

**Town of Candor
101 Owego Road
Candor, NY 13743
Regular Meeting of February 9, 2021**

The Regular meeting of February 9, 2021 was called to order at 6:00pm with review and approving vouchers. At 7:00pm the Board opened up with a Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Supervisor Strosahl, Clm. Brixey, Clm. Williams, Clm. Reichert and Clm. Douglas

Others present: Attorney Pelella, Highway Superintendent Noble, Town Clerk Dence and Town Engineer Murray.

Guest: Planning Board Chairman Evan and EMS Chairman Mark Brown.

M-10 Clm. Reichert moved, seconded by Clm. Williams to approve of the January 12, 2021 minutes as amended. Vote: Strosahl-aye, Reichert-aye and Williams-aye. Clm. Douglas and Clm. Brixey abstained.

M-11 Clm. Douglas moved, seconded by Brixey to approve the vouchers on Abstract 13 of 2020 as follows: General Fund Claim numbering 338-355 in the amount of \$14,222.79 and Highway Fund Claim numbering 168-184 in the amount of \$107,114.10. Roll Call: Strosahl-aye, Brixey-aye, Williams-aye, Reichert-aye and Douglas-aye.

M-12 Clm. Williams moved, seconded by Clm. Reichert to approve the vouchers on Abstract 2 of 2021 as follows: General Fund Claim numbering 8-34 in the amount of \$15,541.27, Trust & Agency numbering 2&3 in the amount of \$454,483.82 and Highway Fund Claim numbering 1-24 in the amount of \$93,453.64. Roll Call: Strosahl-aye, Brixey-aye, Williams-aye, Reichert-aye and Douglas-aye.

Monthly Reports of the Supervisor, Dog Control, Town Clerk and Code Enforcement were presented to the Board.

Committee Reports

Assessor – Clm. Reichert stated meeting with Assessor Spaulding to get a list of parcels by Property Class code for Residents and Businesses not vacant land incase the EMS becomes a District which then there would be a charge on the Town and County Tax bills.

Buildings & Grounds – Supervisor Strosahl mentioned getting a bucket truck in order to fix the light in the parking lot. Clm. Reichert stated the Town Hall roof needs to be replaced this spring and will seek bids.

Code Enforcement – Clm. Douglas stated he turned in his Annual Report which was presented to the Board with 79 permits issued last year totaling \$6,900. January 2021 brought in \$950 in permits.

Justice – None

Cemetery – None

Highway – Highway Superintendent Noble met with 3 different Engineering Firms regarding Prospect Valley Bridge; he has requested an onsite detour. Town Engineer Murray mentioned receiving 10 proposals out of 15 packets that were sent out to Engineering Firms; requesting that they be returned by January 29, 2021. Engineer Murray suggested sitting down and reviewing the proposals to select a firm we like; then we can approach them to see how much it would cost to submit a BridgeNY application for us. He also mentioned that there is \$80,000,000 earmarked for Upstate New York; 95% would be paid by the State with the Town paying 5%. Rob Murray will be attending the Sponsor Training next week via Zoom; the Pre-Review application is due May 5th with the final application due June 9th; he suspects that sometime late summer they would select projects. Tuesday February 16th at 2:00pm the Board will hold a Special Meeting to go over the proposals.

M-13 Clm. Douglas moved, seconded by Clm. Brixey to approve up to \$1,500 for the BridgeNY application. Roll Call: Strosahl-aye, Brixey-aye, Williams-aye, Reichert-aye and Douglas-aye.

Superintendent Noble stated looking at used graders 2017 - \$125,000 and a 2018 - \$140,000 with a new one coming in at \$400,000 plus; the bad part of getting a grader we would have to put off buying a new truck. Supervisor Strosahl wants to go with a new truck and suggested renting a grader. Clm. Brixey inquired about the price of renting a grader and Noble stated it's around \$7,000/month. Clm. Brixey also suggested doing a trade-in on the truck instead of it going to auction.

Dog Control & Kennel – Clm. Brixey mentioned Officer Liske turned in her monthly report. Supervisor Strosahl stated receiving the Stray Haven contract for 2021 which came in at \$150. Stray Haven has decided to do billing quarterly.

M-14 Clm. Reichert moved, seconded by Clm. Douglas to approve the Stray Haven contract at \$150/year. Roll Call: Strosahl-aye, Brixey-aye, Williams-aye, Reichert-aye and Douglas-aye.

Planning Board – Chairman Evans stated interviewing the 3 candidates that applied for Peter Ward's position on the Planning Board for he resigned December 31, 2020. Evans suggested the Town Board go into Executive Session to review the applicants and make a decision who would fill the seat.

Chairman Evans stated looking into the Seasonal Use law to change the wording so it's not listed in the fee schedule. Evans has reached out to our Congressman and State Representatives to ask to be put into some bills to get money from the Feds or the State to do infrastructure for water, sewer, reliable electricity and natural gas to increase businesses and residents coming into town. The funds would not be a cost to the Town.

Board of Appeals – None

Old Business

Supervisor Strosahl stated the EMS would like to form a District therefore a Resolution would have to be made by March 1st of 2022 to be added to the taxes in 2023; they are looking at \$450,000/year. Association of Towns gave Strosahl a name of an Attorney from Syracuse who specializes in this. Strosahl mentioned having him come some time during the Spring so we can have a Public Hearing to be held at the pavilion. EMS is in the process of putting together a package to further educate the community; every Friday they meet at 6:30 to accomplish this task.

Town Hall Inventory Report has been submitted to the Board and filed with the Clerk.

M-15 Clm. Reichert moved, seconded by Clm. Douglas to declare 6 computers and 1 power pack as surplus; hard drives have been removed for safety. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Strosahl would like to open up our meeting to the public with 6-7 people able to attend who would have to register with the Town Clerk. Town Board is ok with that with Privilege of the Floor taking precedence.

Supervisor Strosahl also brought up placing rip raft on the banks at Punk's side to eliminate erosion. Engineer Murray suggested before spending any money to contact the Dam Engineer to see if he's concerned. Clm. Douglas offered to take a picture of it and send to the Engineer.

M-16 Clm. Douglas moved, seconded by Clm. Williams to go into Executive Session at 7:55pm to discuss a new Planning Board Member.

M-17 Clm. Douglas moved, seconded by Clm. Reichert to come out of Executive Session at 8:20pm. Motion Carried.

M-18 Clm. Brixey moved, seconded by Clm. Douglas to adjourn the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2021 at 8:21pm.