The regular meeting of the town board was held on October 12, 2021, at the Hermon Town Hall.

Present were: Supervisor Michael Perry

Councilmen: Kathy Carpenter, John Reed, Lee Carvel and Bernard Reed Jr.

Also present: Ed Carpenter, Chris Stransky, Anthony Young, Sheri Smith, Julie Rubado,

Penny Blandin, Shain Brunet, Mike Hendrick, Brent and Kitty McAdam, Amanda Matthews, Brian Brunet,

Chris Velez, Lenore and Roger Zaunere.

Absent: SLC Legislator Larry Denesha

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Pledge of Allegience was said by all. Minutes of the previous meeting as submitted were approved on motion by Lee Carvel. Seconded by John Reed. All in favor and carried.

# • The floor was open for Public Comments

Julie Rubado had questions regarding water and sewer. She asked why we had a \$5 increase each on water and sewer this year, will there be another increase? She noted that potentially \$50,000 was gained by the town for the sale of water for the powerline project. Answer-The revenue from water sales is for excess water being sold to the powerline contractors and is an asset normally that flows to Elm Creek as overage. For now it is being classified as general revenue.

Water meters? Why do we need them and are the customers going to have to pay for them? Why is DEC involved?

Anthony Young of Barton and Loguidice was asked to respond. - DEC is mandating all municipalities be required to have water meters installed and be read two times per year to track for any water leaks. This is why we have Barton & Loguidice, they are an Engineering firm and helping us with the study/project of water and sewer

Penny Blandin discussed the role of the Community Spirit Group as it relates to decorating efforts by the Town and whether the Town would assist this year.

Sheri Smith asked whether the Town Highway crew would assist putting up brackets and banners this season for Christmas.

Bernard Reed Jr. made the motion to let the Community Group have the Highway to installing their Seasonal Flags on the poles. Seconded by Lee Carvel. All in favor and carried.

#### Supervisor Michael Perry

The 2022 Preliminary Budget is ready for November Public Hearing. This will held on November 9, 2021 at 5:50 pm before the regular Town Board meeting.

Kathy Carpenter made the motion for the Preliminary 2022 Budget Public Hearing on November 9, 2021 at the Hermon Town Hall. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and motion carried.

<u>Code Officer Michael McQuade</u> sent letters to Town of Russell and Town of Dekalb to see about the tax bills, thinking these should be tax exempt.

### Highway Brian Brunet

Zauneres property on Main Street all filled in.

Card property on Trout Lake Road is all cleaned up and fill put in.

Getting trucks ready for winter.

### Historian Lenore Zaunere

Application has been uploaded for the Pomelroy marker in Trout Lake for Trout Lake Hotel.

SLC Historical month is October-Historians went to Canton with pictures

# Chris Stransky Water Report

Total Pump 2,670,400

Hermon 2,002,900 14 UFPO'S

Dekalb 667,500 Discharge 779,000

Backstop has been installed and a scoreboard (donated by Pepsi) has been put up.

Volleyball Set has been ordered for the Recreation Park, after it gets delivered, it will be installed in the spring.

Lee Carvel made the motion to accept Officers Reports. Seconded by John Reed

### **New Business**

John Reed and Michael Perry met with Teamsters Representative Mickey Smith, discussed and came up with a tentative contract. This was presented to the Highway employees and Town Board.

The Highway employees were present and all agreed to the 3 year contract.

The Town Board voted:

John Reed- yes

Michael Perry-yes

Lee Carvel-yes

Bernard Reed Jr.-yes

Kathy Carpenter-no

The Teamsters 3-year contract was passed.

Halloween hours were suggested for the hours of 5:30-7:30p.m. with lights on could go later.

# **Old Business**

Barton & Loguidice -Anthony advising Town Board to set up a Bond Resolution. Public Hearing for November 3, 2021 @ 6:00 pm

The Town Board voted for the Public Hearing for November 3,2021 @6:00 pm. All in Favor.

Kathy Carpenter-yes

John Reed-yes

Lee Carvel-yes

John Reed-yes

Michael Perry-yes

The pipes are over 100 years old.

DEC has mandated that all municipalities install water meters. To be able to read them 2 times a year.

Disinfection system must be treated by ultra violet or chlorine

Hepburn Library needs some needed repairs. Need to have a meeting all together before August 2022 when the Grants needs to be submitted.

- The Music Series went very well.
- Tabitha Gotham-Taco Lady is done until spring

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Recessing the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m. to go in Executive Session.

Resumed back to regular meeting at 7:35 pm.

Town Clerk received Michael Perry Resignation this morning October 12, 2021; effective on or before December 31, 2021 which was given to the Board during Executive Session.

The Town Clerk and Supervisor submitted their bank statements.

The Supervisor's and Town Clerks monthly report were examined and approved on motion by John Reed. Seconded by Lee Carvel. All in favor and carried.

General(#175- # 191) Highway (# 149- # 162) and Water/Sewer (#77- # 85) bills were audited and approved for payment on motion by Lee Carvel. Seconded by Bernard Reed Jr. All in favor and carried. Kathy Carpenter made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Seconded by John Reed.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Wayering Town Clerk