

New Business

John Stransky asked the Town Board how to get new members for the Fire Department.

He also stated that the Fire Department will need a 15% increase from the Town in the 2024 Budget.

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, outdoor Lighting bills were submitted and approved for payment on motion by Robert LaClair Jr. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.

John Reed made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Robert LaClair Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering

Town Clerk

