

**Town of Candor
101 Owego Road
Candor, New York 13743
Regular Meeting of April 9, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of April 9, 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, Cl. Rader, Clm. Evans, Attorney Pelella.

Others Present: Clerk Irizarry, Superintendent Whatley, EMS Hammond, Press Anne Stout, Webmaster Malone, Code Enforcer Yacopino, Engineer Murray.

Guests: Matt Crowe, Roger, Jim Tuccorelli, (spelling), Real Property Steve Palinosky.

Privilege of the Floor: Jim Tuorelli from 138 Howard Hill Rd took the floor about a piece of property purchased approximately 8 years ago. This trailer was there at the property approximately 13 years before he bought it. When first purchased code enforcers Douglas and Jerzak had it brought up to code by skirting and it would be in compliance. Now a neighbor is complaining that the trailer is not in compliance with code. Current Code Enforcer Yacopino gave a demolition permit for the removal of the trailer from the property. Code Enforcer Yacopino stated the determination of this issue is on the Planning Board and the Board of Appeals if they grant a variance, not the Town Board or himself. Code Enforcer Yacopino stated there is no paper work found, and no COO for this trailer and no inspections. To grandfather the clause cannot be done because procedures were not followed to code regulations explained Code Enforcer Yacopino. A building permit was given but no follow up. The violation given has been put on hold says Yacopino. Clm. Leonard stated the Board of Appeals is the “voice” for Mr. Tuorelli and Yacopino agrees. Attorney Pelella stated he would look into this further. Code Enforcer went on to explain the issues of the NYSEG wires near this trailer which is not a town issue. Mr. Tuorelli will go to the Board of Appeals as his next step and follow their recommendations. The Board thanked Code Enforcer Yacopino for the help he has given to Mr. Tuorelli.

Privilege of the Floor: EMS Hammond stated there was 58 total calls in March of which 42 calls were billable, 4 calls of mutual aid, no code 2 calls, and 2 calls requiring narcotics for pain management and seizures. The response time was one minute 42-44 seconds. EMS Hammond stated the billing policy will be revamped to rectify any confusion or overpayments. EMS Hammond also stated that they have applied for grants. There will be a Mother’s Day chicken BBQ and tickets are on sale. EMS will have and ice cream social and another kid’s movie night at the station in May.

Privilege of the Floor: Steve Palinosky from Tioga County Real Property took the floor next to speak about exemptions. He began by summarizing the firefighter’s tax exemption. It is a ten percent reduction on taxes of the primary residence. Members are required to have 2 years of service and be certified by the Chief. Approximately 36 people could be eligible from Candor he said. If they have 20 or more years of service they qualify even if they are retired as well as surviving spouses of those killed in the line of duty. As an example the average residential assessment is just under \$98,000 and the exemption would be \$9800. This would affect the tax rate by 0.13 percent. Mr. Palinosky went on to speak of the senior exemption. It starts with the federal adjusted gross income with some deductions like IRAs and prescriptions. What is added to income is interest and dividends and there are loss

limitations up to \$3000. Candor's senior exemptions are down by 9, which is approximately \$230,000. Mr. Palinosky explained the income scales next. A base amount is set and then the exemption is 50 percent then every \$1000 it's another 5 percent exemption. For instance below \$14,999 is 50 percent and over \$23,999 no exemptions. The scales are posted on Real Property website. He stated Candor is 21 percent seniors and only 63 are qualifying for the exemption.

M-20 Clm. Evans motioned seconded by Clm. Reichert to approve the minutes with one correction to be made. All in favor.

M-21 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to approve the vouchers. The General Fund spent \$68,253.72 and The Highway Fund spent \$28,186.59. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, Evans-aye.

Assessor: Clm. Reichert stated that Denise has be out doing some reassessments.

Board of Appeals: Clm. Leonard stated that they had a working meeting and still trying to recruit new members.

Buildings and Grounds: Clm. Leonard and Clm. Reichert opened the mowing bids.

We-Mow	\$180 per cut for Town Hall
Allscapes	\$120 per mow for Town Hall
Daniel Avery	\$2140 for Town Hall
RP Lawn	\$145 per cut for Town Hall

We Mow	\$8845	for cemeteries	\$225 extra mows
Tom Duddy	\$6612	for cemeteries	
RP Lawn	\$8500	for cemeteries	\$200 extra mows

M-22 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to award Daniel Avery the Town Hall mowing for \$2140. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, Evans-aye.

M-23 Clm. Reichert motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to award the cemetery mowing to Tom Duddy for \$6612. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, Evans-aye.

Supervisor Strosahl stated Carson's lowered the generator size to a 26 KW for \$38,500. He asked for Board approval for an Ad in the paper for bids

M-24 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to put an ad in the paper for bids for a generator. All in favor.

Code Enforcement: Clm. Evans read the code enforcers report to The Board. Code Officer Yacopino stated that on Bush Road there are unregistered vehicles in the road again and if fire trucks needed to go there there's no room for them. Highway Superintendent Whatley will call the sheriff tomorrow. Attorney Pelella was unsure of the statutes. A discussion continued about these vehicles in the roadway.

Dog Control: No report. Supervisor Strosahl stated the Stray Haven Report was filed in the clerk's office and violations were not corrected yet.

Highway: Superintendent Whatley stated the new truck is not in yet and not being built yet. No new truck on order for next year.

The fence will be installed May 6, 2024 between the town barns and the Zacharias property.

Superintendent Whatley has a meeting with the Nature Preserve to possibly widen the road.

A quote for a mini excavator was given as \$200,405 and ready in June.

An ad was put in the paper for a Broom Bid. Supervisor Strosahl stated there is \$275,000 in the equipment account. Superintendent Whatley stated at the end of the year there will be equipment to sell.

M-25 Clm. Rader motioned seconded by Supervisor Strosahl to purchase the mini excavator of \$200,405. Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, Evans-aye.

Engineer Murray brought up the right of ways and easements of the Prospect Valley Bridge project. There is an increase in the cost.

M-26 Supervisor Strosahl motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to pay the \$3500 for the easements .Roll Call Vote: Reichert-aye, Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, and Evans-aye.

Justice: No report.

Planning Board: Clm. Evans stated there was a complaint about the racetrack road and was solved. He also requested the Planning Board meetings to be put on the LED sign.

Clm. Reichert read an invitation from Planning Board chair Beebe to the working meeting on Monday April 22 at 7pm to discuss goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

Old Business

A reminder by Supervisor Strosahl that E waste drop off is June 7 and 8, 2024 and a tire clean up as well. Superintendent Whatley has a trailer for the tires. The first 4 are free and any extra are \$2 each.

There are a few changes to the Fee Schedule stated Code Enforcer Yacopino. He said it can be condensed to one page for building codes. All building should be \$10 for 100 square feet and commercial building \$20 for 100 square feet.

M-27 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to accept the Fee Schedule as amended. All in favor.

Supervisor Strosahl stated Jonathan Carr is interested in a seat on the Board of Assessment Review. He would take Henry Huizinga's place for a five year term.

M-28 Clm. Evans motioned seconded by Clm. Reichert to approve Jonathan Carr to the Board of Assessment Review. All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor: Engineer Murray took the floor to suggest a road cleanup. He suggested the town supply a backpack or bags for those residents who'd like to do road cleanups of trash. Clm. Reichert will call her contact to inquire about bags. Clm. Rader stated she will order and pay for two backpacks.

M-29 Clm. Evans motioned seconded by Clm. Reichert to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. All in favor

