

**Town of Candor  
101 Owego Road  
Candor, New York 13743  
Public Hearing March 11, 2025**

**Present:** Clm. Reichert, Clm. Leonard, Supervisor Strosahl, Clm. Rader, Attorney Pelella, Code Enforcer Yacopino, Superintendent Whatley, Clerk Irizarry. Clm. Evans was excused.

**Others Present:** EMS Hammond, Dog Control Officer Liske, Webmaster Malone and approximately 50 residents.

At 6:00 pm, The Board signed the vouchers.

At 7:00 pm, Supervisor Strosahl began a Prayer and The Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Strosahl then opened the Public Hearing for the Racetrack Permit. The public began to voice their concerns over the Adrenaline Racetrack. The floor was open to anyone who wanted to speak. One resident shared that the racetrack was loud. The motors at one time for hours to her was "loud and grates on nerves." She suggested electric racecars. Clm. Leonard reminded the public the discussion was with the Board not between residents. Going green would be no problem then with her.

Another resident said the racetrack is too close to others property. He said he was told to "go somewhere else "if they do not want to hear the racetrack. He said some residents pay a lot of taxes and the racetrack is close to their property and they were not informed of it until it was put there.

Another resident said they were told it was a good spot for the racetrack.

A resident wanted to know what waivers were given. Clm. Leonard stated none were given yet.

A resident stated they just want the racetrack to follow the law. They stated in order to issue a permit the rules have to be followed and have fresh start. An independent contractor should do the testing of the decibels level she suggested. Supervisor Strosahl stated Code Enforcer has to do the testing so is able to fine them if needed if there are high decibel levels.

Clm. Rader asked if the Adrenaline Raceway is registered as a business. She was told it will be before the end of the year. The permit is given to the person not the business stated Supervisor Strosahl.

Another resident stated this is the only track he knows of where the entrance fee and the racing is free for the kids. Everything is focused on racing for the kids he stated. He also stated it is a revenue maker for the town of Candor.

Supervisor Strosahl stated that some sales tax revenue from Dandy mart sales does go to the town of Candor.

A resident stated that they spend \$50 to \$100 in Candor before buying gas for the go-karts. It is a way to learn responsibility, friendship and building community through the racetrack.

Another resident stated there has to be a designated fuel stop for the go-karts and the Dandy would be that fuel stop.

Another resident stated there is not much available for the kids in Candor and let the kids have fun.

Resident Gary read from a letter that was provided to The Board. It questioned how the Town of Candor followed the purpose of the local Racetrack Law which is to protect the health and welfare of the residents. The letter stated the racetrack should request a new permit following the rules and not a renewal. They are not against the racetrack just want the rules followed.

Code Enforcer Yacopino stated that waivers give the Town the ability to adjust for certain situations.

Clm. Leonard explained the process moving forward. First a motion is made, seconded, then discussion, then a vote and all recorded by the Town Clerk.

Supervisor Strosahl closed The Public Hearing 7:30 pm.

**M-13** Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Supervisor Strosahl to renew the racetrack permit waiving the sound test report. The Code Enforcer will be required to do sound testing by waiving 4.3A1. Clm. Leonard read the requirements in 4.3 of the Racetrack Law that are fulfilled by the racetrack. He stated cost reduction for the permit, which was asked for, is not granted.

Leonard -aye, Strosahl-aye, Reichert-opposed, Rader-opposed. Motion failed. A full renewal request is now required for the Adrenaline Racetrack. They should follow 4.2 to reapply as a full permit request.

**Privilege of the Floor:** EMS Hammond summarized the month of February for The Board. They had 73 calls, average 2 minutes 7 seconds out the door, 54 or 55 billable calls, and outside primary district 14 times. Two times narcotics were used. Mutual aid for Owego has increased but EMS is not losing any calls in Candor.

EMS Hammond shared he was on WEBO today. He gave some flyers for Make EMS Essential and expanding the definition of EMS. There is a petition to send to the Governor to inform the importance of EMS.

EMS is working on Grants again this year. They now have portable ventilators, which are similar to the ones on the helicopters for EMS care.

