

**MINUTES OF**  
**THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOR JUNE, 2024**

Hermon Town Board

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at the Hermon Town Hall

Present was Supervisor Cathy Race

Council members Sheri Smith, Victoria Day and Harold Blandin. Absent Frank Ashley  
Also present were Larry Denesha, Shain Brunet, Bruce Bigelow, John, Kate & Cordelia Stransky,  
Penny Blandin, Michael McQuade, Robert Thayer, Stephen Allen, Alexander Moore, Brent  
McAdam, Terrance Sarsfield, Dawn Daniels

Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

***The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Minutes of the previous meeting as submitted were approved on motion by Victoria Day. Seconded by Harold Blandin. All in favor and carried.***

**REPORTS**

**Legislator Larry Denesha**

- St. Lawrence County held a Public Hearing on June 3 for Local Law 2024-Wireless surcharge for mobile phones.
- June is Dairy month in SLC.
- Mortgage Tax Report-Hermon to receive \$5,670.31
- Governor passed a law on taxes on cottage rentals

**Sheri Smith made a motion to get a contractor and estimate to clean up condemned properties located at 112 Canton Street and County Route 21. Seconded by Victoria Day. All in favor and carried.**

**Shain Brunet-Highway Report**

- Hauling blacktop for the Town of Gouverneur.
- Banners and flags were put up.
- Calcium chloride was applied to the dirt roads for dust control.
- Small Flats Road culvert pipe was unplugged with the help of the Town of Gouverneur.
- Sent one truck to the Town of Edwards for milling in the Village.
- Hauling gravel from Barretts.
- Unplugged and screened bridge on Parker Road.
- Stripping topsoil for fill from water project for pad for future town barn.
- Mowing roadsides.
- Patching potholes.
- The highway crew took a Dig Safe class in Brier Hill.
- Sent trucks to Edwards for paving.
- Completed the 2 Clean -Up days at the Salt Barn. Received \$132.87 in donations.

**Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Funds was Amended by Shain Brunet. Sheri Smith, Harold Blandin, Victoria Day and Cathy Race. All in favor and signed the Amended Agreement.**

**Michael McQuade Code Officer/Assessor Report**

- 5 new Building permits. 4 roofs and 1 renovation.

- 2-Certificate of Compliance
- Letters were sent to property owners during the month of May for a property owner that lives in Vermont. Have not heard back from that individual.
- Grievance Day is June 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 p.m. in person at the Hermon Municipal Building.
- Also, the Board of Assessment Review would like to request that the Town of Hermon move Grievance Day back to the normal fourth Tuesday of May. The previous Assessor had several towns, so there was a conflict.

**Chris Stransky May 2024**

13 UFPO's

4,135,000 Total Discharge

2,541,000 Total Pumped

1,843,500 Hermon

697,500 Dekalb

Chris was not present but provided the following report. It should be noted that following a water meeting held with Chris Stransky, B&L, Buddy Fiacco, Cathy Race and Sheri Smith-it was reported that the project is behind schedule. The Town has requested a tentative work schedule to post where the crew will be working next so the residents can plan accordingly. Fiacco has hired two subcontractors to run the lines into people's homes and install the meters. We are also waiting for Buddy to install a silt screen up near the salt barn where the crews are dumping debris. On a good note, there is still \$250,000 in contingency funds.

**Daniel Moyer Dog Control Officer** not much going on the month of May.

**Cathy Race Supervisor**

We received 2 Sealed Bids for the Stone Pile in Marshville.

**Bid # 1** - TJ Fiacco Construction LLC.

Around 14,000 tons @\$9.00/ton

Check enclosed for \$12,600.00

**Bid # 2 Frank** Mackin M&M Trucking

Enclosed is a letter with a proposal of trade of road treatment sand-equivalent to \$90,000. For the pile of stone.

**Resolution 6-2024**

**TO ACCEPT THE SEALED BID FOR STONE PILE**

**Sheri Smith made the motion for Resolution 6 -2024, to declare and accept TJ Fiacco-winner of the Stone pile. Seconded by Victoria Day. All in favor and carried.**

**Resolution 7- 2024**

Supervisor Race would like to hire Kristin Grant as Bookkeeper beginning June 2024 with a salary of \$15,000/per year.

**Sheri Smith made the motion to let Supervisor Race hire Kristin Grant as Bookkeeper for Town of Hermon. Seconded by Victoria Day. All in favor and carried.**

**LIBRARY Report-** Kate Stransky is present. Sheri Smith, Victoria Day and Cathy Race have all had discussions and attended a meeting with the library employees and board members. We feel there are a

few items in the financing part of things that still need to be addressed but feel comfortable in moving forward with this.

**Therefore, Resolution 8-2024 offered by Harold Blandin and seconded by Victoria Day authorizing Cathy Race to sign Barton & Loguidice agreement for the Hermon Hepburn Library Improvement Projects Amendment # 1, so they can move forward in getting bids for this project.**

Kate explained that our library is NOT listed on the historical register. Victoria mentioned Edwards is not either. We also spoke about possibly having Harold Blandin oversee the library project, if it is allowed, to sort of be a bridge between the Town and Library. Cathy will check with our Attorney about this. Victoria explained that Jan Lennox does this in Edwards.

- Democratic Caucus will be held on June 20 @6:00 p.m. at the Hermon Town Hall.

**Motion was made by Victoria Day and seconded by Sheri Smith to accept the officer's reports. All in favor and carried.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Discussion was held regarding the recent notice that Hermon residents will only receive UPS deliveries on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. However, Edwards and Russell addressed will still receive daily deliveries. It was mentioned this was due to an AI re-evaluation.
- A suggestion to develop a water/sewer board for Hermon was made.
- John Stransky mentioned the request of Hermon Fire Department wanting to go to a Fire District in the future. He explained the differences between a fire department vs a fire district.
- Audit begins next Thursday

**Motion offered by Victoria Day and seconded by Harold Blandin to process budget transfers as listed. All in favor and carried.**

**The motion to pay bills was set forth by Harold Blandin and seconded by Sheri Smith. All in favor and carried.**

**Motion to adjourn meeting was presented by Sheri Smith at 7:35 p.m. and seconded by Victoria Day.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen A Wayering  
Town Clerk