

**Town of Candor  
101 Owego Road  
Candor, New York 13743  
Regular Meeting of April 8, 2025**

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

**Others Present:** EMS Hammond, Press Anne Stout, Planning Board Chair Susan Evans, Webmaster Malone, and 1 resident.

**Guests:** Todd Metcalfe from General Code.

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

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

**Privilege of the Floor:** Todd Metcalfe from General Code began his presentation about the General Code. General Code is a codifier for over 65 years he stated. The purpose is to update codes and town laws on the computer from chronological order to logical order in “chapters” which is easier to find and a compacted form. Mr. Metcalf shared a finished book with The Board to show the finished product of the work he will do for the town. His proposal would include five books, an online version called e-code 360, a phone app available, and an e-code search availability. It could take approximately 18- 24 months to complete. A local law is written and provided to accept the Code. The Board was given a cost breakdown. The on-line version is \$1195 yearly plus the fees for updating. Usually towns will use a schedule by once or twice a year for updating called supplementation. Updating is encouraged , he stated, so as not to recodify or start all over again.

Clm. Evans asked if a grant was used by other towns to receive this service and /or help with the cost as in a discount. Mr. Metcalf suggested contacting the Department of Archives.

Clm. Reichert questioned if wording would be changed. The answer was no. The legal editor may suggest language but always approved by the Board. Multiple towns use this Code that are our same size of town. Mr. Metcalf thanked the Board for their time and the opportunity to share his presentation.

**Privilege of the Floor:** EMS Hammond took the floor next to summarize the month of March. There were 66 total calls with 42 billable calls. The average out of door time was 1 minute 52 seconds. EMS dropped three “code 2” calls and covered 2 “code 2” calls. There were 11 calls outside the primary district and 11 fire calls for the month of March. There will be the Mother’s Day chicken barbeque and an Open House coming up. In 14 to 16 months the new ambulance will be ready that was purchased with funding from a grant. EMS Hammond stated they are providing amazing care in a prompt, timely manner and Candor EMS would score very highly in State Grading Systems.

**M-18** Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Reichert to accept the minutes with one change in wording. All in favor. Clm. Evans abstained.

Supervisor Strosahl stated that the Highway Fund spent \$63,698.57 and the General Fund spent \$36,412.22.

**M-19** Clm. Evans motioned seconded by Clm. Leonard to approve the vouchers. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, Evans-aye.

**Assessor:** Clm. Reichert stated that Assessor Spaulding had 53 elderly, 3 clergy, 4 disability, 7 private forest, 198 agricultural renewals, and 36 new star exemptions from basic to senior, and 404 senior stars exemptions. Assessor Spaulding's term ends September 2025 and she wants the Board to appoint her for another six years.

**M-20** Clm. Reichert motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to appoint Denise Spaulding as Assessor for another six-year term until Sept 30, 2031. All in favor.

**Board of Appeals:** Clm. Leonard said they had a working meeting last meeting.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Supervisor Strosahl said the HVAC is complete. He will be turning on the water at the Pavilion for the Farmer's Market. Mowing bids are to be in April 29, 2025. Opening of those bids will be April 29, 2025 at noon by Clm. Reichert, Clm. Leonard, and Supervisor Strosahl and possibly by phone Clm. Evans.

Superintendent Whatley asked about the light at the end of the driveway. Supervisor Strosahl said the sign could come down and used for a light of some kind with the existing electricity.

**Code Enforcement:** Code Enforcer Yacopino summarized his monthly report for The Board. He said it was a slow month. There are 15 open permits, 1 building permit issued, 1 building permit completed, and 3 violations in the town pending.

**Dog Control:** Supervisor Strosahl stated he attended a Council Government Meeting in Owego. Owego is working with Broome County on a shelter for dogs and hoping to include Candor, Richford, Newark Valley and others.

**Highway:** Superintendent Whatley stated no word yet on CHIPS as their budget isn't out yet. The trees were removed and the bypass will be in by approximately May 15, 2025 for the Prospect Valley Bridge. Superintendent Whatley spoke with Soil and Water Department and inquired about a grant to fund the stone needed for Lower Fairfield Road and the Highway Department would do the work. He also stated two roads are ready for paving and he will present a 284 Agreement to The Board when it's prepared. The first two roads will be Southwick and Ott roads were done. Prospect Valley Road will be done to the bridge this year.

The tire trailer for the tire clean up will arrive the first week of June. The tire clean up is planned for June 6 and 7, Friday and Saturday. Clm. Reichert will work on an Ad for the paper.

**Justice:** Supervisor Strosahl stated the Justice Audit was completed for year 2024. It was "to the penny" he stated.

**M-21** Clm. Reichert motioned seconded by Clm. Leonard to accept the Justice Audit report. All in favor.

**Planning Board:** Planning Board Chair Susan Evans shared their newest member went to the Conference and said it was a great learning experience for him. Three candidates applied for the open position on the Planning Board. Chairperson Evans asked the Board to consider entering Executive Session to discuss the candidates.

## Old Business

Cm. Leonard worked with Southern Tier Microd for their racetrack permit. Cm. Leonard directed them the correct way to apply for a permit. Thomas Bellinger requested a permit. Some waivers were requested by him.

**M-22** Cm. Leonard motioned seconded by Cm. Reichert to approve the or a racetrack permit waiving the site plan review, SEQR, sound litigation plan, and also the traffic study as well as the fee for the permit as they are a not for profit organization. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, Evans-aye.

**M-23** Cm. Leonard motioned seconded by Cm. Rader to accept the Resolution for the Prospect Valley Bridge .Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, and Evans-aye.

Cm. Leonard spoke to the Board about the website. Townofcandorny.gov will be our new website domain name. Emails will have to change as well. IT will work with Digital Towpath for this.

Code Enforcer Yacopino shared that Candor creates only maybe one law a year so the General Code fees would not be as much as the Board thinks it may be. There are different packages to choose from he stated based on our need.

Supervisor Strosahl moved to Executive Session at 8:25 pm to discuss hiring new employees.

Executive Session ended at 9:03 pm.

The Board entered Regular Meeting at 9:03pm.

**M-24** Cm. Evans motioned seconded by Cm. Leonard to make a Roll Call Vote for Megan Pulver and Ellen Miller and John Baust to be on the Planning Board.

Megan Palver: Evans-aye, Reichert-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye.

Ellen Miller: Leonard-aye

John Baust: no votes for him.

**M-25** Cm. Evans motioned seconded by Cm. Rader to hire Chrstie Tredeau as Deputy Bookkeeper for three months with a \$3000 salary and work a minimum of 10 hours a week. All in favor.

**M-26** Cm. Motioned seconded by Cm. Reichert to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm. All in favor.

Carol Irizarry

Town Clerk