

**Town of Starkey
Regular Meeting
September 14, 2023**

<u>Council Members Present:</u>	George Lawson, Supervisor John Socha, Councilperson	Jeremy Hall, Councilperson Caryl Sutterby, Councilperson
<u>Council Members Absent:</u>	Julie Dunkelberger	
<u>In-Person Attendees:</u>	Brian Shriver, Code Enforcement Officers Ralph Warren, Highway Superintendent	Heather Cook, Public Richard Peterson, Public
<u>Recording Secretary:</u>	Amy Fleet, Deputy 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 August 10, 2023, regular meeting of the Town Board, were approved as written.
A motion was made by Caryl Sutterby, Councilperson, seconded by George Lawson, Supervisor.
*All in favor; none opposed- Motion carried.

Public Comment

There were no comments from those in attendance.

Open Public Hearing for Proposed Resolution for an Aged Exemption LL-2-2023

- The advertised public hearing to consider the adoption of the Local Law to Change income eligibility for the Aged Tax Exemption was opened at 7:01 PM by George Lawson, Supervisor for discussion with the residents attending this meeting.

Code Enforcement Report— Brian Shriver

- Brian presented the Code Office progress report.
- Brain presented a new product to mark septic systems which can be detected by metal detectors and located with the use of GPS. Colby Peterson from Yates County Soil and Water is hoping to secure grant funding to help make this product available to Yates County townships and residents to make septic system location substantially easier.
- He is also hoping that a program through Yates County comes to fruition to define countywide standard operating procedures for code enforcement officials to make reporting more consistent, allow code enforcement officials to cover for one another in a health emergency, and to create a mentorship program for new code enforcement officials.

Close Public Hearing for Aged Exemption

- George Lawson made a motion to close the public hearing for the proposed Local Law to change income eligibility for the Aged Tax Exemption. Was closed at 7:13 PM.
*All in favor; none opposed- Motion carried.

Town Clerk Report ---Amy Fleet, Deputy Town Clerk

- The clerk's report was presented to the board.
- Amy stated that hunting license sales continue to be very steady.
- There was also a discussion about dog license sales and George wondered when the last survey was done to determine the number of unlicensed dogs in the Town of Starkey.

Highway Report— Ralph Warren

- The 284 forms for approval along with the quote for the second round of oil and stone have been signed for Stone Jug Road.

- Discussed Starkey Point with Soil and Water whether it was our responsibility or residents. To maintain road access to the public road on the bottom portion of the road we will need to assume responsibility for the culvert. Agreements will need to be made with the landowners and Yates County Soil and Water will need to engineer a plan for this project. George also asked if Ralph had looked into a pipe covered with a protective coating and what the cost difference might be? George also inquired if the County Highway department would be assisting with this project and Ralph said he did not think so.
- The mowing is also being caught back up.
- Ralph is working with Auctions International to list the Chevy Volt and the Dynaweld trailer.

Supervisor Report— George Lawson

- Approved the rollover of 5 hours unused vacation time and 15 hours of sick time for Chelsea Chapel through a motion made by George Lawson, supervisor and seconded by Jeremy Hall.
- Budget Workshop is set for September 29th at 4 p.m.

Generator Resolution

- During the August meeting the board discussed the bids for a generator at the Town Highway Barn and during this meeting the resolution was adopted to move forward with the selected bid. Jeremy Hall Councilperson made a motion to approve the purchase of the generator and John Socha, council person seconded the motion. The Town does not plan to move forward with plans for a generator for the Town Hall at this time.

NYSLRS Retirement Calendar

- The board discussed and George Lawson, supervisor made a motion to approve Theresa Grady's NYSLRS calendar to make her eligible for NYS retirement and Caryl Sutterby, councilperson, seconded the motion.

Sign

- Amy presented the two designs Candace had received from Ian MacDonald of Historic Sign Restoration in Rochester as well as a 3- tiered pricing schedule.
- Jeremy Hall, councilperson made a motion to approve the \$3,827 option that has a 25-year lifespan which should result in less maintenance over the life of the sign and Caryl Sutterby, councilperson seconded the motion.

Tablets

- George said that the Planning Board discussed the purchasing of tablets to alleviate printing costs and the board members felt that they would not use the tablets and that they print off necessary paperwork for meetings at home prior to meetings.

