

**Town of Starkey  
Regular Meeting  
June 6, 2019**

Members Present: George Lawson, Supervisor  
Fred Shoemaker, Councilman  
Jack Ossont, Councilman  
Alan Giles, Councilman  
Bill Holgate, Councilman (arrived late at 7:20 p.m.)

Also Present: Caryl Sutterby, Our Town Rocks  
Bob Schiesser, Planning Board  
Robert Brechko, Democratic Commissioner, Yates County Board of Elections  
Valerie Brechko, Yates County Resident

Recording Secretary: Candace Iszard, Clerk

The regular Town of Starkey Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by George Lawson, Supervisor, at the Town Hall, 40 Seneca Street, Dundee, Yates County, New York.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the May 9, 2019, regular meeting of the Town Board, were approved as written. A motion was made by Fred Shoemaker, councilmen, seconded by Alan Giles, councilmen.

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

Minutes of the May 23, 2019, special meeting of the Town Board, on Wastewater Laws were approved as written. A motion was made by Fred Shoemaker, councilmen, seconded by Alan Giles, councilmen.

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

**Election Changes**

- Robert Brechko, Democratic Commissioner, Yates County Board of Elections presented the election changes for the 2019 election.

**Open Discussion from the Public**

- Caryl Sutterby, Project Manager, Our Town Rocks presented the June calendar, highlighting events on 6/19/19 – Show & Go, Car show at Martini's Shur-Fine, 6/22/19 Blood Screening sponsored by the Dundee Rotary, 6/24/19 Pre-K bookcase distribution. Caryl also shared the summer calendar of events, including the summer concert series and summer recreation registration information.
- Caryl Sutterby also voiced opinion on the overall look and maintenance of the Townhall, stating that it was in need of painting and staining, the planter needed planting and the lawn needs attention.

**Letter from Mr. and Mrs Muller, Pearl on Seneca Bed and Breakfast**

- Concerns about the community as a whole, investors purchasing multiple properties for Short- Term Rentals, limiting the number of available houses available to rent for family use long term.
- The Planning Board forwarded the letter sent to them, to the Town Board regarding limiting the number of short-term rentals allowed. George Lawson, Supervisor will contact the Association of Towns.
- Bill Holgate, councilman, suggests that the Board consult with our Attorney.
- George Lawson, Supervisor would like to consider a changing the short-term rental law, making the use commercial in the future.

**Justice Audit**

- The audit committee reviewed the justice records for 2018. The audit committee learned that most license suspensions are the result of failure to pay fines. Jack Ossont, councilman, discussed that low-income offenders, who cannot pay fines in the allotted time, then have their license suspended, which results in increased fines/fees. Jack would like to look into alternatives to license suspension, citing that 85% of the families in the Town of Starkey are living in poverty. Jack Ossont and Fred Shoemaker, councilmen will work together to compose a letter regarding concerns.

**Tax Collection Audit**

- The audit committee reviewed the 2019 Tax Collection records for 2019. The audit committee recommended excess cash be stored in a separate locked location, to minimize tax collectors' risk, until transferred to the bank for deposit at the close of business each day.

## **Insurance Appraisal**

- Statement of Value change form from NYMIR was presented for approval to sign. A motion was made by Jack Ossont, councilman, seconded by Alan Giles, councilman.  
\*all in favor, none opposed – Motion carried.
- NYMIR walk through on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with both George Lawson, Supervisor, at the Town Hall and Ralph Warren, Highway Superintendent, at the Town Barn resulted in recommended improvements. George Lawson, Supervisor, Ralph Warren, Highway Superintendent, and Candace J. Iszard, Clerk will work together to complete the recommendations from NYMIR and send written notice of completion.

## **Wastewater Law Special Meeting Report**

- A special meeting was scheduled in coordination with Colby Peterson, Yates County Soil and Water, for May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a. m. to discuss information and recommendations for changes to the current Wastewater Laws.
- Jack Ossont, councilman is continuing to research. He states that he is working with a geologist, reviewing the current regulations of the Town of Starkey, reviewing a college case study conducted in Northern NY.

## **General Bid Form**

- The general bid form remains a work in progress, as we continue to seek additional information from other municipalities and the Association of Towns.

## **Basement Clean-up**

- Clean-up proves to be a challenge provided the weather.

## **Supervisor's Report — George Lawson**

- Planning board is seeking a new member, as Earl Andrews has resigned after over 20 years of service
- Zoning Board of Appeals is seeking a new member, as Jeff Morris is no longer in the area most of the year.
- George spoke about his recent meeting with the Yates County Town Supervisors and Mayors. They are always looking for cost savings by sharing services. He highlighted a few areas of interest that he and his committee members have been discussing; lifeguard shortage at Keuka Lake State Park as well as available swimming lessons, county wide assessing and shared justice services.

## **Town Clerk — Candace Iszard**

- The monthly town clerk report was given to the Board
- Discussed hiring Amy Fleet as Deputy to cover vacations and trainings as needed. She has been previously trained, and we would not need to invest a lot of money for a limited number of days each year.
- George Lawson, supervisor and Candace Iszard, Tax Collector/Clerk, met with Five Star Bank to discuss lock box tax collection. This remains a work in progress as we will need to add a barcode to our current bills.

## **Resolutions**

### **RESOLUTION 17-2019**

#### **Justice Audit**

On a motion by Bill Holgate, councilmen, seconded by Alan Giles, councilmen, the following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes    5      Jack Ossont, Fred Shoemaker, George Lawson, Alan Giles, Bill Holgate  
                     Nays    0

RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Starkey audited the 2019 records of Justice Helen Halbritter and found them to be in order.

### **RESOLUTION 18-2019**

#### **Tax Collectors Audit**

On a motion by Jack Ossont, councilmen, seconded by Alan Giles, councilmen the following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes    5      Jack Ossont, Fred Shoemaker, George Lawson, Alan Giles, Bill Holgate  
                     Nays    0

RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Starkey audited the 2019 records of Tax Collector, Candace J. Iszard and found them to be in order.

### Budget Transfers

There were no budget transfers this month.

### Audit of Claims

On a motion by Fred Shoemaker, councilmen, seconded by Alan Giles, councilmen, the bills contained in the June 2019 Abstract have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Vouchers Number:</b> 103-G through 126-G	<b>\$3,627.01</b>
<b>Highway Fund</b>	<b>Vouchers Number:</b> 59-H through 75-H	<b>\$67,282.27</b>

Ayes	5	Jack Ossont, Fred Shoemaker, George Lawson, Alan Giles, Bill Holgate
Nays	0	

With no further business, on a motion by George Lawson, Supervisor the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Candace J. Iszard, Town Clerk