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Minutes of the Town Board of the Town of Catlin held February 8, 2018 at 7pm at the Town Hall.

ROLLCALL: Board Members: David Silvernail, William Collier, Richard Brink and Eugene Unwin

Supervisor LaVerne Phelps and Attorney John Mustico

Motion by Silvernail; seconded by Brink accepting Town Clerk's minutes for January 11, 2018 and place into record as submitted.

CARRIED: ALL

Correspondence:

- SEI Unified Court Software; the Court is charged \$1087 to use SEI software, however, received letter state NYS has purchased SEI software and courts will no longer be charged for using it
- MLC Leasing
- Regional Leadership Conference at Corning Community College; April 4th and 5th
- LED Light conversion for street lights in Beaver Valley Project; meeting Feb. 19th in Horseheads
- Communication Funding report from Claudia Maroney; Verizon Wireless received large grant to expand

Motion by Collier; seconded by Unwin to receive and place on file all correspondence for further action if necessary.

CARRIED: ALL

**Departmental Reports:**

Supervisor reported:

- he attended public hearing concerning Callahan's Solar Farm; PILOT Program has been set and approved; now funding can be applied for; R. Brink, M. Pastrick and L. Phelps went to meet with Mike Krusen (IDA) to get the split for the PILOT Program; sounds like the split will be based on overall split on the property tax bill; i.e. 2018 tax levy split is: County – 6.854425%; College - .735705%; Library - .661995%; Town – 3.044363% and Fire - .979086%. Sounds like it will be assessed like a regular tax bill

R. Brink believes it will be a true PILOT based on \$8,000 per megawatt and divided up based on how the tax bills are divided up

Supervisor:

- will be attending a meeting Feb 12th with Keith Swarhout (owner of Beaver Valley School Building) and IDA for funding through grants to help Mr. Swarhout develop the old BV School
- approached county for help with the heat for the highway garage; received call from county building and grounds coming up to check it out to see what help they can offer
- had meeting with Jimmy Joe Carl and Joe Doan, Highway Superintendent, concerning Mary Rd. bridge; applying through Bridge NY for grant; also, applying for a permit through DEC to put a culvert pipe in which could become permanent if do not get grant from Bridge NY

CEO has suggested changing Zoning for concerning junk cars to ZERO vehicles in residential districts; property on Murphy Hill Rd and on Chambers Rd have been sold and will be getting in touch with new owners concerning clean up

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**Departmental Reports Con't:**

BVWD – Neil Scriven and Supervisor will be attending a water treatment school in Hornell; have been getting some calls concerning taste and smell of chlorine so turning pump back for adjustment (per state level needs to be 1.0 when it leaves the pump)

Motion by Collier; seconded by Silvernail to receive and place on file all Departmental Reports as submitted.

CARRIED: ALL

**Abstracts:**

Motion for Resolution 18-41 by Phelps; seconded by Unwin approving abstracts for payment as submitted.

CARRIED: ALL

**Public Hearing #1:**

Open 7:13pm

V. Petris of Catlin Hill Rd: what will the old Beaver Valley School become and what toxins are in the building

Supervisor Phelps responded unsure of what the building will become and there is asbestos throughout the building

Bill Jean Bennett of Catlin Dr: spoke with Russell – he says it is possible for the

chlorine to taste and smell at times

T. Manning of Chambers St: his water has been good

Closed 7:25pm

**Old Business:**

Attorney Mustico gave update concerning Town property located on Murphy Hill/Pine Valley Hill roads; Tax Map No. 27.00-1-13.21

- Beverly Brown had made down payment but has not kept in contact with the Town for finalizing purchase; therefore, have sent back her payment and canceled purchase contract
- Brian Edwards has offered to purchase property for \$1500 per acre; this is less than the \$1700 the Town was asking for

General discussion among the Board Members; all have agreed to accept Mr. Edwards offer of \$1500 per acre

Motion for Resolution 18-42 by Collier; seconded by Brink granting permission to Supervisor Phelps to execute all documents and sign all contracts necessary for property transfer at the price of \$1500 per acre.

