

May 14, 2020

Minutes of the Town Board of the Town of Catlin held May 14, 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, Eugene Unwin, Catherine Edwards and Dave Silvernail
Supervisor LaVerne Phelps and Attorney John Mustico

Public Hearing – Mass Public Gatherings:

Attorney Mustico lead the Public Hearing by giving the rules for said hearing.

Opened for public comment at 7:03pm – no one commented – motion by Attorney Mustico to close the public hearing at 7:04pm.

Minutes: Dave Silvernail questioned amending Resolution 20-54 concerning cold storage building whereas the board passed funding at \$125,000; but the \$500 filing fee was not mentioned.

Supervisor responded no as the filing fee is not included in the construction fee; filing fee part of funding process.

Motion made by Collier; 2nd by Unwin to accept and place on file Town Clerk's minutes of April 9, 2020 as submitted.

CARRIED: ALL

Correspondence:

- Constellation energy rates: town is currently paying .047 per kilowatt; new charge to be .042
- Animal Control Intermunicipal Agreement renewal

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

CARRIED: ALL

Departmental Reports:

- Cold Storage Building – construction will begin 2 weeks once released from COVID-19 restrictions
- NYS Route 414 natural gas lines will be replaced; also doing Beaver Valley Housing Project area
- CEO Report – BM Silvernail requested page 2 to be put into his mailbox as he received page 1 only
- Assessor Report – at 98% valuation for 2020; BM Edwards stated need to have discussion about getting back to 100%; data inventory or trending will need to be used to acquire the 100%

Motion made by Collier; 2nd by Unwin to received and place on file all Departmental Reports as submitted.
CARRIED: ALL

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Budget Modification:

Due to COVID-19 NY PAUSE, New York State; Chemung County and all Town Governments are experiencing a decrease in Sales Tax Revenue; need to move money around to meet current needs.

- SALES TAX: Reduced by \$70,227; County talking about 30% cut
- CHIPS: Do not have any specifics on this yet; possible 15% cut
- AIM: \$3,715 reduction; expect a 15% cut
- MORTGAGE TAX: 15% cut
- INTEREST & PENALTIES: \$455 increase received
- MILLENNIUM PIPELINE: \$10,000 increase; the 1st of 2 yearly checks came in larger than

The budget has taken some hits, but with the modifications, the Town is in decent shape, money-wise.

Motion for Resolution 20-58 made by Collier; 2nd by Unwin granting modifications to the 2020 budget as requested.

CARRIED: ALL

Abstracts

Motion for Resolution 20-59 made by Phelps; 2nd by Collier approving abstracts for payment as submitted.

CARRIED: ALL

Beaver Valley Water District:

Supervisor Phelps – not much going on

Old Business:

- Cold Storage – paper work from contractor is in order; Town Attorney and Insurance has looked over; MLC Leasing is all set
- IT Update – waiting for Chemung County to get us up and running; everyone to have their own mailbox and there will also be a shared box

New Business:

- Town Hall opening to appointments only May 18th
- Courts being guided by NYS Uniform Courts; possibly open May 30th
- Mass Gatherings – add to Use Table – LL2 2020
- Budget update – taken care of with Budget Modification
- Animal Control – 1 year at \$800 per month

Public Hearing:

No one Spoke

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Resolutions:

Motion for Resolution 20-60 made by Collier; 2nd by Unwin amending LL3 of 1999 Use Table to include "Mass Public Gatherings" with Local Law 2 of 2020.

CARRIED: ALL

Motion for Resolution 20-61 made by Collier; 2nd by Unwin authorizing Supervisor Phelps to enter into contract with the City of Elmira for animal control for \$9600.00 for time period commencing May 1, 2020 and expiring April 30, 2021.

CARRIED: ALL

Motion to adjourn made by Unwin; 2nd by Collier.

CARRIED: ALL