

**Town of Candor  
101 Owego Road  
Candor, NY 13743  
Regular Meeting of April 13, 2021**

The Regular meeting of April 13, 2021 was called to order at 6:00pm with review and approving vouchers. At 7:00pm the Board opened up with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Supervisor Strosahl, Clm. Brixey, Clm. Williams and Clm. Reichert. Clm. Douglas and Attorney Pelella were excused from the meeting.

**Others present:** Town Clerk Dence and Superintendent Noble.

**Guest:** Town Engineer Murray, Webmaster Malone, 1 Press Representative, EMS Captain Starkweather, Robert Riggs, Planning Board Chairman Evans and 1 resident.

**Privilege of the Floor:** Robert Riggs took the floor in support of the Candor EMS. He addressed the Town Board and thanked them for hearing their case at the March Regular Meeting. He continued to list what he understood that the Town Board had agreed to at the last meeting:

- Supporting the Squad with tax dollars
- Town Board will negotiate a Contract with the Squad for the year 2022 with an expectation a contract will be signed.
- Town Board will hold a Public Hearing in the near future to discuss exceeding the NYS Tax Cap.
- Town Board and Squad continue to work together for a long-term solution by Contract or forming a District or combination of the two.
- Town Board to review their financial status to help with 200k shortfall this year.

Town Board decided to notify all Candor Residents by mail regarding the Public Hearing to inform them regarding the predicament that the EMS and Town are in.

**M-32** Clm. Reichert moved, seconded by Clm. Williams to approve of the March 9, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

**M-33** Clm. Williams moved, seconded by Clm. Brixey to approve the vouchers on Abstract 4 of 2021 as follows: General Fund Claim numbering 64-97 in the amount of \$24,623.89 and Highway Fund Claim numbering 50-68 in the amount of \$29,109.62. Roll Call Vote: Strosahl-aye, Brixey-aye, Williams-aye and Reichert-aye.

**M-34** Clm. Reichert moved, seconded by Clm. Brixey to approve of the following Budget Transfer to establish a new account per the State and establish the new account per the AUD: From A3001 State Revenue Sharing AIM \$33,000 To A2750 State Revenue Sharing AIM \$33,000. Motion Carried.

**M-35** Clm. Reichert moved, seconded by Clm. Brixey to approve of the following Budget Transfer to establish a new account and move expense to correct account: From A1990.400 Contingency \$1,050 and A4189.400 Safety and Drug Testing \$2,000 To A4050.400 Safety and Drug Testing \$2,000 and A1989.400 REAP \$1,050. Motion Carried.

**Committee Reports**

**Assessor** – None to report

**Buildings & Grounds** – Supervisor Strosahl brought up that the lights in the parking lot have been adjusted to come on a little later; stones have been raked in the yard from the plowing; Clm. Reichert stated we need to get the roof bid out for the Town Hall and Superintendent Noble stated the new handicapped signs will be going up soon in the parking lot; Supervisor Strosahl brought up he would like to get a new picnic table for the Hall and replace the entrance doors with handicapped ones.

Bid Openings for mowing the Town Hall:

- Allscapes \$120 per mow
- R.P. Lawn & Landscape \$130 per mow
- WeMow \$160.50

**M-36** Clm. Williams moved, seconded by Clm. Reichert to accept the lowest bid from Allscapes at \$120 per mow. Roll Call Vote: Strosahl-aye, Brixey-aye, Williams-aye and Reichert-aye.

**Code Enforcement** – Clm. Brixey stated he turned in his monthly report which stated \$875 for the month of March and his office will be closed April 14, 2021 due to in person training.

Planning Board Chairman addressed the Board regarding notifying the Code Officer of any new construction going on in the Town of Candor that he may not be aware of.

**Justice** – Clm. Williams stated Judge Townsend held evening court with the District Attorney's the first Monday in April.

**Cemeteries** – Clm. Williams stated receiving 3 bids for the cemetery mows; tree down on a tomb stone with minimal damage at the Woodbridge Cemetery.

Bid Openings for mowing the Town's Cemeteries:

- R.P. Lawn & Landscape - \$6,950 with additional mows at \$175 upon request
- Allscapes - \$7,300 with additional mows at \$175 upon request; with Woodbridge Cemetery quote \$575.
- WeMow - \$7,253.95 with additional mows at \$162.50 upon request.

**M-37** Clm. Williams moved, seconded by Clm. Reichert to award the bid to R.P. Lawn & Landscape for a sum of \$6,950 with additional mows at \$175 upon request. Roll Call Vote: Strosahl-aye, Brixey-aye, Williams-aye and Reichert-aye.

