

Hermon Town Board
Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 at the Hermon Town Hall

Present: Supervisor Cathy Race, Town Clerk Karen Wayering, Highway Superintendent Shain Brunet, Water/Sewer Superintendent Chris Stransky; Town Board Members: Victoria Day, Harold Blandin, Sheri Smith & John Stransky; Legislator Larry Denesha.

CALL TO ORDER AT 6PM - The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

LEGISLATOR LARRY DENESHA was present and updated us about the Public Safety building renovations, which should be completed in 2-3 weeks. There will be an open house so people can come tour the building and see the changes. The Sheriff's Department, DA's office and State Police will, again, all be housed in this building. He also mentioned this project came in under budget by about \$100,000. Larry also stated that the Governor added \$45 million to the State budget for the Office for the Aging, which was good to see and much needed. The SLC Board of Legislators took the step of thanking her by doing a Resolution. He also mentioned that NYS used to give the County 12.7cents for every dollar on DMV transactions, however, it has now been reduced to 10.5cents. He would like to remind everyone that when it comes time to renew DMV things to please do it locally, rather than mailing it to the State or doing online so the County will be able to keep the money here. Also, he also encouraged teens/households to consider going "tech free" on March 7th, 2025 from 4-9pm as recommended by SLC Teen Ambassador group. He recently attended the SLC Snowmobile Association's 50th Anniversary celebration in South Colton, which was well-attended. He also mentioned the large amount of revenue that is generated by snowmobiling in this area.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

REPORTS:

- **Highway** - Shain Brunet is present & provided the attached written report. He asked for yearly permission to spend highway funds, as well as authorization to purchase a new plow for truck #34. It was brought to our attention that Trout Laker's are relaying compliments about how well the winter roads are being kept this year, as did several other community members in the Town.

Permission to spend highway funds:
in favor & carried

Presented by J Stransky 2nd V. Day all

Permission to purchase a new plow for truck #34 for \$12,428.00
all in favor & carried

Presented by J. Stransky 2nd S. Smith

- **Supervisor, Historical, Town Clerk, Town Justice, Code Enforcement & Dog Control officer reports were discussed and are attached.**

- **Water/Sewer Report** - Chris Stransky is present and provided a written report. See attached.

Chris also requested a resolution allowing the Pee Wee Assn to use the ball field for the 2025 season

Presented by V. Day 2nd S. Smith all
in favor & carried

OLD BUSINESS: Stone pile bill was received, again, from SK Enterprises. Board member Blandin wishes to have Town Attorney, John Collins, made aware of this bill, as well as other matters, and if we continue to receive no response back from him we should consider finding another attorney.

NEW BUSINESS: Fire Department to Fire District discussion. John Stransky explained that there are two law firms from the Syracuse area that handle these transactions, and the Town needs to initiate the process. Discussion led the Town Board to decide that the Supervisor should reach out to one of the law firms to find out the cost of having them come & explain the process to the Board; along with the

likelihood of holding and advertising for a public meeting, cost to the Town (as this was not budgeted for), and the possibility of having it put on the ballot. Supervisor Race expressed concern over timing as the Water, Sewer, and Library projects are still underway, as well as the water safety grant, Clarkson Water Bottling project and opening of the spring. She felt next year would be a better time to address this. The Town Board made decision to have Supervisor Race reach out to one of the Attorney's on the contact list and get a price on having him come and explain the process.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Motion to sign & pay Fire Department contract in amount of \$132,000 for 2025 Presented by:
HB 2nd: VD 0 naves
- Motion appointing David Tote as Bd Assessment Review Member for 2025 Presented by: JS
2nd: VD 0 naves
- Motion authorizing Supervisor to sign NYSDOT's Shared Services Agr. Presented by:
JS 2nd: VD 0 naves
- Motion authorizing Supervisor to sign Hold Harmless Agreement w/ Town of Hammond Presented
by: JS 2nd: VD 0 naves
- Motion to approve Clerk Wayering's CLERK report & bank statements for 1/2025. Presented
by: HB 2nd: SS 0 naves
- Motion to approve Clerk Wayering's TAX report & bank statements for 1/2025. Presented by: VD
2nd: JS 0 naves
- Motion to approve Town Justice Velez's COURT report & bank statements for 1/2025. Presented
by: VD 2nd: HB 0 naves
- Motion to accept January 2025 minutes with no changes. Presented
by: VD 2nd: SS 0 naves
- Motion to approve payment of all bills listed on Abstract #2 Presented
by: JS 2nd: VD 0 naves

- Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:50 pm. Presented**
by: JS 2nd: VD

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering
Town Clerk