

## Minutes of the regular meeting

### Hermon Town Board

Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 at the Hermon Town Hall

Present: Supervisor Cathy Race

Town Board members Sheri Smith, Victoria Day, and Harold Blandin. Absent: Frank Ashley.

Also present: Shain Brunet, Larry Denesha, Chris Stransky, Penny Blandin, Steve Allen, John, Kate & Cordelia Stransky, Kelly Hamilton, Steve Allen, Michael McQuade

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all

Minutes of the previous meeting as submitted were approved on a motion made by Victoria Day. Seconded by Sheri Smith. All in favor and carried.

#### REPORTS:

- Legislator Larry Denesha is present and provided the following information to our Board: The County's 2025 budget was passed unanimously. They will be having their Organizational meeting on Thursday, January 2nd. CSEA Local 1000 passed the contract for 2025-2029. Mortgage tax report was approved and the money will be distributed shortly. An active shooter drill will be held at the courthouse.

- Code Enforcement Report: Mike McQuade was present and did provide a written report.

- Highway Report - Shain Brunet is present to speak and provided a written report. He explained that the new tractor that had been budgeted for 2025 has been delivered.

A motion was made by Harold Blandin and seconded by Sheri Smith to approve purchase of the new Kubota tractor. This includes the trade in of the John Deere tractor. Three bids were secured, this being the lowest price. All members were in favor of purchase and the motion was carried.

Shain also brought forward the problem of having two rusted out garage doors at the town barn.

A motion was made by Sheri Smith, seconded by Harold Blandin to purchase two new garage doors (including installation) for the Town barn at a price of \$4500.00 each door Three quotes were obtained and this was the lowest bid. All members were in favor and the motion was passed.

- Historian Lenore Zauere was present and provided a written report. See attached. She also provided an update and mentioned the 250th celebration of our Country that will be coming up.

- Water/Sewer Report - Chris Stransky is present and provided the following information.

Gallons Pumped 2,506,000

Total Discharge 934,000

Hermon 2,049,000

DeKalb 456,900

Chris would like to hire Mason Fountain as his backup operator at the water/sewer plant.

- Supervisor's Report - Cathy Race is present and provided a written report.

Motion was made by Victoria Day made the motion to accept the Officer's Reports. Seconded by Harold Blandin All in favor and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Praise was offered about how wonderful the Santa/Grinch celebration was last weekend that was put on by the library.

OLD BUSINESS: Purchase a wooden bench at a price of \$100 for SLC Fairgrounds? - **Tabled.**

An invoice for \$85,441 was received from SK Enterprises for the stone pile. It was discussed that when Buddy Fiacco purchased it he verbally agreed to pay SK Enterprises. Also, when we advertised the stone pile for sale, we received no communication from SK Enterprises disputing it was theirs. This matter will be sent to Attorney Collins for review.

It was noted by Supervisor Race that we withdrew our applications (2) from FEMA for storm reimbursement.

Audit - no new information.

**RESOLUTION 25 -2024** Registrar fees will be paid to Karen for April to December 2024 in the amount of \$502.00

Library- Kate Stransky and Kelly Hamilton were present on behalf of the library. Supervisor Race requested we move forward with an agreement between the Town and Library. The library would like the entire building, basement included. Harold Blandin and Sheri Smith are not in favor of them using the basement, they want to keep it vacant and have the town pay for it to be heated until a doctor's office can come in. Discussion was held regarding this matter, and it was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS: Oaths of Offices were given to Cathy Race, Harold Blandin, Victoria Day, John Stransky. Karen will catch Chris Velez to do his Oath of Office.

ACTIONS: 1. **RESOLUTION 26 -2024** Motion authorizing Supervisor to sign Pay App # 9 for water was made by Victoria Day and seconded by Sheri Smith. All in favor and carried.

2. Motion to pay monthly bills was made by Victoria Day and seconded by Harold Blandin. All in favor and carried.

3.**RESOLUTION 27 -2024** Motion to pay end of the year bills that need to be processed before the January 2025 meeting made by: Seconded by: All in favor and carried.

4.**RESOLUTION 28 -2024** Motion to add TDS to our prepaids was made by Sheri Smith and seconded by Victoria Day.

5. Motion to designate Mason Fountain as Chris Stransky's backup operator was made by Sheri Smith and seconded by Harld Blandin. All in favor.

All in favor and carried. Motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. was made by Harold Blandin and seconded by Victoria Day. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering Town Clerk