

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on May 9, 2023 at the Hermon Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Arthur Baker

Town Council-Kathy Carpenter and Bernard Reed Jr.

Absent were Town Council- John Reed and Robert LaClair Jr.

Also present- Cathy Race, Chris Stransky, Lenore and Roger Zaunere, Larry Denesha, Michaele Webb, Kathryn Stransky, Michael McQuade, Kim Matthews, Amy Smith, Ed Carpenter, Brian and Sharon Brunet, Anthony Young

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 Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.

Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

**SLC Legislator Larry Denesha**

Highway Outpost Project(3-Russell, Potsdam and Lisbon)

Financial Summary-\$9,926,935.00 Total cost

\$174,065.00 under budget

ARPA Funds administered by SLCIDA as of March 20, 2023

-Facility & Infrastructure Improvements-\$772,682.00

-Small Business and Nonprofit assistance-\$122,500.00

-Workforce Training and Development-\$180,144.00

-CDL training-\$70,000.00

-Childcare training-\$20,500.00

-Tourism, Travel, Hospitality-\$630,000.00

Total ARPA \$\$ awarded to SLCIDA to distribute-\$2,900,000.00

Awarded to date \$1,754,197.00

Remaining \$1,145,803.00

EFMAP (Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Program)

-Adopted 2024 NYS Budget will end the pass through of federal savings currently provided to counties.

The State will now intercept in entirety and use for State Budget purposes-mainly to cover further expansions of Medicaid eligibility and benefits and increase payments to health care providers.

(Potential impact to SLC property taxes as much as 6% increase).

**Officers Reports**

**Supervisor Arthur Baker**

Meeting at John Collins on May 16 @ 10:30 a.m.

**Resolution 11-2023**

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

Highway.

Sales of Equipment to Machinery EQ \$42,270.00

State Aid/Chips to Permanent Improve CE \$129,277.35

Sewer

Contingency CE to Sanitary Sewers CE \$10,000.00

**Kathy Carpenter made the motion to approve the transfers of Highway and Sewer. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Resolution 12-2023**

Highway employees would like uniforms from Unifirst. They have signed a contract for 3 years and will need approval for Payroll deductions.

**Kathy Carpenter made the motion to allow the deductions from payroll. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Sales Tax**

2023	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	\$92,563.04	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	\$85,642.14	<b>Total \$178,205.18</b>
2022	1st Quarter	\$87,615.93	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	\$81,211.91	<b>Total \$168,827.84</b>

**Highway Superintendent Brian Brunet**

Agreement to Spend Money Increase of \$159,326.15

Underwood Road to Pond Road about 1 ½ miles.

Bought \$48.00 in car washes. When we swept the roads, it made some vehicles dusty.

Gathering the crushed stone on top of hill (Michel's yard) on the Hermon-Russell Road, will put down on the McCollum Road

Will grind the Miles Road and leave it for the year before we pave.

**Dog Control Officer Daniel Moyer-report read.**

**Code Enforcement Officer & Assessor Michael McQuade**

New Building permits-issued 1

Attended a Training Session sponsored by SLC Fair Housing Task Force and CNY Fair Housing. The session went through the do's and don'ts of the Fair Housing Laws as well as who(what)is covered under the fair housing laws.

**Assessor Office**-this month is very crucial for finalizing the assessment roll for 2023. All changes and exemptions are to be entered on the roll at our county meeting. They gave us a deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup> to be done. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, I received a call from the county as they printed out our tentative roll as well as assessment changes which I picked up and mailed out those changes prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Will be in attendance with the tentative roll by person or by phone at the Municipal Building on the following dates:

Thursday May 4 4pm to 8 pm  
Tuesday May 9 8 am to 12 pm  
Tuesday May 16 12 pm to 4 pm  
Saturday May 20 8 am to 12 pm

Grievance Day is June 1<sup>st</sup> from 4pm-8 pm in person at Hermon Town Hall.

### **Historian Lenore Zauere**

Still looking for 100-year farms in the area for June Dairy Month, so far there are 3 in St. Lawrence County.

We also have digitized and framed a couple pictures for the St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union-Hermon Branch.

### **Chris Stransky-Water Report April 2023**

Total Discharge 3,621,000

Total Pumped 2,142,900

Hermon 1,654,300

Dekalb 488,600

23 UFPO's

**Kathy Carpenter made the motion to accept the Officers Reports. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.**

### **Anthony Young Barton & Loguidice-Engineer**

#### Wastewater Disinfection

Project details

Ultraviolet Disinfection at the sewer plant

Complete system manhole rehabilitation/replacement

Collection system investigations and repairs

Total project budget-\$2,000,000

Funding

Water quality improvement project (WQIP)-\$718,400 Grant

NYS EFC Hardship 0% interest 30 year loan

Schedule (DEC Compliance and Consent order schedule)

Construction start by December 31, 2023

Completion by August 1, 2025

#### Water System Improvements Project

Project details

Complete distribution system replacement

- Hydrants, valves, main lines, water services, curb stops
- Installation of water meters

Water treatment plant improvements

Raw water supply pipe replacement

Spring improvements

Addition of a new spring

Total project budget: \$9,400,000

Funding

- CDBG-\$1,250,000 Grant
- BIL-\$1,640,000 Grant
- St. Lawrence County ARPA- \$250,000 Grant
- NYS WIIA- \$3,000,000 Grant
- BIL 0% interest 30-year loan
- USDA RD 1.5% 38-year loan

Schedule (DEC Compliance for water meters)

- Construction start-late summer 2023-(anticipated)
- Substantial completion-November 2024

### **Old Business**

Dr. Berk cleaned out the offices.

### **New Business**

Library Board of Trustees reported Veronica Newvine stepped down as president, and Kim Matthews went from Vice President to President.

May 16 Hermon Dekalb School Voting; Spring Fling 5-7 p.m., also Elementary spring concert at 1 p.m. and High School that evening.

May 29- Memorial Day Parade to the cemetery and luncheon followed at Fire Hall, all organized by Librarian Kelly Hamilton

The Town Clerk and Supervisor submitted their bank statements.

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

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

Kathy Carpenter made the motion to adjourn regular meeting and go into Executive Session for discussion with Highway Superintendent Brian Brunet at 7:10 p.m. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by Kathy Carpenter and Bernard Reed jr.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering  
Town Clerk

