

**Town of Starkey
Regular Meeting
May 23, 2019**

Members Present: George Lawson, Supervisor
Fred Shoemaker, Councilman
Jack Ossont, Councilman
Alan Giles, Councilman

Absent; Bill Holgate, Councilman

Also, Present: Brian Quackenbush, Code Enforcement
Colby Peterson, Yates County Soil and Water
Mary Rose, Resident

Recording Secretary: Candace Iszard, Clerk

The Special Meeting of the Town of Starkey Board was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by George Lawson at the Town Hall, 40 Seneca Street, Dundee, Yates County, New York.

Wastewater Law Discussion

- George Lawson, Supervisor open conversations regarding seepage pits, and the Department of Health Appendix 75A Wastewater Treatment Standards.
- Colby Peterson, Yates County Soil and Water offered his experience and expertise with seepage pits. He referenced the KWIC guidelines and multiple different scenarios. He states that when the inspections occur at property transfer to look for signs of stress (ie. black staining, solids present, nonfunctioning baffles, long periods of vacancy) and document all the finding on the report. Colby stated that the standard he uses is 6 inches between inlet pipe and wastewater.
- George Lawson, Supervisor discussed ways to conduct a deep hole test and water sampling to look for the presents of contamination (ie, ammonia, caffeine, pharmaceuticals) 20 feet from seepage pit.
- Fred Shoemaker, councilman suggested using an auger to dig the hole for the deep hole test, as some properties accessibility for equipment is extremely limited.
- Mary Rose, Resident suggested reviewing the research that has been conducted by the Seneca Lake Pure Water Association to know what compounds to test for. and offered her lake property for testing; trail and error to establish testing standards.
- There was further discussion regarding changing the inspection requirements at property transfer to include distribution box inspection, and if at that point no distribution box is present, then continue with the deep hole test and water sampling.
- Jack Ossont, councilman offered to research standard procedures, standard steps/guidelines, areas of concern, and associated costs with changing the current inspection process, which only inspects the septic tank at property transfer. He plans to discuss the preliminary research with the Board on June 6th as the regular scheduled board meeting his findings.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by George Lawson, Supervisor the Board entered executive session at 9:20 a.m. to discuss a particular property that could result in litigation. Jack Ossont recused himself.

Executive Session

With a motion by George Lawson, Supervisor the executive session was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

A motion to support the Assessors' current evaluations on a particular property was made by George Lawson, Supervisor, seconded by Fred Shoemaker, councilmen.

*All in favor; none opposed- Motion carried.

Ayes 3 Fred Shoemaker, George Lawson, Alan Giles
Nays 0

With no further business, on a motion by George Lawson, Supervisor the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Candace Iszard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Candace J. Iszard, Town Clerk