

Town of Starkey
Regular meeting
March 7, 2019

Members Present:	Bill Holgate	Councilman (arrived late 7:10pm)
	George Lawson	Supervisor
	Alan Giles	Councilman
Absent:	Fred Shoemaker	Councilman
	Jack Ossont	Councilman
Others Present:	Ralph Warren	HWY Superintendent
	Candace Iszard	Recording Sec.
	Brian Quackenbush	Code Enforcement
	Steven Fulkerson	Planning Board
	Mary Rose	Resident
	Ray Miller	Dundee Fire Dept.
	Jim Moore	Dundee Fire Dept.
	Caryl Sutterby	OTR

The regular meeting of the Town of Starkey Board held March 7, 2019 at the Starkey Town Hall, 40 Seneca Street, Dundee, Yates County, New York was called to order at 7:11 PM by George Lawson

Minutes of the February 7, 2018, regular meeting of the Town Board were offered for approval as written.

Motion: Bill Holgate Seconded: Alan Giles Appr: 3-0
Ayes: George Lawson, Bill Holgate, Alan Giles
Noes: None

Dundee Fire Department represented by Ray Miller and Fire Chief Jim Moore were present to voice concerns with the limited access to lake roads within the Town of Starkey. The concern is with the steep grade of the roads and the automatic transmissions in the newer vehicles, compounded by more lake homes being used year-round, makes providing emergency services a major concern. The also asked if the Town would be willing to place Lake Road Number signs in conjunction with the current road name signs on the lake roads starting at the south end of the Town of Starkey at Hunt Road, being #1, heading north and ending with Castle Point Rd at #36. These numbered signs will make locating an emergency easier, as the Dundee Fire Department has created a book for each vehicle with specifications, limitations and/or requirements for access to each lake road.

Steven Fulkerson, chair of the Planning Board presented zoning concerns regarding various properties within the Town, according to the current zoning regulations. He sited the "old" Zepher Knoll Farm and the 1922 Starkey House Bed and Breakfast as two of the properties that the planning board would like to have guidance on. George Lawson recommended that if the applicant does not meet the current zoning restrictions, that the planning board should not

approve the application, and if further guidance was needed, the planning board should request clarification/interpretation from the State. Steven also stated that the planning board is reviewing current zoning regulations. Mary Rose, questioned if there are any legal ramifications on the Town when permission to rent is granted, by the planning board to the landowner through the Short -Term Rental Law? Specifically, if the renters have an emergency on a private road where the ability of emergency services a challenge.

Caryl Sutterby provided the calendar of upcoming events for Our Town Rocks, and highlighted the Fairytale Festival, as well as the initiatives for 2019.

Basement clean-up continues to be an item on the agenda, people are needed to get the items moved out of the basement and to the highway barn dumpster for disposal.

The Audit Committee reviewed the Supervisors books in February. The Audit Committee agreed that all was in order for the 2018-year end review. They would like to have the property records available on a quarterly basis for review. The Audit Committee would also like an evaluation of interest income on the CD's/investments of the checking account. They did recommend that the Supervisors desk should be locked, and all blank checks placed within the desk. The key was located following the audit, and the desk is now locked.

RESOLUTION 5-2019

RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Starkey audited the 2018 records of the Town Supervisor, George Lawson and found them to be in order.

Motion: Alan Giles Seconded: Bill Holgate Appr: 3-0
Ayes: Alan Giles, Bill Holgate, George Lawson Noes: None

RESOLUTION 6-2019

RESOLVED to make the following budget amendments for the Highway Funds and for the General Funds for the year ending December 31, 2018:

HIGHWAY FUNDS

Increase Account DA5130.4 for Machinery Contractual Expense by \$233.00

Increase Account DA2302 for Snow Removal Other Government Revenue by \$233.00

GENERAL FUNDS

Decrease Account A9030.8 for FICA/Medicare Expenses by \$345.00

Increase Account A9060.8 for Health Insurance Expense by \$345.00

Motion: Bill Holgate Seconded: Alan Giles Appr: 3-0
Ayes: George Lawson, Bill Holgate, Alan Giles
Noes: None

