

**Town of Candor
101 Owego Road
Candor, New York 13743
Regular Meeting of February 13, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of February 13, 2024 was called to order at 6:00 pm with the signing of the vouchers by the Board members. At 7:00 pm The Board opened with a Prayer and The Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Clm. Reichert, Clm. Leonard, Supervisor Strosahl, Clm. Rader, Clm. Evans, Attorney Pelella.

Others Present: Clerk Irizarry, Highway Superintendent Whatley, Highwayman Judy Krebs, Press Anne Stout, Webmaster Malone, Engineer Murray, Dog Control Officer Liske, Planning Board Chairperson Beebe, EMS Hammond, and one Candor resident.(Roger)

Privilege of the Floor: EMS Hammond began with a summary of the month. He stated for the month of January there were 67 calls, 43 billable calls, 2 “code 2” dropped calls, and an average response time of 2 minutes 30 seconds. EMS Hammond presented the Board with the 2023 Year End Report. He went on to say EMS covered 97 percent of the calls. There were 771 calls for service, response time was under 2 minutes and the time to get to a patient was averaged at 8 minutes 42 seconds. Payroll is going well he stated and billing is also good. EMS has been involved in the community throughout the year. EMS Hammond said morale is good at the station. Clm. Leonard requested a breakdown of the staff at EMS. Clm. Reichert said she’d send the breakdown to him.

Supervisor Strosahl explained there was no meeting in January because of a power outage.

Privilege of the Floor: Planning Board Chairperson Beebe took the floor next with an update on the Planning Board activities. Art Cacciola will be attending the conference in NYC. The site for the go kart track has been moved from off Dewey Road to Kathy Haner’s land. They have met with them closely to make everything on the “up and up” Beebe says. The Planning Board is working on the Comprehensive Plan at every meeting. Chairperson Beebe handed out to the Board the comment sheets from the survey. The Comprehensive Plan should be ready for The Board by July.

The Planning Board also is working on the Fee Schedule. They worked with Code Enforcer Yacopino and added and deleted and reduced a few fees. A draft will be given to the Board by the 5th of March.

The Planning Board is trying to update the Town Laws and get them on the website.

M-1 Clm. Reichert motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to accept the minutes from December 12, 2023. Clm. Leonard and Clm. Evans abstained. All in favor.

M-2 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to approve the January 2, 2024 Organizational Meeting minutes with the revisions read by Clm. Reichert. All in favor.

M-3 Clm. Reichert motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to accept Abstract 13 in which the General Fund was \$19,474.11 and the Highway Fund was \$14,166.24. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, and Evans-aye.

M-4 Clm. Reichert motioned seconded by Clm. Leonard to accept Abstract 14 in which the General Fund is \$1381.61 and the Highway Fund spent \$8666.37. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye and Evans-aye.

M-5 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to accept Abstract 1 with the General Fund at \$14,627.23. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, and Evans-aye.

M-6 Clm. Rader motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to accept Abstract 2 with the General Fund spending \$35,406.07 and the Highway Fund spending \$113,375.50 and the T & A Fund at \$477,697.00. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, and Evans-aye.

Supervisor Strosahl stated the Town Hall and Town Barn Inventory for 2024 has been completed. The Town Hall inventory is \$51,745.63 and the Town Barn inventory is \$3,265,622.67 for a total of \$3,317,368.30.

M- 7 Clm. Evans motioned seconded by Clm. Reichert to approve the Town Hall and Town Barn 2024 Inventory. All in favor.

Supervisor Strosahl shared with the Board that the AUD Annual Audit has been submitted and approved by the State.

Assessor: No report.

Board of Appeals: Clm. Leonard stated they are looking into some training and seeking new members.

Buildings and Grounds: Clm. Reichert stated the bids for mowing the Town Hall and the cemeteries should be out so they can be back by the April 9th Board Meeting. Supervisor Strosahl will get bulbs for the parking lot lights.

Clm. Leonard discussed the Barden cemetery in which Attorney Pelella will research Legal Notice wording to inform the community of available burial plots and get back with him about this. Clm. Leonard would like to work with the attorney to do this properly if The Board is in agreement.

Code Enforcement: Clm. Evans summarized Code Enforcer Yacopino's report to The Board.

Dog Control: Supervisor Strosahl stated there is no contract yet. Clm. Reichert stated we will use last year's contract fees.

Highway: This was Superintendent Whatley's first Board Meeting report. He began by stating Bush Road has been cleaned up. Attorney Pelella will look into the legalities of the storage of the items removed from Bush Road.

Superintendent Whatley is interested in widening Logan Hill Road. He says the fence is too close to the road.

The crew will be working on Reservoir Hill Road and don't feel good about digging around the pipeline so close and may be worked on in April.

The pole barn will be cleared out and items will be scrapped or made surplus if necessary.

Superintendent Whatley received quotes for a mini excavator. Clm. Leonard will look into the Procurement Policy. Prices range from \$105,000 to \$216,000.

The sand pile is three quarters full and they might run out of room for the salt that will be coming. Supervisor Strosahl said he feels Superintendent Whatley is doing fine.

Engineer Murray spoke about Prospect Valley Bridge project. He's been working with LaBella. They need approval from the Town before moving forward on the project. Engineer Murray passed out a handout of the easements to the Board.

M-8 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to be in agreement with Ball, Gruber and VanEtten for the right of ways to access for the Prospect Valley Road Bridge Replacement. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, and Evans-aye.

Engineer Murray would like to meet with Superintendent Whatley and DOT to maybe adjust the height of the bridge based on the 25, 50, or 100 year rain events. A Friday meeting is potentially the meeting time.

Justice: Supervisor Strosahl stated an audit was done on the Justice and has come out "perfect".

M-9 Clm. Rader motioned seconded by Clm. Reichert to accept the Justice Audit. All in favor.

Old Business

Supervisor Strosahl explained the \$12 increase in the R.E.A.P annual invoice.

M-10 Clm. Reichert motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to approve and pay the \$1062 invoice to R.E.A.P Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, And Evans-aye.

Supervisor Strosahl gave an update on the LED sign. He and former Clm. Douglas will work on opening up the non-working side to troubleshoot.

New Business

Supervisor Strosahl stated Art Cacciola will be attending the conference in NYC by the Association of Towns.

M-11 Clm. Reichert motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to approve Art Cacciola to go to the Association of Towns Conference in NYC. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, and Evans-aye.

Dog Control Officer Liske arrived late then handed out The 2024 Stray Haven Contract to The Board. She has looked it over and said some wording has been changed and there were no changes in care of animals and no increases in fees. Stray Haven has not passed inspection and has some violations.

M-12 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Reichert to accept the 2024 Stray Haven Contract. Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-nay, and Evans-nay. Passes 3-2.

Dog Control Officer Liske went on to explain the increase in her mileage to The Board.

Supervisor Strosahl shared that the price for a replacement generator for the Town Hall from Carson's is \$54,900. He suggested it be put up for bid based on the Procurement Policy. It is a 38 kilowatt generator by Koehler run by natural gas. It was suggested by Clm. Leonard to put out to bid by the company's suggestion on the size of generator. A generator is necessary because The Town Hall is designated as an Emergency Shelter.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:43 pm and out at 9:07pm. Back in Regular Meeting 9:07pm.

M-13 Clm. Evans motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to give the Highway Superintendent's foreman a \$1 an hour raise. All in favor.

M-14 Clm. Evans motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm.