# Town of Starkey Public Hearing and Regular meeting November 8, 2018

Members Present: George Lawson Supervisor

Fred Shoemaker Councilman
Bill Holgate Councilman
Alan Giles Councilman
Jack Ossont Councilman

Absent: none

Others Present: Ralph Warren Deputy Hwy Superintendent

Sue Crans Recording Sec.
Candace Iszard Deputy Town Clerk

Logan ThompsonDCS StudentCameron DenmarkDCS StudentNic LaursenDCS StudentSabrina GoodmanDCS StudentKarynna RutledgeDCS StudentPaul KnappDCS StudentDick AxtellResident

The advertised public hearing of the Town of Starkey Board for the Fire Contract and 2019 Budget held November 8, 2018, at the Starkey Town Hall, 40 Seneca Street, Dundee, Yates County, New York was called to order at 7:00 PM by George Lawson.

George Lawson opened the public hearing to the residents attending this meeting.

The regular meeting of the Town of Starkey Board held November 8, 2018, at the Starkey Town Hall, 40 Seneca Street, Dundee, Yates County, New York was called to order at 7:04 PM by George Lawson.

Minutes of the October 4, 2018 regular meeting and public hearing of the Town Board were offered for approval as written.

Motion: Jack Ossont Seconded: Fred Shoemaker

Ayes: Bill Holgate, Fred Shoemaker, George Lawson, Alan Giles, Jack Ossont Appr: 5-0

Noes: None

Minutes of the October 18, 2018 budget workshop were offered for approval as amended.

Motion: Alan Giles Seconded: Bill Holgate

Ayes: Bill Holgate, Fred Shoemaker, George Lawson, Alan Giles, Jack Ossont Appr: 5-0

Noes: None

Caryl Sutterby, Our Town Rocks provided the November calendar of events.

# **RESOLUTION 33-2018**

RESOLVED that following the advertised public hearing held November 8, 2018, this Town Board does hereby approve the proposed Fire Contract for 2019 with the Village of Dundee in the amount of \$187,725.00 and do hereby authorize the supervisor to sign and return (1) one copy to the Village of Dundee for signing.

Motion: Bill Holgate Seconded: Fred Shoemaker Appr: 5-0

Ayes: Fred Shoemaker, Alan Giles, George Lawson, Bill Holgate, Jack Ossont

Noes: None

### **RESOLUTION 34-2018**

RESOLUTION, OF THE TOWN BOARD ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2019.

WHEREAS, the Town Board, Town of Starkey, has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget and those who appeared were heard thereon,

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby adopt the annual budget for 2019,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Town Board does hereby adopt such Preliminary budget as the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of January, 2019 and that such budget so adopted be on file in the office of the Town Clerk and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall prepare and certify in duplicate copies of said budget as adopted by this Town Board, together with estimates, if any, adopted pursuant to section 202A, sub.2 of the Town Law and deliver (2) two copies thereof to the supervisor of this Town to be presented to the Board of Legislators of Yates County.

Dated: November 8, 2018

Motion: Bill Holgate Seconded: Fred Shoemaker Appr: 5-0

Ayes: Alan Giles, George Lawson, Fred Shoemaker, Bill Holgate, jack Ossont

Noes: None

# **RESOLUTION 35-2018**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF STARKEY TOWN BOARD AS FOLLOWS

WHEREAS, this resolution amends and supplements resolution no. 37-2013 and resolution no. 38-2017

WHEREAS, the following applies to employees and officials who, as of 10/5/17 are receiving Town subsidized health insurance.

Section 1. As of 1/1/19 the employee/officer contribution will remain 20%.

Section 2. The Town will stay with BC/BS Platinum 3.

Section 3. The Town Clerk is authorized to complete and sign the required employer paperwork to continue coverage.

Motion: Jack Ossont Seconded: Fred Shoemaker Appr: 5-0

Ayes: Alan Giles, George Lawson, Fred Shoemaker, Bill Holgate, jack Ossont

Noes: None

Dick Axtell spoke about his classic car collection, and his desire for a variance, as he has more than the 2 allotted unlicensed vehicles outside as per Zoning Regulations. He specifically noted that he is a collector and does not want a dismantlers license, junkyard license, or sales license. His sole reason for having the additional cars is to remove the parts he needs for the current cars that are under the cover of his pole barn, then he disposes of them following the completion of the parts removal. The Board recommended speaking to Brian Quackenbush and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Town of Starkey received a written complaint from Daniel J. Fitzsimmons regarding the property at 81 South Glenora Road, where the owner had requested that the Town of Starkey pay for half of the expense incurred for the removal of trees. Fred Shoemaker and George Lawson went down to the property and have concluded that the trees are not the Towns responsibility, therefore the Board has asked that the Town Clerk respond with a letter to the property owner that the expenses incurred will not be shared by the Town of Starkey.

