

**Town of Candor  
101 Owego Road  
Candor, New York 13743  
Regular Meeting of May 14, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of May 14, 2024 began at 6:00 pm with 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 and Clm. Evans.

**Others Present:** EMS Hammond, Superintendent Whatley, Highwayperson Judy Krebs, Clerk Irizarry, Webmaster Malone.

**Guests:** Candy Ross, Becky Wakeman, Robin Beebe.

**Privilege of the Floor:** Robin Beebe took the floor to explain that she has given her letter of resignation to The Board from the Planning Board effective July 1, 2024. She stated the first draft of The Comprehensive Plan should be to The Board by then. She then stated the Fee Schedule was agreed upon by the Planning Board with the one minor change and is ready to go on the website.

**M-32** Clm. Evans motioned seconded by Clm. Leonard to accept Robin Beebe's resignation. All in favor.

**Privilege of the Floor:** EMS Hammond summarized the month of April for The Board. There were 67 calls total. The average response time was 2 minutes 12 seconds with 52 billable calls. There was 1 "code 2" call dropped, 2 "code 2" covered, 6 mutual aid calls and 2 calls for controlled substance.

On May 23, 2024 there will be an Open House at the EMS building. There will be ice cream and a movie for the kids. The fire department and the sheriff department will be there as well. There will be CPR demonstrations and they are trying to get the DEC there with hunting and fishing information.

The Mother's Day BBQ went well and was a sellout.

EMS Hammond shared the year to date statistics. There were 262 calls and the ambulance squad covered 99.1 percent of the calls. There were only 3 dropped calls for the year. 42 percent required advanced life support, and 32 percent were covered by basic life support. He stated payroll and the budget looks "pretty good".

He is working on getting more information to the public about the EMS billing practices. There is now a local phone number on the bill so residents are able to call directly with and questions or concerns about their bill.

Two more juniors have applied to the EMS Junior program.

**Privilege of the Floor:** Becky Wakeman took the floor next with concerns about the EMS billing. She feels there is an "unwritten policy" of EMS that people are unaware of. This is when town residents and landowners are not responsible for the rest of the bill after insurance pays their portion. EMS Hammond stated that is for Medicare and Medicaid insurance not necessarily private insurance. She overpaid her bill and has since reached out to EMS Hammond and they will work together to get her reimbursed. She asked the Board to collaborate with EMS for some "checks and balances" of the EMS services and billing practices. EMS Hammond stated he will work with the billing company to go back through to see if there are other scenarios like this in the past two years. Clm. Rader thanked Becky for bringing this to the attention of The Board.

**M- 33** Clm. Reichert motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to accept the April minutes as amended. All in favor.

**M- 34** Clm. Reichert motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to accept the minutes of The Special Meeting of May 2 as read by Clerk Irizarry. All in favor. Clm. Evans abstained.

**M-35** Clm. Reichert motioned seconded by Clm. Leonard to approve and pay the vouchers. The General Fund spent \$\$28964.51 and The Highway Fund spent \$72,211.71. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, Evans-aye.

**M-36** Clm. Reichert motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to approve the Budget Transfer of \$100,000 from DA3505 Bridge NY to DA5120.401 Bridges Contractual for the cost of Prospect Valley Bridge. A Roll Call was conducted but unnecessary. All in favor.

**M-37** Clm. Reichert motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to approve The Budget Transfer of \$4770 from B1990.400 Contingency to B3010.400 Code Enforcement Contractual to cover the cost of the Code Enforcers work vehicle transmission. All in favor.

**M-38** Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to approve the Budget Transfer of \$3812.00 from A1990.400 Contingency to A1950.400 Taxes Paid Municipal for \$3800 and A1989.400 R.E.A.P for \$12. All in favor.

**Assessor:** No report.

**Board of Appeals:** Clm. Leonard said the Board of Appeals tabled the discussion of Howard Hill because no one showed up.

The Board of Appeals reposted the vacancy on the Board of Appeals.

Grievance Day is May 29 from 4pm – 8 pm.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Clm. Leonard drafted a letter for the resident on Bush Road and the debris pile the Highway Department has of his. Once Attorney Pelella sees it then it can be sent and then move forward on that.

Supervisor Strosahl stated he will be getting the Pavilion ready for the Farmers Market by opening up the restroom.

**Code Enforcement:** Clm. Evans read the Code Enforcers report. Clm. Evans requested that any building permits be given to the Planning Board including addresses. Supervisor Strosahl will mention it to Code Enforcer Yacopino.

**Dog Report:** Clm. Rader received a report from Stray Haven inspection. It is still unsatisfactory. Clm. Rader will Call Ag and Mrkts since she is the committee chairperson and find out what they can do about the unsatisfactory conditions of the facility and then let the Board know the outcome.

**Highway:** Superintendent Whatley obtained the broom and it is working well.

Superintendent Whatley presented the Board with a 284 Agreement to work on 4 roads. They are Osovski Rd, Whitmarsh Rd, Wright Rd and Vanderpool Rd totaling \$399,899.43 out of \$549,776.37 of total CHIPS.

**M-39** Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to approve the 284 Agreement to fix the four roads indicated. Roll Call Vote once agreement is signed. Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader –aye and Evans-aye.

**Justice:** No report.

**Planning Board:** Clm. Evans stated the Fee Schedule is ready to go forward and are finalizing The Comprehensive Plan. The final version of the Fee Schedule will be sent to Webmaster Malone to put on the website.

### **Old Business**

Supervisor Strosahl reminded everyone of the E Waste, Paper Shredding and Tire Clean Up for The Village and The Town on June 7 and June 8. An ad will go in the paper soon.

The Board is still waiting on generator bids. They are due in by May 20, 2024.

Clm. Reichert and Clm. Evans made a spreadsheet of the Relief Expenditures of the Town. Total expenditures to date is approximately \$249,862 and the balance remaining is approximately \$179,982 to be spent by December.

Clm. Evans would like to see new parking lot lights when the lot and pavilion are being paved. Also a light should be placed by the old sign for better visibility.

Clm. Evans shared the death of Peter Ward. Clm. Evans would like to see a memorial or a dedication in his name for all he has contributed to the community. Supervisor Strosahl would like to send flowers to the funeral from the Town when the time comes. Clm. Evans will look into a memorial for Peter Ward.

### **New Business**

A Public Hearing is scheduled for June 11,2024 to discuss the Franchise Agreement with Time Warner at 7 pm before the Town Hall Board Meeting. Supervisor Strosahl will discuss putting an ad in the paper with Clerk Irizarry.

Supervisor Strosahl suggests paving of the parking lot and Pavilion. It will go out for bids. It will be just under \$100,000. There was much discussion on the importance of paving. And possibly other options for spending the federal relief money.

Webmaster Malone stated Digital Towpath is updating the website and interface. She stated it may be approximately \$3500 and suggested some of the money go to that. It could be done possibly by August.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:21pm and out 8:34pm. Back into regular session at 8:34.

**M-40** Clm. Evans moved seconded by Clm. Leonard to allow Superintendent Whatley to hire Rob Teribury as a laborer at \$18 per hour.

**M-41** Clm. Reichert moved seconded by Clm. Evans to adjourn at 8:40 pm