Resident Malone wanted to publicly thank the Highway Crew for cleaning up the edge of the road on Prospect Valley Road.

**Highway** – Superintendent Noble presented the 284 Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys: General Repairs in the sum of \$190,000 that covers 134.45 miles which includes: sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than 5' and boardwalks or renewals thereof.

**M-38** Clm. Brixey moved, seconded by Clm. Williams to accept the Expenditure of Highway Moneys for General Repairs in the sum of \$190,000. Roll Call Vote: Strosahl-aye, Brixey-aye, Williams-aye and Reichert-aye.

General Repairs for primary work in the amount of \$316,000 which is set aside for the road commencing at Brink and leading to the intersection of Slate Road -\$52,365; Lathrop Road to intersection of Legge Hill \$134,143; Eiklor Road to Raish Hill Road \$27,300; Tallow Hill Road to the dead end \$62,300 and Slate towards Union Hill Road \$17,200.

Supervisor Strosahl brought up the Grader we are renting at \$7250/month with the option to own; Superintendent Noble will draw up the specs for Grader Bids and stated there are quite a few driveway pipes going in for new construction.

Superintendent Noble stated they are in need of a Mechanic for the Town Barns which he will draw up the ad for the Clerk to place in the paper; it was suggested to place it in the Penney Saver for a broader distribution.

Street Sweeper showed up for a month from the County which is under the Shared Services Agreement.

**Dog Control & Kennel** – Clm. Brixey reported our Dog Officer appeared to be quite busy for the month of March dealing with complaints, running at large, lost/found dogs etc.

**Planning Board** – Chairman Evans reported resident Candy Ross attended her first Planning Board meeting; the board held their election and appointed Ed Evans as Chairman, Art Cacciola as Secretary and Robin Beebe as Vice Chairman. Looking at Site Plan Review and SEQR and when they are required. Evans stated attending a virtual workshop on infrastructure; he has contacted Congress regarding a grant for infrastructure for sewer, water, gas and upgrading the electrical; now need to apply for a grant to pay for the estimate of the cost for infrastructure. Also reported putting a fixed cost in the Seasonal Use Law and not in the fee schedule. Evans brought up the Board of Appeals and the Planning Board attending each other's meeting so they understand what they actually do.

### **Old Business**

Supervisor Strosahl stated Clm. Douglas is working on the Town Emergency Plan.

Insurance Claim was put in for the water damage done to the ceilings at the Town Hall from the Solar Panels; after the deductible we should be getting around \$4000; need to have a contractor in to give an estimate to submit to our Insurance Co.

Engineer Murray stated LaBella is working on the application/rough draft which is the first milestone is due April 21<sup>st</sup> for the Town to review and must be submitted by May 5<sup>th</sup> to New York Department of Transportation; with the final due in June.

Mr. Murray also said there's a section where you can submit letters of support of this project and suggested that the Fire Department, EMS, local residents and the School write letters of support for the Finger Lakes Trail System which is off from Prospect Valley Road.

Supervisor Strosahl commented on the Upper Dam; FEMA settled which left us holding \$41,000; it was decided not to appeal it.

**M-39** Clm. Williams moved, seconded by Clm. Reichert to appoint Lynette Loper as Deputy Bookkeeper. Motion Carried.

The American Rescue Plan/Federal Government is giving municipalities a sum of money with the Town of Candor getting \$550,000 with the Village taking around \$60,000. Fund Distribution: money will be distributed in 2 equal installments over a two-year period; will receive funds directly from the Treasury Dept. within 60 days of the president signing the bill March 11, 2021. How and when can funds be spent: government services impacted by a reduction in revenue resulting from the pandemic; broadband infrastructure (\$60,000 to Haefele); Municipalities may not use funds to cover pension costs. Deadline to spend funds December 31, 2024. Supervisor Strosahl would like to see if we can use it for handicap doors at the Town Hall entrance; the Town Hall sign out at the road and EMS.

**COVID GUIDELINES for the Town of Candor Policy:**

- Employees of the Town shall be eligible for up to 3 rounds of employer paid leave
- Currently the Town of Candor is requesting a negative test result to be turned in after an exposure quarantine or testing positive for Covid. Other municipalities are not making the mandatory. Does the Town of Candor want to continue this practice: YES
- A copy of the negative report shall be turned in to Supervisor who will then turn it into the Town Clerk for filing.

**M-40** Clm. Williams moved, seconded by Clm. Reichert to adjourn the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2021 at 9:08pm. Motion Carried.