

January 14, 2016

Minutes of the Town Board of the Town of Catlin held January 14, 2016 at 7pm at the Town Hall.

ROLLCALL: Board Members; David Silvernail, Richard Brink and Eugene Unwin
Supervisor LaVerne Phelps and Attorney John Mustico

Motion by Phelps; seconded by Brink excusing Board Member William Collier.
CARRIED: ALL

Motion by Phelps; seconded by Brink accepting the Town Clerk's minutes for December 17, 2015 as submitted.
CARRIED: ALL

Correspondence:

- Letter from Comp Alliance Insurance hi-lighting security; fire and general safety issues
- Letter from Chemung County; Town's share of repair to bridge on Pine Valley Road - \$50,000
 - Supervisor Phelps sent County reply requesting relief from the \$50,000; did not work

Motion by Unwin; seconded by Silvernail to receive correspondence and place on file for further action if necessary.
CARRIED: ALL

Departmental Reports:

Highway: New truck is working well – will be finalizing Bond agreement
Old truck will be listed as "excess" and sold

Supervisor: Will be having meeting with Mike Crusen and Keith Swarthout Jr concerning Beaver Valley School; LED lights seem to be saving money

Assessor: Cathy Edwards did presentation concerning implementing a modification to the 'sliding scale' partial tax exemption on real property; she sent out letters of property description to owners for any updates and have had great response. General discussion

Discussion took place concerning how information gets put on tax roll. CEO gives permits to Assessor to update files and depends on honesty of property owner.

Update assessment cannot be done until March 1st. General discussion concerning Seniors with health issues late filings.

General discussion concerning Agricultural Exemptions took place.

Motion by Silvernail; seconded by Brink to receive Departmental Reports and place on file as submitted.
CARRIED: ALL

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Abstracts:

Motion for Resolution 16-42 by Phelps; seconded by Brink approving abstracts for payment as submitted:

CARRIED: ALL

Beaver Valley Water District:

Upgrading meters; have received pricing from 4 vendors; Village of Millport may be interested in upgrading meters for 107 homes – if so, may be able to get better price if we join forces.

Looking to replace 50 meters a year; we have 157 homes

Supervisor Phelps used current meter problems as an example as to why meters need upgrading and old meters are no longer supported by previous provider.

Requesting changing way 'late fees' are figured – change to flat rate of \$30 – have in place by April 1st

Hearing of the Public #1:

Open 7:40pm

John Pastrick of Backer Road: Questioned Assessor if there is a difference on assessment for type of heat. Assessor – none

Cathy Edwards of Briar Hill Road; Town website has been paid up for 5 years at \$62.00; domain remains under her name for now.

Tom Manning of Chambers Street; Concerns over the 4 wheelers, etc and the fact police do nothing to help.

General discussion took place; suggestions of the Town placing security cameras in the area

Closed 8:06pm

Old Business:

BVWD Late Fees: Brink to ask if \$30 enough for late fees; Billie Jean Bennett responded 'yes'

Motion for Resolution 16-43 by Silvernail; seconded by Unwin granting BVWD request to charge a 'flat' rate of \$30.00 for Late Fees for water bills effective April 1, 2016.

CARRIED: ALL

New Business:

Comp Alliance – dismiss

Senior exemption – sliding scale for seniors

Motion for Resolution 16-44 by Brink; seconded by Silvernail setting up Public Hearing for February 11, 2016 at 7pm amending 1999 ordinance authorizing partial exemption on a sliding scale system.

CARRIED: ALL

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New Business Con't:

Star exemption (seniors) – filing after March 1st – Assessor requesting a Local Law permitting Assessor to accept late filings due to medical complications.

General discussion – Board agrees to put on hold and re-visit in February

Equipment excess – declare 1999 Mack as excess and put up for sale

Motion for Resolution 16-45 by Phelps; seconded by Brink declaring the 1999 Mack Dump truck as excess and may be sold.

CARRIED: ALL

New Highway Employee – Nate Carney had resigned in November; Glenn Coats is on medical leave Put out notice of need for highway employee; received 8 applicants

Joe has decided on hiring Josh Chandler; he has 7 years' experience with plow trucks; worked for County 4 years; with the state for 3 years and for DOT. Mr. Chandler will begin as Operator 1 at the rate of \$15.00 per hour effective February 1, 2016.

Motion for Resolution 16-46 by Silvernail; seconded by Brink approving wage for Highway Employee, Josh Chandler, as Operator 1 at the rate of \$15.00 per year effective February 1, 2016 with notification Mr. Chandler will be on one year 'civil service' probation.

CARRIED: ALL

Motion by Phelps; seconded by Silvernail to amend January 14th agenda to discuss 'Truck Bond',

CARRIED: ALL

The Bond for 2016 Western Star 4900 Dump Truck: Supervisor Phelps states due to the fact the truck was delivered late the Bond had to be re-worked. Instead of 5 year bond at 3.15% it will not be a 4 year bond at 3.15%. The \$55,000 which would have been the first payment of the 5 year bond will now be a 'down payment' for the truck. Instead of bonding \$226,764.00 for 5 years we are bonding for \$171,764.00 for 4 years. First payment will be March 2017.

Motion for Resolution 16-47 by Brink; seconded by Silvernail amending Resolution 15-55 'Dump Truck Bond' granting permission to Supervisor Phelps to secure funding via 'bond' in the amount of \$171,764.00 at 3.15% interest rate for the period of four (4) years for the purchase of 2016 Western Star 4900 Dump Truck.

CARRIED: ALL

Hearing of the Public #2:

Open 8:40pm

No one spoke

Closed 8:41pm

Motion by Phelps; seconded by Unwin to adjourn meeting at 8:42pm.

CARRIED: ALL