

**Town of Candor
101 Owego Road
Candor, New York 13743
Regular Meeting of June 11, 2024**

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

Others Present: EMS Hammond, Webmaster Malone, Engineer Murray, Don Slater, Becky Wakeman.

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

Supervisor Strosahl opened The Public Hearing for a discussion about The Franchise Agreement for Spectrum. The Board reviewed the agreement. Supervisor Strosahl asked three times if there were any questions. The Public Hearing was then closed.

M-42 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to accept the Franchise Agreement. All in favor.

The Regular Meeting began.

Privilege of The Floor: Resident Don Slater took the floor with his concern over the Highway Department drivers. He stated the drivers of the trucks go too fast around Delray, Church and Foundry Streets. He wanted his concern to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Superintendent Whatley stated he will speak to all the drivers. Supervisor Strosahl stated the procedure is a verbal warning first followed by a written warning then lastly a disciplinary action taken. EMS Hammond shared that there is a LENS program that the ambulance squad has whereby any time a driver is stopped for and violation he is quickly notified about it. Supervisor Strosahl thinks the LENS program is an excellent idea.

Privilege of the Floor: EMS Hammond summarized the month of May. He stated there were 52 calls in total with 36 billable calls. The average response time was one minute 58 seconds. They covered 2 "code 2" calls and dropped only 1 "code 2" call. They also assisted in Newark Valley and Ithaca. EMS Hammond said billing is "pretty good". He said there has been a lot of discussion with the billing department throughout the month because of the billing issues that were discussed at the last Board Meeting. There were 3 other residents who were affected by the incorrect bills and received refunds. The squad follows the Ambulance Mandate of 2002 in which they collect copays and deductibles based on their health insurance. The billing is done "it should be done" he stated. Direct Pay goes into effect in 2025. Discussion went on about how some residents receive insurance payments and do not pay the ambulance bills. Becky Wakeman stated she still hasn't received her refund. The EMS Open House and ice cream social went well. EMS purchased a used Ford Explorer for a quick response vehicle. This vehicle allows half the crew to go on a call and leave the other half of the crew for another call with the ambulance.

M-43 Clm. Rader motioned seconded by Clm. Leonard to approve the Special Meeting minutes. All in favor. It was at the time not known that they were approved at the May 14, 2024 Board Meeting.

M-44 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to approve the minutes of May 14, 2024 as amended with one correction. All in favor.

M-45 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to accept and pay the vouchers. The General Fund spent \$21,166.22 and the Highway Fund spent \$224,069.68. Roll Call Vote: Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye.

Assessor: No report.

Board of Appeals: Clm. Leonard stated they have a Public Hearing this month for a variance.

Buildings and Grounds: Supervisor Strosahl stated the water is on in the Pavilion bathroom and is ready for the Farmer's Market.

Cemeteries: Supervisor Strosahl stated there were extra mows for six of the cemeteries. Clm. Leonard mentioned to Attorney Pelella that he reworded the notes for potential cemetery plot purchases. The discussion is ongoing about whether the Town wants to do this. This is tabled to next meeting.

Code Enforcement: Clm. Leonard read to The Board the Code Enforcers report for the month. Code Enforcer Yacopino provided a list of current open permits for The Board at the request of Clm. Evans.

Dog Control: Clm. Rader stated the Stray Haven Shelter is still not Satisfactory according to Ag and Markets report. She talked to the manager Sarah at Stray Haven and was assured by her that the problems will be addressed. They have hired more people, however the problems still exist stated Clm. Rader.

Highway: Superintendent Whatley said the new truck is in at Binghamton Body.

Next week paving starts.

Another 284 Agreement will be ready for next Board Meeting.

Supervisor Strosahl asked Superintendent Whatley if he could re crown a specific road near Rudy Lawrence's house and Superintendent Whatley has seen this and will try to get to it.

Clm. Leonard asked if The Bush Road letter went out in the mail. Superintendent Whatley replied yes. Tire cleanup went well with a full trailer of tires.

Engineer Murray shared with The Board an update on the Prospect Valley Road bridge replacement. It has taken longer than anticipated to receive closing documents for the easements. There will be June submission to the DOT then bids in August or September It t looks like the bulk of work will be in 2025. Engineer Murray said there are yellow and red flags on VanDerpool Road and he's working with the DOT about it. Engineer Murray would like to see Delta come to look at the corrosion as the last time was a few years ago.

Justice: No report.

Planning Board: No report.

Old Business

Supervisor Strosahl stated that paving of the Town Hall parking lot is out for bid and Tuesday the 18 th is the deadline to get the bids in. Discussion will continue on the paving of the parking lot at July's Board Meeting.

New Business

Supervisor Strosahl shared the Hazardous Mitigation Plan with The Board. Clm. Leonard read the Resolution to The Board. This included larger culverts, new pipes, cut ash trees near the Catatonk Creek and dyke work for flooding, explained Supervisor Strosahl.

M-46 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to approve The Hazardous Mitigation Resolution. All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor: Superintendent Whatley asked permission from The Board to follow up on a grant for the Highway Department to use for equipment. Supervisor Strosahl suggested a meeting with him and get more information about this. Superintendent Whatley would like to get a lawn tractor mower worth about \$150,000. A meeting will be set up maybe Tuesday with Supervisor Strosahl, Superintendent Whatley and Town Clerk Irizarry.

M-47 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. All in favor.

Carol Irizarry
Town Clerk