Supervisor Report: Monthly balance sheet and report were received. George offered the supervisors report. We have received 3 bids for the removal of 4 trees in the cemetery at 40 Seneca St. The bids include Clearview Tree Service of Corning, NY (\$6,100.00), Barbers Tree Service and Logging of Lansing, NY (\$6,000.00) and Fisher's Tree Service of Bluff Point, NY with the estimated time of 3 to 4 days (\$6,000.00-\$8,000.00 at \$2,000.00 per day). Solar project is under way, construction of the solar panels is scheduled to begin next week. NYSEG has completed the engineering for the new transformer, we have received the bill and it has been forwarded on to Renovus Energy, Inc. We have received a reimbursement check for \$35,500.00 for part of the Solar Grant. George also reported on the High-

Speed Internet that he is still researching and discussing options with Southern Tier Network and the possibility of a Town funded tower at the highway department. The Town Board supports his continuing research.

#### RESOLUTION-36-2018

RESOLVED that Town Board does hereby approve the estimate in the amount of \$6,100.00 from Clearview Tree Service with the stipulation the paperwork is amended to read the removal and clean-up is for 4 trees marked with orange tape and do hereby authorize the supervisor to contract with Clear View Tree Service.

Motion: George Lawson Seconded: Alan Giles Appr: 5-0

Ayes: Fred Shoemaker, Alan Giles, George Lawson, Bill Holgate, Jack Ossont

Noes: None

Alan Giles and Bill Holgate reported that the Town Hall door is coming along, final sanding and varnish is in progress, with the installation scheduled before the December meeting.

Highway Report: Ralph Warren reported for the Highway, he suggested that replacing the 3 steps in front of the Townhall instead of the one step in question to make them uniform in height, be postponed until the spring. He and George are going to talk about the concerned step and decide on how to proceed. Ralph also reported that the Ford 7710 tractor has been repaired, and he is researching options and gathering quotes for the Rotary Head mower. The Board voiced concerned about the boom capability, weight, size and cost. Ralph will continue to investigate options for this mower. The Board discussed with Ralph the abandonment of Cotton Road, and in order to complete this action, will it be the entire road or just a portion, and the reason for such action (The Highway Superintendent book offers a few different options). The Board also would like to have a cost analysis, for what the cost of maintenance and up keep, the CHIPS rebates, as well as the costs associated with the addition of a turnaround if the road is not abandoned entirely, to assess the monetary impact of said action.

Clerk's report: The October, monthly report of code, clerk and court fees was received. Sue stated that the mold and the records in the basement are ready for disposal when the manpower allows. Sue offered that election results for the appointment of the Highway Superintendent was not in favor of the change with the totals of 349 for the appointment and 397 against, a difference of 48 votes. When corresponding with Sherriff Ron Spike regarding the letter that the Board requested that we forward on to him and the other Yates County Town Clerks, for the Legislature to assume the inspections of the dog kennels, Sherriff Ron Spike disclosed that he was not aware that the Town of Starkey had Dog Kennels. We explained that we do not have Ag and Market governed Kennels, but have USDA Kennels, he stated that he was unaware of the USDA involvement and enclosed his memo for our reference that was given to the Legislature addressing 26-A NYS A&M law. He went on to say that he has not researched the USDA functions in this respect. A copy of the email will be forwarded on to the Board members for their review.

# RESOLUTION-37-2018

RESOLVED to add Candace Iszard as persons authorized to sign checks for the clerk account and the tax collector account. They need to have their signatures on file with Five Star Bank.

Motion: Fred Shoemaker Seconded: Alan Giles Appr: 5-0

Ayes: George Lawson, Alan Giles, Bill Holgate, Jack Ossont, Fred Shoemaker

Noes: None

Town Claims: General Funds 223-G through 241-G (\$27,645.08) and Highway Funds 140-H through 164-H (\$204,191.789) were audited and approved for payment. Remove voucher number 242-G NYSEG paid for by Renovus.

Motion: Bill Holgate Seconded: Fred Shoemaker Appr: 5-0

Ayes: Fred Shoemaker, Bill Holgate, George Lawson, Jack Ossont, Alan Giles

Noes: None

George Lawson made a motion to enter executive session at 8:33PM to discuss the salary of the appointed Highway Superintendent and appointing Sue Crans as the Deputy Clerk, January 1, 2019 for tax season, and wages for the position.

George Lawson made a motion to close the executive session and to return to regular meeting at 8:47PM

The minutes of this meeting will be offered for approval at the next regular Town Board meeting December 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

There being no further business to come before the Town of Starkey Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Alan Giles and seconded by Bill Holgate.

Appr: 5-0

Ayes: George Lawson, Fred Shoemaker, Bill Holgate, Jack Ossont, Alan Giles

Noes: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:48PM

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Sue A. Crans

Town of Starkey Clerk