

**Town of Candor
101 Owego Road
Candor, New York 13743
Regular Meeting of July 9, 2024**

Present: Clm. Reichert, Clm. Leonard, Supervisor Strosahl, Clm. Rader, Clm. Evans, Attorney Pelella, Superintendent Whatley, Clerk Irizarry.

Others Present: EMS Hammond, Webmaster Malone, Press Anne Stout, Becky Wakeman, Trout Unlimited Allen Peterson, Planning Board Chair Beebe, 1 resident.

The meeting began at 6:00 pm with signing of the vouchers by The Board. At 7:00 pm The Board began with a Prayer and The Pledge of Allegiance.

Privilege of the Floor: Allen Peterson from Trout Unlimited took the floor and introduced himself. He is a retired fish and wildlife biologist and worked at NYSEG, and now is a volunteer regional coordinator for Trout Unlimited. His purpose was to introduce the idea of a fish ladder for the upper dam here in Candor by the Dandy Mart. The Owego Creek System is the largest system in NY for brook trout and the dam may or may not affect the trout as being a barrier when trout are spawning. A fish ladder may allow the trout to return up the creek to spawn. Trout Unlimited wants to protect and restore the Owego Creek System for the trout and remove or change any barrier to make a “fish passageway” for the trout since they are migratory seasonally. He wanted to know thoughts of The Board if there was interest in making a fish ladder to allow trout to move freely up and down stream. Peterson went on to say there is grant money available to pay for this project through DEC and Fish and Wildlife service. He presented a summary fact sheet of Trout Unlimited to The Board. Downsides of this project, he said, first that the project is done and fish don’t use it. Secondly, there would be more people fishing and there would be a need for “people management” in the small area possibly leaving behind garbage. Lastly this takes a long time to finish. Possibly up to 10 years. The Board showed an interest to start the process of preliminary study of either options, removing the dam or make a bypass for the trout or leave it alone.

Privilege of the Floor: EMS Hammond took the floor next. He stated there were 82 total calls, 56 billable calls, and 14 calls outside of the primary district. There were 7 “code 2” calls and 6 of them were covered. This led to 99.9 percent of the total calls so far being covered. For the year now there are over 400 calls.

The new vehicle is now certified as a “Paramedic Fly Car”.

The Summer Letter is going out to the Candor residents and in it includes some of the billing explanations and was written with the help of a lawyer.

There was continued discussion about billing practices and the hardship application process.

Privilege of the Floor: Chairperson Robin Beebe took the floor and stated the Planning Board has recommended Susan Evans as the Planning Board Interim Chair beginning August 1, 2024. The Board will approve later in the meeting.

Privilege of the Floor: A resident who wanted to be recognized only as a concerned citizen in the minutes stated that Bush Road is still a problem. There were three cars in the road again and very little of the road pavement left to go around them.

M-48 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to accept the minutes of June 11, 2024. Clm. Evans and Reichert abstained.

M-49 Clm. Reichert motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to accept and pay the vouchers. The General Fund spent \$268,140.35 and the Highway Fund spent \$95,225.11. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, Evans-aye.

Assessor- No report.

Board of Appeals: Clm. Leonard stated at the meeting of the Board of Appeals they denied the Variance that was presented to them. The code enforcer's decision was upheld. The notice to the owner had been sent to remove the trailer on Howard Hill within 60 days.

Buildings and Grounds: Supervisor Strosahl opened the paving bids for the Pavilion and parking lot of the Town Hall.

Spencer Paving	\$60,884 for the parking lot and \$30,338 for the Pavilion.
Broome Bituminous	\$67,740 for the parking lot and Pavilion.

M-50 Clm. Rader motioned seconded by Clm. Reichert to accept Broome Bituminous bid for paving the Town Hall parking lot and the Pavilion for \$67,740. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye Leonard-nay, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, Evans-aye.

Supervisor Strosahl stated he will get in touch with the Candor Community Beautification to remove the white boxes being stored at the Pavilion.

He will look into finishing off the second bathroom at the Pavilion and contract someone out for it.

The generator is not in yet.

Cemeteries: Clm. Leonard stated he is willing to oversee the options to offer plots for the Fairfield cemetery (he misspoke by calling it Barden cemetery) He worked with Attorney Pelella on logistics of this project. All burial costs would be on the family not the town. The Board showed some interest however it's tabled until next month.

Code Enforcement: Clm. Evans summarized Code Enforcer Yacopino's report. 7 permits completed, 5 open violations. The Board is happy with the detailed summary report from Code Enforcer Yacopino.

Dog Control: Clm. Rader read an email from the Executive Director Sarah Hogan of Stray Haven to The Board. In it was stated on June 25, 2024 the month went much better. Two more things need correcting she said but all other violations have passed inspection. There are new animal care staffers and the pest control is getting better.

Highway: Superintendent Whatley gave the Board a new 284 Agreement for 3 road repairs to approve.

M-51 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to accept the 284 Agreement. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, Evans-aye.

A resident, Roger Jantz stated that on Wright Road there was road damage and no cones to indicate or warn of it .He stated a liability to the Town. Superintendent Whatley stated that the cones were put

there but were thrown into the bushes. Dewey Road he said should be repaired as well. The predicted time frame for that repair is the fall stated Superintendent Whatley.

Clm. Reichert went on to clarify a “Loan Grant” that was offered by USDA to purchase highway department equipment. The Board had no interest in this because it was a loan for an equipment purchase not a full grant. The town does not want to be in debt and also does not want to pay interest on a loan.

Clm. Evans suggested signs for horse and buggy on certain roads.

Planning Board:

M-52 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Reichert to accept Susan Evans as the interim Chairperson of the Planning Board. All in favor. Clm. Evans abstained.

Clm. Evans explained the Planning Board continues working on The Comprehensive Plan.

Clm. Evans stated lighting should still be put at the entrance of the Town Hall driveway for better visibility Supervisor Strosahl will follow up on it.

M-53 Clm. Evans motioned seconded by Clm. Reichert to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:50 pm. All in favor.

Carol Irizarry
Town Clerk