

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

Council Members Present: George Lawson, Supervisor  
John Socha, Councilperson  
Julie Dunkelberger  
Jeremy Hall, Councilperson  
Caryl Sutterby, Councilperson

In-Person Attendees:

Ralph Warren, Highway Superintendent  
Anthony DeStephen, Assessor  
Robert Cooke, Resident

Christine Sutherland, Village of Dundee Clerk  
Brian Shriver, Code Enforcement Officer

Recording Secretary: 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 November 9, 2023, regular meeting of the Town Board, were approved as written.

A motion was made by Julie Dunkelberger, Councilperson, seconded by Jeremy Hal, Councilperson.

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

**Audit of Claims**

On a motion by Jeremy Hall, councilperson and seconded by Julie Dunkelberger, councilperson for the December 14, 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> 243-G through 267-G	\$11,198.34
<b>Highway Fund</b>	<b>Vouchers Number:</b> 147-H through 157-H	\$50,821.20

**Assessor Report** – Anthony DeStephen

- Aged Exemption maximum income changed to \$28,400
- Agriculture Exemption renewals are being sent

**Clerk Report**– Candace Iszard

- The clerk report was presented by the board.
- Sign is in progress.
- Tax Billing enclosure, the board reviewed and approved tax explanation for 2024 budget.

**Code Report**– Brian Shriver

- FEMA/DEC meeting for audit of the flood insurance next week.
- Lead training is scheduled for February 2024
- Williamson Law training has been scheduled to capitalize on the abilities of the software system.

**Highway Report**– Ralph Warren

- The ne septic system for the highway barn is being redesigned with a 500-gallon pump tank and raised bed, due to location limitations. The propane tank will need to be moved for installation.
- All the stone, sand and salt has been hauled in for the 2024 year.
- Salt Barn the grant will cover 50% of the construction cost. Yates County Soil and Water will get the money, and then will reimburse the Town for expenses. Bids are expected for be available in the Spring of 2024

**Supervisor Report**– George Lawson

- Bookkeeping – George has talked with the Village of Dundee who is willing to work together as part of a shared service for the Towns bookkeeping needs. Williamson Law is the software that the Village uses, and the hope is to utilize the Village Software to minimize overhead cost, while adding an additional user, and sharing staff.

**PILOT for Commercial Solar Farm**

- New Leaf Energy has written requesting information on if the Town of Starkey will require a contract for a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) for the 3 projects that are currently under review with the Planning Board. Following discussions, John Socha, councilperson, expressed concern that there should be restrictions on locations and

sizes of solar farms, he stresses that a moratorium would allow for review of zoning, to prevent a “solar mess.” He goes on to state that he does not believe that the “future is not solar.”

- Tony states that the Bonding has been a concern, adding that the bond needs to stay with the property to ensure the cleanup at the end of the solar project life cycle. George also stressed that it is important to work with an Attorney have has experience with projects of this nature.

### RESOLUTIONS

#### Resolution 54 -2023

#### Rescind Resolution 40-2023

On a motion by Julie Dunkelberger, councilperson and seconded by Jeremy Hall, councilperson, the following resolution was ADOPTED.

Ayes 5

George Lawson, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby, Jeremy Hall, Julie Dunkelberger

Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Starkey does hereby rescind resolution 40-2023 for NYSLRS Standard workday reporting due to a calculation error.

Office of the New York State Comptroller  
**NYSLRS**  
 New York State and Local Retirement System  
 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244-0001  
 Please type or print clearly in blue or black ink

Employer Location Code  
 3 0 4 7 8

SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

Received Date

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials  
 RS 2417-A (Rev. 11/19)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Starkey / 30478 hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Name	Social Security Number	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
<b>Elected Officials:</b>									
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Appointed Officials:</b>									
Teresa Grady	3486	13246485	Real Property Appraisal Aide	4/1/2023-4/1/2024	6	20.31	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

I, Candace J. Iszard, secretary/clerk of the governing board of the Town of Starkey, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the 14 day of September, 2023 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS /HE EO, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Starkey on this 14 day of September, 2023.