RESOLUTION 7-2019

RESOLVED to make the following 2019 budget amendments for the General Funds:

Decrease Account A1410.1 for Town Clerk Personal Services by \$7,000.00

Increase Account A1411.1 for Deputy Town Clerk Personal Services by \$7,000.00

Motion: Alan Giles Seconded: Bill Holgate Appr: 3-0
Ayes: George Lawson, Bill Holgate, Alan Giles Noes: None

Supervisor Report: January and February balance sheet and report were received. George reported on the upcoming election for 2019. The terms that are due for re-election being, two positions for Town council, Town Supervisor, Town Justice, Town Clerk, and Highway Superintendent and the need to get the word out as the petition process has been moved up. George also reported that the electric bill at the Highway Barn is incorrect and we are expecting an updated one, as the demand charges are incorrect, and the meter is being replaced.

The Board discussed that the previously conducted energy audit is sufficient for determining areas of impact. (ie. office/meeting space, lighting at the Highway Barn, increase insulation in ceiling of Townhall, thermal window panels for Townhall). The Board would also like to investigate items that could maximize Townhall building use, as well as energy savings. George did state that there is grant money is available, beyond the NYSEDA grant, which specifies a 20-year payback. George feels consulting with an architect for improvements would be a good starting place, siting areas of interest including re-pointing for the stone masonry, 2nd floor office space, and larger meeting space. The Townhall is listed on the New York State and National Register of Historic Places, to maintain and continue use of this building for the next 100 years is going to require some attention. The Energy Audit, as well as the NYSCA-TA Report is on hand and can be reviewed at the Clerk's Office.

George talked about the recommendation from the attorney regarding the hold harmless agreement and residents cutting wood at the highway barn. It is recommended by the Town's attorney the no cutting take place at the highway barn, and should someone want the wood that is there, they should contact Ralph to schedule a time to load and remove the wood from the Highway Barn.

Waste water laws and the "Handy-Man"/general maintenance position were tabled until the next month's meeting to be discussed when the full board is available.

RESOLUTION 8-2019

RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Starkey does hereby appoint Steven Fulkerson to the Board of Assessment Review for the term: September 30, 2018 – September 30, 2023.

Motion: George Lawson

Seconded: Bill Holgate

Appr: 3-0

Ayes: Bill Holgate, Alan Giles, George Lawson

Noes: None

RESOLUTION 9-2019

Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Closure of the Soldiers

and Sailors Memorial Hospital Inpatient Psychiatric Unit

Whereas, there is a well-established need for mental health services in areas where poverty levels are high (see citations below); and

Whereas, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital has been the area's most convenient provider for mental health services for decades; and

Whereas, the need for these services consistently remains elevated in areas where incomes are below the federal poverty guidelines, one indication of which is children qualifying for area school nutrition programs; and

Whereas, within the Town of Starkey, Dundee Central School records show that 70% of its students are below the Federal Poverty line and that 86% of its student body currently qualify for the reduced cost nutrition programs; and

Whereas, a January 30th, 2019 Dundee Observer article pointed out the “desperate need for student mental health support” indicative of a broader adult need as well; and

Whereas, it has been suddenly announced by Finger Lakes Health that the 10-bed psychiatric unit will be closed without allowing for both public and Regional Planning input; and

Whereas, the proposed closure will also eliminate the 9.39 status of the hospital whereby psychiatric services are provided to the emergency department and the community at large; and

Whereas, this proposed closure would lead to unanticipated and increased financial burdens to schools and local municipalities within the affected catchment area of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital; and

