

July 9, 2020

Minutes of the Town Board of the Town of Catlin held July 9, 2020 at 7pm at the Town Hall which was held via conference call for the public to participate due to COVID-19 pandemic.

ROLLCALL: BM: William Collier, Catherine Edwards, Dave Silvernail and Eugene Unwin  
Supervisor Phelps and Attorney John Mustico

Motion was made by Silvernail; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Collier to accept and place on file Town Clerk's minutes of June 11, 2020 as submitted.

AYES: BM: Collier, Edwards and Silvernail

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: BM Unwin

**Correspondence:**

- NYSEG to increase rates: electric – 4.6% and natural gas - .8%
- Excellus Health Insurance to reduce rates by 1.1%
- Emergency Management mitigation plan
- Chemung County Sales Tax distribution for 2020/2021; county is requesting report of Town's expenses, budget numbers
- Chemung County travel restrictions

Motion was made by Collier; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Silvernail to receive and place on file all correspondence for further action if required.

CARRIED: ALL

**Departmental Reports:**

Supervisor – pole barn is going up, NYSEG replacing gas lines in Beaver Valley, Campground road, ST RT 414 and part of Chambers road will start up again in August; meeting with Jim Plate & Tom Rhodes about Flag Lots; health insurance meeting; soil & water meeting – Pine Valley creek work; pressure washed town hall with the help of Talia Christiansen who is volunteering her time – she also washed the windows

CEO – issued 9 building permits with project costs of \$205,597

Assessor – posted final roll in The Leader; homes that are selling are averaging 10-15 thousand over assessed value

Motion was made by Collier; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Silvernail to receive and place on file all Departmental Reports as submitted.

CARRIED: ALL

**Abstracts:**

Motion for Resolution 20-67 was made by Phelps; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Collier approving abstracts for payment as submitted.

CARRIED: ALL

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**Beaver Valley Water District:**

Hydrant at Rt 414 / Beaver Ave was hit; Town of Corning did repair; will turn into insurance  
Did not charge penalties or turn off water due to COVID – 19; will see how things stand next quarter  
to make decision to forego penalties and turn offs

**Old Business:**

- Public Mass Gathering – Chemung County Department of Health has denied Mr. Chappius' concert plans due to COVID-19 restrictions

Discussion concerning whether Mr. Chappius would have to re-apply for permit. Board decided to leave date open until December 2020.

Motion for Resolution 20-68 was made by Phelps; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Silvernail NOT to issue requested permit for Mass Public Gathering Concert at this time due to denial of approval from Chemung County Health Department. If Mr. Chappius receives approval from Chemung County Health Department in the future he is to submit a copy to the Town Board for review and final decision. Mr. Chappius' application will stay open until December 31, 2020.

CARRIED: ALL

- Property Maintenance – Current zoning has two small paragraphs; not enough direction as to what CEO and/or the Court can do to enforce. Attorney Mustico suggests not amending LL3 of 1999 but to write up a new local law specific to property maintenance. The Planning Board has discussed this and will accept what the Town Board writes up and passes. Public Hearing for Local Law 3 of 2020 "Property Maintenance" set for August 13, 2020 at 7pm.

BM Edwards questioned if town does the cleanup will the cost be added to property tax; Supervisor Phelps responded, yes, this was passed 2019

BM Unwin questioned what will be done if property a repeat offender; Supervisor Phelps responded, yes, I believe the fines go up

Attorney Mustico says will use Town of Erwin's property maintenance laws to do this

**New Business:**

- Emergency Management Mitigation Plan – Joe worked on this; 690 pages long; do we want to sign off on this plan?

BM Silvernail – this was written by H2o; from the **summery** it only addresses flooding and snow fall; does not address fire which should be the concern of our town; the board should not sign off on this plan until it includes addressing fires; 1934 there was a fire in Catlin & Millport which burned over 600 acres

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BM Edwards – even though fires are not mentioned believes it is who you contact in an emergency

BM Silvernail – no, mitigation is what you do before an emergency; hopefully to avoid having an emergency

Supervisor Phelps – will table this for now; will send the complete report to everyone for next month's discussion; will set up meeting with Christian Card if Dave would like

- CHIPS – 2020 Budget amount; \$138,582.38 + rollover of \$980.57; PAVE NY \$31,632.81 and EWR \$25,909.88 – new budget amount \$197,105.64

General discussion took place concerning budgeted amount vs. what CHIPS reported highway may receive. There may be a 20% decrease due to COVID-19; therefore, Highway Superintendent, Joe Doan, reduced his road repair by 20%. BM Collier & Unwin do not agree to increasing the budget to \$197,105.64 as this would give Highway Superintendent authority to spend what he may not receive; BM Edwards points out it is Highway Superintendent's responsibility not to overspend knowing there may be a 20% reduction; BM Silvernail points out this adjustment has been done every year

Motion for Resolution 20-69 made by Phelps; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Silvernail approving an increase to the 2020 budget for CHIPS, DA5112.21, to \$197,105.64 reflecting the additional funds which may be received.

AYES: BM Silvernail, Edwards

NAYS: BM Collier, Unwin

AYES: Supervisor Phelps

MOTION CARRIED

- County travel restriction – Anyone who chooses to travel to 'hotspot' employer must be inform; cannot use sick leave or other paid benefits to quarantine; there will be penalties for anyone not informing employer

Motion for Resolution 20-70 made by Collier; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Silvernail adopting Chemung County Travel Policy.

CARRIED: All

- Sales Tax Distribution 2021-2022 – Received forms requesting how the Town is planning on cutting budget due to COVID-19; Joe & LaVerne have been working on this; Bill has also looked over figures; will be making appointment with Deputy County Executive to deliver forms

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**Hearing of the Public:**

Open 8:04

John Pastrick, County Legislature, Backer Rd – had meeting Monday by phone with Steve Hoover; County is 2.7 million in the hole; lost \$400,000 from casinos, Federal Government has proposed funding directly to counties – not to states; County does have 27 million in Fund Balance which is earmarked for certain things therefore, limited on where it can be spent; may be back to where county should be by 2023

Closed 8:08pm

**Resolutions:**

Resolution for Mass Gatherings was already passed under Old Business

Motion made by Phelps; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Collier to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.

CARRIED: ALL