

**Town of Starkey  
Regular Meeting  
July 13, 2023**

<u>Council Members Present:</u>	George Lawson, Supervisor John Socha, Councilperson Caryl Sutterby, Councilperson	Jeremy Hall, Councilperson Julie Dunkelberger, Councilperson
<u>In-Person Attendees:</u>	Ralph Warren, Highway Superintendent Terri Grady, Assessor's Office Gordon Place, Starkey Point Resident Kathy Mihal, Starkey Point Resident Ron Witkiewicz, Starkey Point Resident Frank Trembley, Starkey Point Resident Jim Flint, Starkey Point Resident	Tony DeStephen, Assessor Lois Place, Starkey Point Resident Steve Diehr, Starkey Point Resident Steven Mihal, Starkey Point Resident Mark Trembley, Starkey Point Resident David Morton, Starkey Point Resident
<u>Recording Secretary:</u>	Candace Iszard, Town Clerk	

The regular Town of Starkey Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by George Lawson, Supervisor.

**Pledge of Allegiance-** George Lawson led the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, regular meeting of the Town Board, were approved as written.

A motion was made by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson, seconded by Julie Dunkelberger, councilperson.

\*All in favor; none opposed- Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Starkey Estates and Starkey Point Residents discussed concerns with water runoff and culvert conditions. The residents discussed that during storm events, the excess water floods the trailer park and the washes road gravel on to the Starkey Estates community beach. Kathy Mihal states that the flooding has also happened in the winter. Ralph Warren states that the pipe has over time been crushed and is rusting. He recommends contacting Yates County Soil and Water for an assessment and recommendations for improvement. Ralph offered a few recommendations: replacing the culvert which would require tree removal and working with the power company or removing the pipe completely, building retention areas above the lake front. George Lawson states that the temporary/quick fix is to replace 10 feet of the existing culvert.

**Assessor's Report—** Tony DeStephen

- Tony reviewed the number system that is used for the Tax Map system and what the parcel numbers represent.

**Code Enforcement Report—** Brian Shriver

- Brian presented the Code Office progress report.

**Highway Report—** Ralph Warren

- NYS DOT has sent a letter changing the speed limit to 25 MPH on all roads in the Town of Starkey from the northern town border to the southern town border east of NYS Route 14 to the Seneca Lake shoreline. Ralph will order new signs to reflect this change.
- Ralph presented 3 quotes for a new equipment trailer. The trailer that is currently owned is a 1993 Dynaweld 10-ton trailer that when loaded is overweight, as the Roller that is hauled is 14 tons.
  - John Deere \$34,293.78
  - Jim's Trailer World \$38,826.00
  - Tracey Road Equipment \$40,617.84 (Ralph states that this trailer is available immediately).
- The tractor is currently in the shop being worked on, parts have been ordered. Julie Dunkelberger questions what the cost of renting a mower would be as she has received multiple complaints about the lack of mowing on the road shoulders. Ralph states rental cost is \$1,000.00 per week and he estimates it will take approximately 6 weeks to get the mowing caught up. He further states that this will be a slow process as the grass is thick. Julie expressed concern with the wear and tear on the mower, due to the lack of mowing this spring.

**Town Clerk —** Candace Iszard

- The clerk's report was presented to the board.
- Candace discussed the condition of the Town sign out front, stating that it needs repair or replacement.

**Supervisor Report— George Lawson**

- Regarding the building repairs, George states that Andy, provided the drawing of the repairs and quote from ACP regarding the chimney on the north wall that needs repair. George had the board go outside to look at the chimney area that is causing the issues with the water leaking into the building, stating that the chimney is no longer resting on the foundation, and is leaning approximately 4 inches away from the building. He states that ACP has quoted \$36,400, bill time and materials for the repair of the chimney, in addition to the original quote for the roofing and masonry of \$68,000. TOTAL \$104,400.00. John states that he does not think that this is a good investment, as he feels that we need to look at alternate locations, as this building needs too much work. Julie Dunkelberger asked if this is the only option? She and Candace also question "What is the guarantee that this is going to fix the problem?"
- The inverter on the solar panels at the highway barn has been replaced under warranty by Renovus.

