

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held August 14, 2018 at the Hermon Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Nicole Bacon Ward.

Councilmen Bernard Reed Jr., Kathy Carpenter, Lee Carvel.

Also present were Chris Stransky, Bob Jennings, Bill Brunet, Ed Carpenter, Tom Green, Shain Brunet, Robert Thayer, Darrel Whitton, John Davis, Brian Brunet.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting as submitted were approved on motion by Bernard Reed Jr. Seconded by Lee Carvel. All in favor and carried.

#### Code Officer Robert Reed

- reported that a new house being built on Battle Hill Road was progressing.
- 5 building permits have been issued in July and 25 to date.
- Property maintenance letters were sent out, some cleanup has been addressed.

Kathy Carpenter made a motion to allow Robert Reed to issue appearance tickets to Jim & Elaine Lucas for 124 Church Street and to Mike Carr 97 Main Street with property maintenance issues. Requested that Board be notified of cost for out of state tickets. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried.

- 3 septic systems are in the design stage
- Checklist has been made for the annual safety inspections of area bars, churches, store, library, town office, and fire hall. This is now required by NYS

Dog Warden report was read for July 2018.

#### Chris Stransky July 2018 Water Report

Total pumped 3,608,600

Hermon 2,777,500

Dekalb 831,100

A request was made from Danny Forbes (Sewer) for being paid for the DEC yearly Inspection –about 4 hours. Bernard Reed Jr. made the motion to allow payment. Seconded by Lee Carvel. All in favor and carried.

#### Old Business

- Sam Grant paperwork has been submitted
- Security cameras need to be completed

### New Business

- Was contacted by Bob LaClair about a new sign up at the Rec. Park- would like to get some estimates for this-Alan Grant; Commercial Press; Arnie's or Fergusons in Gouverneur; Herb Holmes in Morristown
- Budget time approaching soon

### **Resolution for 2018 Budget Modifications**

#### Budget Modifications

A motion was made by Lee Carvel and seconded by Kathy Carpenter to authorize the following budget modifications:

- Transfer 104.50 from A1990.40 (Contingent Fund) to A9050.80(Unemployment)
- Transfer 1270.00 from A1990.40(Contingent Fund) to DA9050.80(Unemployment)
- Transfer 50.00 from A1990.40(Contingent Fund) to B9035.80(Medicare)
- Transfer 200.00 from A1990.40(Contingent Fund) to B9030.80(Social Security)

Ayes- 3

Nays- 0

Motion carried.

Nicole Bacon Ward, Town Supervisor

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLERK**

I, Karen Wayering, Clerk of the Town of Hermon, St. Lawrence County, New York, do hereby certify that this decision was approved by the Town Board at as meeting held on August 14, 2018. There being 3 Ayes and 0 nays.

Adopted this 14 day of August, 2018

Karen A Wayering, Clerk

Robert Thayer asked about the cost of Wastewater Treatment Plant. He wanted to know the price and length of loan. The Town Clerk contacted the former village clerk and she stated that the loan was for 20 years, paying \$33,300.00 per year. In 2016 the Village paid the final 2 payments before the Dissolution.

For next month, Robert Thayer requested the total amount for the Town Office Building. He wants to know where the money came from, if it was Grant money, and how much was taxpayers money. He was told by Town Supervisor that she will get information.

Bill Brunet and Tom Green stated that they are upset about what is being said about Brian Brunet. The people voted him into office, he is elected. This should not be happening and it could cause very bad things for the Town. The Board stated that they cannot discuss a personnel matter, but stated that they are aware and working through it.

Tom Green also made a statement that he would finish sandblasting the lamps for the bridge and paint like he'd said he would, but until this situation with Brian is settled, Dave Blevins and Tom will no longer give their free time and services with the bridge project.

Bob Jennings asked if town could hire patrol for speeders. He also asked if the sign could be replaced in McBrier Park. It was broken when they tried to move it.

Highway Superintendent Brian Brunet

- Ordered the boxes for up by Penny Snows
- Helping other towns with paving
- Plow truck has been ordered
- Loader to be delivered end of month
- Would like to finance tractor for water/sewer plant for next year

Judge Darrel Whitton asked to go into Executive session following the regular meeting.

The Town Clerk and Supervisor submitted their bank statements.

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

General (# 159-#172), Highway (#115-#137) and Water/Sewer (#48-#52) bills were audited and approved for payment on motion by Lee Carvel. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter. All in favor and carried.

Lee Carvel made motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Seconded by Kathy Carpenter.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering  
Town Clerk

