

**Town of Candor
101 Owego Road
Candor, New York 13743
Regular Meeting, December 10, 2024**

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

Others Present: EMS Hammond, Press Anne Stout, Engineer Murray, Angie Malone.

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

At 7:00 pm, Supervisor Strosahl led a Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Privilege of the Floor: EMS Hammond began with a summary of the month of November. There were 53 calls, with 39 of them billable. The average response time was 2minutes 22 seconds. There were 4 “code 2” calls and 1 dropped “code 2” call. Only one call required the use of a controlled substance. EMS has received their operating license and narcotics license, which allows them to continue to operate as an ambulance service. EMS is currently working on a grant proposal for additional equipment. They also received a grant from the Tioga Downs Grant Foundation, which will go toward updating the narcotics safes. EMS Hammond continued to share with the Board a program called a Staff Leasing Agreement. Staff will be available 6am to 6pm to help Nichols Fire District and Tioga Center with their ambulance needs. EMS Hammond stated he anticipates a Budget surplus this year. The call volume is already beyond what it was this time last year he said.

Privilege of the Floor: Engineer Murray discussed the Prospect Valley Bridge project. Copies of the Engineers Summary of Bids were given to Supervisor Strosahl and a handout of the financials was given to The Board. He discussed some of the dollar amounts for the project and stated, “We were in really good shape”. He reviewed the handout with The Board. Engineer Murray stated The Board needed to vote to proceed and accept the ING Civil bid, sign the contract, and write a Letter of Intent to award the contract.

M-83 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Reichert to accept the ING Civil bid. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Evans-aye.

M-84 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Evans for Supervisor Strosahl to sign the contract on behalf of the Town of Candor. All in favor.

Engineer Murray suggested a High School student be hired as an intern for this project from the beginning to give experience if they chose construction or engineering as their field of study.

M-85 Clm. Evans motioned seconded by Clm. Reichert to approve the minutes. All in favor.

Supervisor Strosahl stated The Board members have initialed the vouchers. The General Fund spent \$44,724.44 and the Highway Fund spent \$87,329.20.

M-86 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Reichert to approve the vouchers as stated. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Evans-aye.

Assessor: Clm. Reichert said no report. Clm. Leonard led a short discussion about the assessment of a property. The second appraiser of this property was costing less money than the first.

Board of Appeals: Clm. Leonard stated there was no meeting in November and there will be a Nomination for Chairman of the Board in December's meeting.

Buildings and Grounds: Supervisor Strosahl stated Sure Temp came to the Town Hall to check the generator. All is working well.

Cemeteries: No report.

Code Enforcement: Clm. Evans read a summary of Code Enforcer Yacopino's monthly report. There were 11 building permits issued in November, 22 active permits, 9 completed permits, and 3 violations.

Dog Control: Supervisor Strosahl stated the report from Stray Haven has not changed.

Highway: Superintendent Whatley stated they" are geared up for winter". He hired a new employee.

M-87 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to hire Tim Wilson at \$20 hourly. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Evans-aye.

Clm. Leonard wanted an update on the Bush Road issue. Superintendent Whatley said Valu Towing went up to get the truck in the road and it was removed. Clm. Leonard would like to see an opportunity for the resident to cover the bill for the towing of the vehicles. A letter will be served to the resident for the bill.

Justice: No report.

Planning Board: Clm. Evans submitted the signed resignation of Ken Kafka from the Planning Board. The Planning Board is still working on the Knox Box Law as well as updating the Racetrack Law and finishing the Comprehensive Plan stated Clm. Evans.

M-88 Clm. Evans motioned seconded by Clm. Reichert to accept Ken Kafka's resignation as of December 31. All in favor.

New Business

Supervisor Strosahl set a time of December 30 before noon for Board members to sign the vouchers for Abstract 13.

M-89 Clm. Reichert motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to approve the bookkeeper to make year-end Budget Transfers. All in favor.

Supervisor Strosahl suggested the 2025 Organizational Meeting be on January 2, 2025 at 5:30 pm. All the Board members agreed.

Clm. Leonard stated the start and end times of the Racetrack Law have been updated. 10 pm end times at all races and penalties will be posted in the Fee Schedule.

A Public Hearing on the updated Racetrack Law will be January 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm before the Regular Board Meeting. Clm. Reichert will not be present on the January 14, 2025 meeting.

The Racetrack Renewal Public Hearing will be in February of 2025.

Superintendent Whatley questioned the Board about a new Bucket Truck. Supervisor Strosahl stated Superintendent Whatley does not need approval to shop, look, or get bids on a Bucket Truck.

Angie Malone discussed the website with The Board members. She wrote a proposal to redesign and upgrade the website and gave each of the Board members a copy. She stated the software for the current website is obsolete so needs a new host. The Board wanted more information on this new website so no decision was made.

M-90 Clm. Evans motioned seconded by Clm. Reichert to adjourn the meeting at 8.09 pm. All in favor.