

Town of Catlin
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor LaVerne Phelps.

ROLLCALL: BM: Mike Koval, Ron Moshier, William Collier and Craig Christiansen
Supervisor LaVerne Phelps and Attorney John Mustico

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Minutes:

Motion made by Collier; 2nd by Koval accepting Town Clerk's minutes for March 09, 2023 into records as submitted.

CARRIED: ALL

Correspondence:

- Constellation Energy Services sent notice that electricity rates with them will be increasing from .04/kwh to .07/kwh for a duration of three years.
- MaryEllen Claypool submitted a letter of intent to be reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review.
- Chemung County sent notice that it is increasing the percentage of sales tax that it gives back to the town, from 33.3% to 34.55%.
- Kristen Hall has submitted a Mass Gathering Permit to hopefully have a pumpkin festival.
- Dail Phelps submitted a letter of intent to be appointed as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- NYMIR gave a Member Loyalty check for \$720 to the town.

Motion made by Collier; 2nd by Moshier to receive and place on file all correspondence for further action if required.

CARRIED: ALL

Blue Wave Solar Farm Presentation:

Jody Hunt gave a presentation on a potential solar farm being planned on the John Whiteman Farm at 130 Sturdivant Road, Beaver Dams, NY 14812, which will require rezoning. She spoke about the project and took questions from town residents.

Departmental Reports:

- Supervisor – reported on subdivisions and flag lots joint meeting that is coming up on April 17, 2023. Attended the CCC Conference and went to meeting on cannabis and local tax distributions. Spoke on the issues concerning the new phone system and not being able to use the county internet.
- Assessor – Catlin will be at a 100% equalization rate, post cards have been printed and will be mailed to residents.

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- Town Clerk – spoke about issues with tax collecting and how that was handled with Chemung Canal Trust Company. She will attend the NYSTCA meeting in Syracuse on April 24-25.

Motion made by Moshier; 2nd by Collier to receive and place on file all departmental reports for further action if required.

CARRIED: ALL

Budget Modification:

Motion for **Resolution 23-56** was made by Phelps; 2nd by Collier approving modification to the 2023 budget as requested by Town Supervisor as follows: The 2023 SW599 fund balance decreased by \$5800.00 and SW8310.2 (Equipment Fund) increased by \$5800.00.

CARRIED: ALL

Abstracts:

Motion for **Resolution 23-57** was made by Phelps; 2nd by Collier approving April, 2023 vouchers for payment as submitted.

CARRIED: ALL

Beaver Valley Water District:

- The water hydrants will be flushed Friday April 21, 2023, this needs to be done 4 times a year.
- Used the new Neptune reader for the first time and it worked very well in a short amount of time.
- New eve trough installed on pump house.

Old Business:

- The phone and security system that we purchased is not yet able to be hooked up to the county internet. The new phones will be installed and run through Verizon for now.
- Green Leaf Recycling wants to have a contract with the town. Still not certain of the need.
- Joint meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals, The Planning Board and the Town Board with Troy from STC about subdivisions and flag lots.

New Business:

- Blue Wave Solar has submitted an application for rezoning to Town of Catlin, Town of Dix and Chemung County.
- Kristen Hall submitted an application for a Public Mass Gathering to take place July 15-16, 2023.
- Constellation Energy Services is increasing its rates from .04/kwh to .07/kwh.

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- Dail Phelps submitted a letter of intent to be appointed as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- MaryEllen Claypool submitted a letter of intent to be reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review.
- Highway department is interested in purchasing a new ground tamper.

Hearing of the Public:

Opened at 8:04pm

- Jim Maroney of 569 Johnson Hollow Rd spoke. He asked about the different departmental reports, specifically the CEO, Dog, Assessor and Sheriff. He asked about what the Sheriff typically states in their report. Asked where he could find those.
- Claudia Maroney of 569 Johnson Hollow Rd spoke. She shared that Spectrum gives internet to some municipalities. She offered that we should not sign a franchise agreement. She also shared that we should complain to the FCC about getting internet. She also stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals is looking for more members.

Closed at 8:11pm

Resolutions:

Motion for **Resolution 23-58** was made by Phelps; 2nd by Christiansen authorizing Supervisor Phelps to accept the application from Blue Wave Solar for a rezoning request for the Zoning Board of Appeals for property located at 130 Sturdivant Road, Beaver Dams, NY 14812.

CARRIED: ALL

Motion for **Resolution 23-59** was made by Collier; 2nd by Moshier authorizing Supervisor Phelps to enter into agreement with Constellation Energy Services for updated electricity cost of \$0.07/kwh.

CARRIED: ALL

Motion for **Resolution 23-60** was made by Collier; 2nd by Koval appointing Dail Phelps as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

CARRIED: ALL

Motion for **Resolution 23-61** was made by Koval; 2nd by Moshier renewing the appointment of MaryEllen Claypool to the Board of Assessment Review.

CARRIED: ALL

Motion for **Resolution 23-62** was made by Collier; 2nd by Christiansen authorizing Highway Superintendent Doan to purchase a New Whacker Model BPU 3750A – Reversible Plate Tamper with Honda engine from Bradco Supply Co. not to exceed \$7,195.00.

CARRIED: ALL

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Motion was made by Supervisor Phelps; 2nd by Collier adjourning the meeting at 8:17 pm.

CARRIED: ALL

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne M. Cutler