USDA grant money is secured this year, which is \$112,000. They are working on final preparations for the ambulance purchase. It is a four-wheel drive Ford F 450.

There is an Open House in May during EMS week. In addition, the Mother's Day chicken BBQ is coming up in May.

**M-14** Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Reichert to approve the January 2, 2025 Organizational Meeting minutes. All aye. Clm. Rader abstained.

Supervisor Strosahl excused himself from the Board Meeting. Deputy Supervisor Reichert resumed the meeting.

**M-15** Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to approve the February 11, 2025 minutes with two edits. All in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Supervisor Reichert stated the Highway Fund spent \$73,438 and the General Fund spent \$98,613.

**M-16** Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to approve the vouchers of the General and Highway Funds. Roll Call Vote: Leonard-aye, Reichert-aye Rader-aye.

**Assessor:** No report.

**Board of Appeals:** Clm. Leonard shared with the Board that two Amish (a farmer and a builder) attended the Board of Appeals meeting and stated they were very grateful for the Highway Department that plows their roads because they stop to let the horses pass. If the plow trucks did not stop the horse will not pass.

**Buildings and Grounds:** No report.

**Cemeteries:** Clm. Leonard stated mowing is starting soon. Superintendent Whatley shared that on Schumacher Road there is a cemetery that he believes belongs to the Town of Candor. Deputy Supervisor Reichert will verify with Denise the Assessor if it does belong to the Town.

**Code Enforcement:** Code Enforcer Yacopino read his summary of the month. It was a slow February. There are 2 building permits issued and 15 building permits opened. There was one building permit completed and three violations.

**Dog Control:** Dog Control Officer Liske asked who should be finding a kennel because it is going on three months with no place to bring stray dogs. Officer Liske says this is a disservice to the community .Clm. Rader says there is not a pathway for finding a kennel. At this point, there is no solution. Discussion continued about the need of a kennel for the Town. Deputy Supervisor Reichert said the Town would call the County to try to solve this.

**Highway:** Superintendent Whatley stated there are 284 Agreements at next meeting.

**Justice:** Clm. Reichert stated Justice Department received two new computers from the State.

**Planning Board:** Chairperson Susan Evans stated that this month they did a Site Plan Review for Fairfield Meats.

The newest member would like to go to the Planning Federation Conference in Cooperstown for training. Maximum would be approximately \$1000.

**M-17** Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to send one member to the Planning Federation Conference in Cooperstown. Roll Call Vote: Leonard-aye, Reichert-aye, Rader-aye.

#### **Old Business**

Clm. Leonard stated we are going to a .gov website. The name of the domain needed to be chosen. TownofCandorNY.gov was agreed upon.

#### **New Business**

Clm. Reichert opened the bids for demolition of 384 Owego Road, Candor.

Short Construction & Landscaping	\$18,200.00
Dan's Hauling & Demo Inc.	\$ 43,400.00
Rimbey Construction	\$44,157.54
Martin's Tree Service	\$12,000.00

The Board agreed to not choose any of these bids. The Highway Department will then take this job. Deputy Supervisor Reichert stated this comes out of the budget.

Deputy Supervisor Reichert will contact the Village about the shredding and e-waste pickup and will get with Superintendent Whatley with the dates.

Resident stated tires were in a ditch by their house and the tires were thrown down the hill. The Highway Department will go pick them up.

Clm. Leonard stated that the MICROD racetrack should go through the process of applying for a permit. They are a 501-3C but should still pay something for a permit stated Clm. Leonard. An initial permit should be requested in writing stated The Board.

Deputy Supervisor stated The Board would enter Executive Session for litigation matters.

Executive Session called to order at 8:48pm by Clm. Leonard and Deputy Supervisor Reichert.

Executive Session closed at 8:55 by Clm. Leonard and Clm. Rader

Open Regular Meeting at 8:56pm by Clm. Leonard and Clm. Rader.

Motion made by Clm. Leonard and seconded by Clm. Rader to spend up to \$3000 for appraisal services to Mike Coles @ Coles & Associates. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:57 pm by Clm. Leonard seconded by Clm. Rader. All in favor.