Cluster Subdivision

- The proposed Law is revised to change some of the language in the law and then the new law should be ready to be processed.

Building Repairs-Roof

- The contract for the roof is being revised for language and should be ready soon.

Greater Tomkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium

- George is advising the board to pursue the plan offered by Yates County after for 2025 reviewing the new plan because Yates County offers more plan options.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 37-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2023**Aged Exemption LL-2-2023**

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Starkey for a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on September 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Starkey Town Hall, 40 Seneca Street, Dundee, New York, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled, "A local law increasing the income limits of the tax exemption for persons 65 years of age or over" and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town of Starkey, on September 6, 2023 and other notices required to be given by law were properly served, posted or given; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on September 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Starkey Town Hall, 40 Seneca Street, Dundee, New York, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Starkey, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town of Starkey to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Starkey hereby adopts said Local Law No. 2 of 2023, entitled A local law increasing the income limits of the tax exemption for persons 65 years of age or over", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Starkey, to publish an abstract of this local law in the Town's official newspaper and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of State of New York.

I, Candace Iszard, Town Clerk of the Town of Starkey do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Starkey on September 14, 2023, by the following vote:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
George Lawson	X_____	_____
Caryl Sutterby	_____X	_____
Jeremy Hall	X_____	_____
Julie Dunkelberger	_____ABSENT	_____
John Socha	X_____	_____

Resolution 38-2023 **Court Clerk Roll Over of time off**

On a motion by George Lawson, supervisor and seconded by Jeremy Hall, councilperson, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 4 George Lawson, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby, Jeremy Hall

Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Starkey does hereby authorize the payout of 15 hours of unused sick time, and the rollover of 5 hours vacation time from 2022 for Chelsey Chappell, Court Clerk.

Resolution 39-2023 **Highway Generator**

On a motion by Jeremy Hall, councilperson, seconded by John Socha, councilperson, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 4 George Lawson, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby, Jeremy Hall

Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Starkey authorizes the purchase of a generator in the amount of \$19, 221.96 for the Town Highway Barn.

Resolution 40-2023 **NYSLRS Calendar for Real Property Appraisal Aide**

On a motion by George Lawson, supervisor, seconded by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 4 George Lawson, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby, Jeremy Hall

Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Starkey does hereby approve Theresa Grady's NYSLRS calendar to make her eligible for NYS retirement.

Resolution 41-2023

Town Hall Sign

On a motion by Jeremy Hall, councilperson, seconded by, Caryl Sutterby the following resolution was
 ADOPTED Ayes 4 George Lawson, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby, Jeremy Hall
 Nays 0

RESOLVED The Town of Starkey Board will purchase a new sign from Ian MacDonald of Historic Sign Restoration of Rochester in the amount of \$3,827.

Budget Amendments

On a motion by Jeremy Hall, councilperson, seconded by, Caryl Sutterby the following resolution were
 ADOPTED Ayes 4 George Lawson, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby, Jeremy Hall
 Nays 0

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

General Funds

Increase Account A1420.4 for Attorney Contractual Expenses by \$15,300.00

Increase Account A1330.1 for RP Appraisal Aid Wages for Teresa by \$10,770.00

Total \$26,070.00

Increase Account A2401 for Interest Earned by \$26,070.00

Increase Account A5031 for ARPA Interfund Transfer by \$6,679.00

Increase Account A5132.2 for Garage Improvements to install heaters by \$6,679.00

Audit of Claims

On a motion by George Lawson, Supervisor and seconded by Jeremy Hall, councilperson for the September 14, 2023, abstracts have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	Vouchers Number: 186-G through 206-G	\$ 22,605.31
Highway Fund	Vouchers Number: 111-H through 125-H	\$ 40,614.19

Enter Executive Session

On a motion by George Lawson and seconded Caryl Sutterby, the Town Board entered executive session at 7:43 to discuss a medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person(s), or corporation or relating to appointment, promotion, demotion discipline or removal.

Close Executive Session at 8:24.

The minutes of this meeting will be offered for approval at the next regular Town Board meeting, October 12th, 2023, at 7:00 PM. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM by George Lawson.

Amy Fleet, Starkey Deputy Clerk