(Signature of Secretary or Clerk) (Name of Employer)

**Affidavit of Posting:** I, Candace J. Iszard, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on 9/15/2023 and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the: 9/15/2023

(Date)

☐ Employer's website at: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Official sign board at: 40 Seneca St. Dundee, NY 14837

☒ Main entrance Secretary or Clerk's office at: 40 Seneca St. Dundee, NY 14837

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(seal)

#### Resolution 55 -2023

#### NYSLRS Standard Workday

On a motion by Julie Dunkelberger, councilperson and seconded by Jeremy Hall, councilperson, the following resolution was ADOPTED.

Ayes 5

George Lawson, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby, Jeremy Hall, Julie Dunkelberger

Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Starkey does hereby rescind resolution 40-2023 as a result of a calculation error.

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 (Rev. 11/21/19)

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<b>Appointed Officials:</b>									
Teresa Grady	3486	13246485	Real Property Appraisal Aide	4/1/23-3/31/23	6	21.97	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Starkey on this 14 day of December, 2023.

Affidavit of Posting: I, Candace J. Iszard, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on 21/14/2023 and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the:

- ☐ Employer's website at: \_\_\_\_\_  
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☒ Main entrance Secretary or Clerk's office at: 140 Seneca St. Dundee, NY 14837

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#### Resolution 56 -2023 **Contract for Solar PILOT**

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Starkey does hereby require a contract for payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for commercial solar projects.

#### Resolution 57 -2023 **Shared Service- Bookkeeping**

On a motion by Jeremy Hall, councilperson and seconded by Julie Dunkelberger, councilperson, the following resolution was ADOPTED.

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Starkey does hereby authorize George Lawson, Supervisor to enter into a shared service agreement with the Village of Dundee for bookkeeping services and further  
 BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Starkey does hereby authorizes the signing of any and all documents pertaining to the above-mentioned shared service.

#### Resolution 58-2023 **Planning Board Alternate Appointment**

On a motion by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson seconded by John Socha, councilperson the following resolution was ADOPTED

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

RESOLVED to appoint Robert Cooke as an alternate to the planning board for the 3- year term of 1/1/2024-12/31/2026

#### Resolution 59-2023 **Tax Bill Enclosure**

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Starkey does hereby require the tax collector to enclose a pie chart summary of the 2024 budget breakdown in the Town and County tax bills.

### Budget Amendments

On a motion by Jeremy Hall, councilperson, seconded by, John Socha the following resolution was

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

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

#### General Funds

Increase Account A1620.4 for Town Hall Expenses for the Website by \$1,050.00

Increase Account A1410.2 for Town Clerk Equipment for the Desk by \$200.00

Total \$1,250.00

Increase Account A2401 for Interest Earned by \$1,250.00

Increase Account A5031 for ARPA Interfund Transfer by \$16,964.03

Increase Account A5132.2 for Garage Improvements for a Generator by \$16,964.03

Decrease Account B8010.2 for Zoning Equipment by \$500.00

Increase Account B8010.4 for Zoning Expenses for Pictometry by \$500.00

Increase Account A1330.1 for Real Property Appraiser - Terri by \$4,000.00

Decrease Account A1990.4 for Contingency Expense for wages by \$4,000.00

Increase Account A1255 for Town Clerk Revenues by \$200.00

Increase Account 81410.4 for Town Clerk Expenses by \$200.00

Increase Account A1620.4 for Town Hall Expenses by \$650.00

Decrease Account A1670.4 for Central Printing & Mailing by \$650.00

Increase Account A1081 for PILOT Revenues by \$990.00 Increase Account

A9030.8 for the Town Share of SS & MC Expenses by \$990.00

#### Highway Funds

Increase Account DB5112.2 Extreme Winter Recovery by \$34,636.38

Pave NY by \$39,891.06

Pave our Potholes by \$26,547.38

CHIPS rollover by \$21,721.47

**Total \$122,726.29**

Increase Account DB3501 for CHIPS State Aid Revenue by \$122,726.29

### Enter Executive Session

On a motion by George Lawson and seconded John Socha, the Town Board entered executive session at 8:11pm 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 8:30pm.**

The minutes of this meeting will be offered for approval at the next regular Town Board meeting, January 11, 2023, at 7:00 PM. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM by George Lawson.



Candace J. Iszard, Starkey Town Clerk