**Tablets**

- Candace Iszard will work with William Lawson, to get a quote on getting tablets.

**Cluster Subdivision**

- John and Julie attended the Planning Board meeting discussing the proposed cluster subdivision regulations. Julie discussed making it an option, but not making it mandatory on all divisions, limiting it specific zones (i.e. RR, R1, R2). John states that exempting the Agriculture Zone would be counterproductive, as the intent is to preserve agricultural land. Julie suggests that we look at what other local areas are doing, and how their regulations are designed.

**Website**

- Candace stated that the website is approaching completion. The information has been retrieved from the current site. We are still looking into the benefits of the .GOV versus the existing .ORG and how we make the transition seamless for the users.

**RESOLUTIONS****Resolution 27-2023****Equipment Trailer**

On a motion by George Lawson, Supervisor, seconded by Jeremy Hall, councilperson the following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes 5      George Lawson, Jeremy Hall, Julie Dunkelberger, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby  
                      Nays 0

RESOLVED to authorize the purchase of a 55,000-pound Heavy Equipment Trailer from Tracey Road Equipment through OGS State Bid for the purchase price of \$40,617.84.

**Resolution 28-2023****Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Member**

On a motion by John Socha, councilperson, seconded by George Lawson, Supervisor the following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes 5      George Lawson, Jeremy Hall, Julie Dunkelberger, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby  
                      Nays 0

RESOLVED to appoint Sayre Fulkerson as the Zoning Board of Appeals alternate member for the term ending December 31, 2027.

**Resolution 29-2023****Surplus Equipment**

On a motion by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson, seconded by Julie Dunkelberger, councilperson the following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes 5      George Lawson, Jeremy Hall, Julie Dunkelberger, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby  
                      Nays 0

4 drawer filing cabinet (1)

Office chairs (3)

Metal file box on wheels (1)

Metal framed chairs with padded seats (4)

Printer (1)

Projector (1)

Chalk Board (1)  
Podium box (1)

Computer Monitor (1)  
2-drawer Index Card File Cabinet (2)

RESOLVED to authorize the items listed above have been declared surplus and are available to the public.

**Resolution 30-2023**

Roof and Masonry repair

On a motion by Jeremy Hall, councilperson, seconded by George Lawson, Supervisor the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes 4	George Lawson, Jeremy Hall, Julie Dunkelberger, Caryl Sutterby
	Nays 1	John Socha

RESOLVED to authorize George Lawson to sign the contract with Architectural Concrete Plus for the Town Hall roof, masonry, and chimney repairs for a price not to exceed \$104,400.00.

**Budget Amendments**

On a motion by George Lawson, seconded by Jeremy Hall, councilperson, the following budget amendments were,

ADOPTED	Ayes 5	George Lawson, Jeremy Hall, Caryl Sutterby, John Socha, Julie Dunkelberger
	Nays 0	

RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Starkey, does hereby approve the following budget amendments:

**General Funds**

Increase Account A3089 for Court Grant by \$11,785.75  
Increase Account A1620.2 for security cameras, counter tops and floors at Town Hall by \$11,785.75

Increase Account A5031 for ARPA Interfund Transfer by \$5,845.00  
Increase Account A1440.4 for Engineering Exp at Town Hall Building by \$5,845.00

**Audit of Claims**

On a motion by George Lawson, Supervisor and seconded by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson the July 13, 2023, abstracts have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Vouchers Number:</b> 141-G through 163-G	\$ 31,336.95
<b>Highway Fund</b>	<b>Vouchers Number:</b> 85-H through 95-H	\$ 182,757.78

The minutes of this meeting will be offered for approval at the next regular Town Board meeting, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00 PM. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM by George Lawson.



Candace J. Iszard, Starkey Town Clerk