

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

Present was Supervisor Arthur Baker.

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

Also present were Chris Stransky, Anthony Young, Daniel Novak, John and Kate Stransky, Steve Allen, Kim Matthews, Laura Foster, John Arthur, Victoria Day, Shain Brunet, Robert Thayer, Mike McQuade, Larry Denesha, Lenore and Roger Zaubere, Ed Carpenter, Brian and Sharon Brunet, Chris Velez.

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 Legislator Larry Denesha

- 2022 Financial Audit (Drescher & Malecki) presented @ Operations commenced on August 14, and No findings.
- Emergency Services Building Renovations
 - estimated cost- \$5.6 million
 - Out for bids in Mid-September
- Resolution “In Opposition to the implementation of Background checks for the Acquisition of Ammunition and to the Imposition of fees for the performance of background checks for Acquisition of Firearms or Ammunition” (14 ayes, 1 nay)
((\$2.50 for ammo, and \$9.00 for firearms)
- Resolution “Opposing the Issuance of Executive Orders Directing the Placement of Migrants in local Communities Over the Objection of the Citizenry and the Impacted County.”
- Commended Governor Hochul’s refusal to issue an Executive Order Directing Placement of Migrants in Upstate Communities.
- Contract renewal with J.J. Keller & Assoc. for Entry-Level Driver Training Certification Program.
- COVID Press Release from SLC Public Health Department
 - Increasing numbers in SLC
 - take steps 6 months and older get updated on your shots
 - consider wearing a mask
 - Home tests available at the SLC Human Resource Building

Barton & Loguidice Anthony Young

- Wastewater Disinfection and I/I Project

Resolution to award bid for Wastewater project to T.J. Fiacco-under budget.

Bernard Reed Jr. made the motion to have Supervisor Baker issue the Notice of Award to TJ Fiacco. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and carried.

- Water System Project-to begin possibly mid-October.

Resolutions to award bid to T.J. Fiacco (Contracts: 1A & 1B) and Northern Pioneer (Contract 1C)

Kathy Carpenter made the motion to have Supervisor Baker issue the Notice of Award to T.J. Fiacco for Contract 1A. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor.

John Reed made the motion to have Supervisor Baker issue the Notice of Award to T.J. Fiacco for Contract 1B. Seconded by Robert LaClair Jr. All in favor.

Kathy Carpenter made the motion to have Supervisor Baker issue the Notice of Award to Northern Pioneer for Contract 1C. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor.

Library

Report revisions are being made based off recommendations from NCLS-Dawn Vincent

Application submitted to NCLS August 15, 2022

- Grant announcement made on August 16, 2023. **Award of \$466,500**
- Town must come up with \$155,000.
- Needs to “start” within 180 days, to be completed by July 2024. Apply for 1 year extension. The Town Board is the Administrator. Anthony will contact Dawn Vincent at NCLS.

Highway Superintendent Brian Brunet

- Chub Lake Road and Miles Road are paved. Shoulders to be put on both roads.
- County doing 3 miles down CR 21; and then CR 20.
- SLC Snow & Ice Agreement (Amendment)

Kathy Carpenter made the motion for an Amendment of the Snow & Ice Agreement. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and carried.

Chris Stransky Water Report August 2023

Total Discharge	2,770,000	
Total Pumped	2,418,200	
Hermon	1,724,600	15 UFPO’s
Dekalb	693,600	

Michael McQuade Code Enforcement and Assessor Report-August 2023

- 3 new permits: 1 renovation and 2 single-family structures
- 2 new certificates issued: 1 for Certificate of Occupancy and 1 for Certificate of Compliance
- 2 Property Maintenance
- 1 Work without Permit

Historian Lenore Zauhere

- As reported last month, I am 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.

I continue to interview people in the Hermon community and new contacts are developing regarding the “Indian artifacts” lore in the area. We are trying to find the exact site of the second of these artifacts which is reported to be located where the first one was. The next step is to contact the NYC Metropolitan Museum of Natural History as I have been told that representatives of that museum came to Hermon and dug out one of the “Indian kettles” and brought it back to NYC to be included in an exhibit. The NYS Museum in Albany (Native American Archeology Department) has informed me that no record of it is in its database.

The purpose of this research is twofold: to add documentation to the rich history of Hermon, and to establish material for a successful application of another NYS Marker in the category of Legends and Lore.

- Work continues in the collation and organization of the treasure trove of historical documents located at the Hermon History Center.
- We are designing a sign for the Hermon History Center. As discussed in the past, since its launch in 2017, the Town of Hermon Municipal Building is lacking a sign for the Town of Hermon History Center. (There are signs for the Town of Hermon Offices and the Town of Hermon Court.)
- In 2026- 250th Anniversary of American Revolution

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

Old Business

- Need to do a list for Hold Harmless for all Towns with Shared Services.
- Looked into the amount of funds allocated for Senior Citizens of Hermon and Dekalb-previously was \$2250.00.
- Robert LaClair Jr. suggested that we recognize Nicole Bacon Ward for all her work that she does on the Music Series.

New Business

- Discussion was had for rate increase of water rent, to begin in January 2024. A letter will come out with 4th quarter water/sewer bills.
- Next Budget work session to be held at the Town Office on September 20th at 4:00 p.m.
- A letter was received from Dan Moyer, Dog Control Officer, that Agriculture and Markets be upgraded effective in 2025. So, he is sending a letter to request that all his Towns add \$1500.00 for upgrading.

- NYSLRS Budget up \$28,000 in 2024 and \$38,000 in 2025

Robert LaClair Jr. made the motion to transfer monies to appropriate funds. 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 was examined and approved on motion by John Reed. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr.

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

Bernard Reed Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by John Reed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering

Town Clerk

Town of Hermon

Budget Work Session Minutes at Hermon Town Hall

September 20, 2023 at 4:00 pm

Present: Supervisor Arthur Baker, Town Council members John Reed, Kathy Carpenter and Bernard Reed Jr., William Dashnaw budget officer, Sharon Brunet bookkeeper.

Community members: Kimberly Matthews, John Stransky and Victoria Day

Discussion on the town budget was had.

A motion was made by Kathy Carpenter to prepay paving invoices to SK Enterprises and Barrett New York north, seconded by John Reed all in favor and motion carried.

Next Budget work session October 3, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Brunet