CARRIED: ALL

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**New Business:**

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Purchasing 2018 Wester Star 4900SF for \$224,870.75:

- Chemung Canal interest rate is 4.456% for 5 years with no penalty for paying off early
- MLC interest rate is 2.87% for 5 years with a buy out of \$1 at the end on the lease and there is no penalty for paying off early; we can sign paperwork now to lock in interest rate as truck is not due until spring

Interest payments for 4 years: Chemung Canal - \$19,454 MLC - \$12,724

Motion for Resolution 18-43 by Collier; seconded by Brink granting permission to Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent to enter into contract with MLC Leasing not to exceed \$224,870.75.

CARRIED: ALL

Highway Garage Furnace Repair:

- Signed contract with Bill's Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning ; Resolution 17-101 to repair furnace; they have been a 'no show'; sent them a notice they are 'fired'
- Would like to amend Resolution 17-101 to approve repair to furnace not to exceed \$6500 and not assign a contractor to do the work

Have appointment with 2 more people; the county is sending someone up as well for both heating and roof repair

Mike Pastrick, County Representative reports the Town has been approved to receive \$5400 towards bills for repairing the furnace

Motion for Resolution 18-44 by Collier; seconded by Brink amending Resolution 17-101 granting permission to Supervisor Phelps and Highway Superintendent to change contractors not to exceed \$6000.00 limit.

CARRIED: ALL

GIS Consortium Agreement:

- All Town's pay a projected amount for 3 years – our share will be \$500 – it is used by Assessor's and CEO's

Motion for Resolution 18-45 by Collier; seconded by Unwin granting permission to Supervisor Phelps to enter into a 3 year agreement with Chemung County for the GIS Consortium Agreement in the amount of \$500.00.

CARRIED: ALL

Town Website:

- Dave has been doing website since 2009 for free; he remarked he will discontinue this service on March 31st as he cannot afford provide this service for free due to high taxes
- Supervisor Phelps offered him \$1200 per year to continue servicing the website
- Dave remarked if he continues providing the same service he does now he will do it for a lot less
- Supervisor Phelps will be meeting with Dave soon

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Cold Storage Building:

- C. Franzese of Hunt Engineers estimated \$800,000 0- 1 million
- USDA Grant – should buy a piece of equipment first in order to establish

credit rating before applying for a building; it will take 9 months to a year to get application through for a piece of equipment – interest rate 3.5%; there is a \$22,000 grant to take off the top of your purchase; there is no penalty for early payoff; Joe was planning on paying cash for new loader (\$221,000.) in 2 ½ years; thought is get the loan from USDA – make a few payments – pay it off – have good credit rating

- Also looking into IDA for loan/grant as well

No action taken at this time

**Junk Cars:**

- Collier scoped out Beaver Valley – did not see as many as claimed to be there; but it is hard to tell; saw about 4 cars
- Brink scoped out Post Creek area and Chambers Road – saw 2 homes that had 2 cars; others had one; about 5-7 cars total – none looked like they were in disrepair – one is within the law
- Unwin scoped out Beaver Valley; CEO can go to house to ask to check out vehicles

CEO's report recommends changing Junk Car Local Law to ZERO for areas zoned "residential"

General discussion took place concerning when laws were made and what is actually enforceable

Need definition for JUNK

Could require a permit to sell vehicle within so many days

**Hearing of the Public #2:**

Open 8:12pm

T. Manning of Chambers St: sent 17 pictures of cars a year ago to CEO; 11 have not moved; about ½ do not have plates

V. Petris of Catlin Hill Rd: concerning old cars – there is a difference between Country and Residential; what is in the old town garage – Supervisor responded seasonal equipment; are we going to spend \$400,000 on vehicles again – Supervisor responded this is a 16 year old dump truck; a 10 year old truck gets into an accident – insurance will replace in full; anything older insurance pays fair market value

Billie Jean Bennett of Catlin Dr: there are cars being brought in to be worked on and then sold – on going issue

Closed: 8:21pm

**Resolutions:**

Motion for Resolution 18-46 by Collier; seconded by Unwin accepting audit reports of the 2017 Town Records which were audited on February 5, 2018.

CARRIED: ALL

Motion by Unwin; seconded by Phelps to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

CARRIED: ALL