Whereas, as noted in a Yates County Resolution (#51-19), which the Town of Starkey also supports, that part of the mission of Finger Lakes Health is “to partner with our communities to improve health and promote well-being” and that has not adequately occurred in this instance;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Town of Starkey Town Board requests that there be adequate time for public discussion and input to the Finger Lakes Health, the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Office of Mental Health; and

Further Resolved, that the closure of the 10 bed Psychiatric Unit at Soldiers and Sailors Hospital be delayed by the previous jurisdictions until the public and the Regional Planning Board has had adequate time to evaluate the options for continued mental health services; and

Further Resolved, that a six-month delay of this closure could provide adequate time to evaluate continued Yates County mental health services; and

Further Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to Finger Lakes Health, the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Department of Mental Health

“Poverty is one of the most significant social determinants of health and mental health, intersecting with all other determinants, including education, local social and community conditions, race/ethnicity, gender, immigration status, health and access to health care, neighborhood factors, and the built environment (eg, homes, buildings, streets, parks infrastructure).” [Kevin M. Simon, MD](#), [Michaela Beder, MD](#), [Marc W. Manseau, MD, MPH](#)
Psychiatric Times, Jun 29, 2018, Volume:35 Issue:6

“...the rate of adults experiencing mental illness is highest among those with family income below the Federal poverty line. 2 In addition, adults living in poverty are more likely to experience severe mental illness and have serious thoughts of suicide.3”

2. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (2013). Results from the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Mental Health Findings, NSDUH Series H-47, HHS Publication No. (SMA) 13-4805.

3. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (2013).

“Poverty is a common experience for many children and families in the United States.

Children <18 years old are disproportionately affected by poverty, making up 33% of all people in poverty. Living in a poor or low-income household has been linked to poor health and increased risk for mental health problems in both children and adults that can persist across the life span. Despite their high need for mental health services, children and families living in poverty are least likely to be connected with high-quality mental health

care.”[Pediatrics](#). 2017 Jan; Improving Mental Health Access for Low-Income Children and Families in the Primary Care Setting [Stacy Hodgkinson](#), PhD,^a [Leandra Godoy](#), PhD,^a [Lee Savio Beers](#), MD,^a and [Amy Lewin](#), PsyD^b

Motion: George Lawson

Seconded: Alan Giles

Appr: 3-0

Ayes: George Lawson, Bill Holgate, Alan Giles

Noes: None

Highway Report: Ralph submitted the 284 agreements for road work and repairs to Log City Road, Houck Road and Crawford Road. Ralph is still working on compiling the list of surplus equipment, complete with serial numbers and documents for sale.

Code Office Report: Brian offered his 2018 Annual report for review. Brian reported that the Planning Board continues to be busy with applications for Short Term Rentals and business expansions.

Clerk's report: The February monthly report of code fees, clerk fees and court fees were received. Tax season is going well. Second notices for all unpaid taxes have been mailed. All is running smoothly. Candace asked to remove Sue Crans from the checking accounts as she has retired.

RESOLUTION 10-2019

RESOLVED to remove Sue A. Crans as persons authorized to sign checks for the clerk account and the tax collector account at Five Star Bank, as well as cancel her Town credit card.

Motion: George Lawson

Seconded: Alan Giles

Appr: 3-0

Ayes: George Lawson, Bill Holgate, Alan Giles

Noes: None

Town Claims: General Funds 41-G through 64-G (\$4192.34) for 2019 and Highway Funds 20-H through 32-H (\$20,369.31) for 2019 were audited and approved for payment.

Motion: Alan Giles

Seconded: Bill Holgate

Appr: 3-0

Ayes: George Lawson, Bill Holgate, Alan Giles

Noes: None

The minutes of this meeting will be offered for approval at the next regular Town Board meeting April 4th, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

There being no further business to come before the Town of Starkey Board, a motion to adjourn was made by George Lawson.

Seconded: Bill Holgate Appr: 3-0

Ayes: Bill Holgate, Alan Giles, George Lawson

Noes: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

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

Candace J. Iszard

Starkey Deputy Town Clerk