

**Town of Starkey
Regular Meeting
November 11, 2021**

Members Present: George Lawson, Supervisor
Caryl Sutterby, Councilperson
Jeremy Hall, Councilperson

Alan Giles, Councilperson
Bill Holgate, Councilperson

Also, Present: Ralph Warren, Highway Superintendent
John Socha, Councilperson Elect

Julie Dunkelberger, Councilperson Elect

Recording Secretary: Candace Iszard, Town Clerk

The regular Town of Starkey Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by George Lawson, Supervisor.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the October 14th, 2021, regular meeting of the Town Board, were approved as amended.
A motion was made by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson, seconded by Jeremy Hall, councilperson.

*All in favor; none opposed- Motion carried.

Closing of Public Hearing for the Zoning Regulation Local Law

- George Lawson closed the public hearing regarding changes to the Zoning Regulations at 7:09 pm.

Public Hearing for the 2022 Fire Contract

The advertised public hearing of the Town of Starkey Board for the Fire Contract held November 11, 2021, at the Starkey Town Hall, 40 Seneca Street, Dundee, Yates County, New York was called to order at 7:10 PM by George Lawson, Supervisor. At this time George Lawson, Supervisor, opened the public hearing for discussion to the residents attending this meeting.

Discussion

- George Lawson, Supervisor stated that the fire contract has increased for the 2022 year, and he pointed out that the agriculture exemption does not apply to the fire contract. He goes on to state that approximately 55% of the fire contract is paid by the Town of Starkey (outside the Village).

Public Hearing for the 2022 Preliminary Budget

The advertised public hearing for the 2022 Budget held November 11, 2021, at the Starkey Town Hall, 40 Seneca Street, Dundee, Yates County, New York was opened at 7:10 PM by George Lawson, Supervisor. At this time George Lawson, Supervisor, opened the public hearing for discussion to the residents attending this meeting.

Discussion

- George Lawson, Supervisor stated that total budget increase for the 2022 calendar year is 2.19% and that account code A4090.4 for the SWIO contribution has been added as a separate line item as previously discussed, and in doing so, was able to recognize more revenue from mortgage tax. Carrie Wood, Town Justice, also met with George to discuss increase in hourly wage for the court clerk, by decreasing the number of hours required, not changing the budgeted amount for the position.

Animal Control Agreement

- George Lawson, Supervisor presented the documents for signing.

Snow and Ice Agreement

- George Lawson, Supervisor presented the documents for signing.

Health Officer

- George Lawson states that Dr. Eleanor DeWitt is interested. He mentioned that she is checking into her liability coverage, prior to officially accepting the position. We have until the end of 2021 to appoint a new health officer.

Assessor

- George Lawson confirms that we have received a letter of intent to retire from Anthony DeStephen, Assessor with the end date of 3/1/2022. The board discussed that it would be in the best interest of the Town of Starkey to part ways with Barrington. The Town of Barrington has been quite labor intensive in the recent years with court cases because of the re-evaluations that have taken place. The board agrees that now would be a good time to make the change. George will talk with Steve Perry, Town of Barrington Supervisor to make our intentions known.
- Candace Iszard will prepare a wanted ad for a new assessor. George would like to host interviews in late December for interested applicants.

2021 Year End and 2022 Organizational Meeting

- The board discussed when a meeting would best fit in the schedule. The date will be set next month.

Squaw Point and Squaw Point Road

- George Lawson reviewed a letter the town received regarding the negative connotation associated with the word “squaw” amongst the indigenous people, and the request to change the name of Squaw Point Road. The board discussed that this is a private road, so the process would have to be approached with the property owners on Squaw Point Rd. Candace will work with Tony, Assessor, to obtain the current property owners mailing addresses and reply with a letter and contact information.

Local Law 1-2021 Zoning Regulations

- George Lawson reviewed that Attorney Jeff Graft reviewed our state filing paperwork and stated that the wording needed adjustment, which requires resolution-38-2021 to be rescinded. Then start the process over from the beginning.

Closed Public Hearing for the 2022 Preliminary Budget

Following the board discussion, the revenue to be raised from in-village and out of village properties was adjusted by changing the amount of fund balance being recognized. Engineering expense was also added in the amount of \$2,800. Bill Holgate, councilperson made a motion to close the public hearing for the 2022 budget at 7:30PM, seconded by Alan Giles, councilperson.

*All in favor; none opposed- Motion carried.

Closed Public Hearing for the 2022 Fire Contract

Bill Holgate, councilperson, made a motion to close the public hearing for the 2022 Fire Contract budget at 7:30PM, seconded by Alan Giles, councilperson.

*All in favor; none opposed- Motion carried.

Vacation/Sick time and Holiday for Non-Elected, Salaried Employee and Job Descriptions and Employee Handbook Review

- George discussed creating a committee or special group to work on this, Caryl Sutterby agreed to work with George and Candace to review and present suggested changes, after December 1st.

Wastewater Law

- George stated that in the new year we will look further into utilizing a “public meeting” not a public hearing to gain involvement from the public. He goes on to state that having Colby Peterson, Yates County Soil and Water Representative present to discuss concerns and experiences that he has seen with KWIC would be helpful.
- George Lawson, stated that the Seneca County law has a hardship section where the Town board reviews and rules on these instances.

Supervisor’s Report — George Lawson

- George Lawson discussed the budget amendments due to truck repair costs and printing expenses.
- George Lawson discussed grant opportunity available with the Clean Air Movement and CEC

Highway Report — Ralph Warren

- Ralph discussed the need for a new pickup truck, and with the wait time being extended due to the pandemic, we would like authorization to submit the specification to OCS and when a truck that meets our requests is located, we decide if the price is within our budget amount.

Town Clerk — Candace Iszard

- The monthly town clerk report was given to the Board.
- The newly Elected Officials training this year will be held virtually, registration is required, and the cost is \$75.00 each.

Resolutions**RESOLUTION 41-2021****Animal Control**

On a motion by Bill Holgate, councilperson, seconded by Alan Giles, councilperson, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 George Lawson, Alan Giles, Caryl Sutterby, Bill Holgate, Jeremy Hall
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Starkey, does hereby authorize the signing of the Animal Control Agreement with Yates County.

RESOLUTION 42-2021

Snow and Ice Agreement

On a motion by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson, seconded by Jeremy Hall councilperson, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 George Lawson, Alan Giles, Caryl Sutterby, Bill Holgate, Jeremy Hall
 Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Starkey, does hereby authorize the signing of the Snow and Ice Agreement with Yates County.

RESOLUTION 43-2021

Rescind Resolution 38-2021

On a motion by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson, seconded by Bill Holgate, councilperson, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 George Lawson, Alan Giles, Caryl Sutterby, Bill Holgate, Jeremy Hall
 Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Starkey, does hereby rescind resolution 38-2021, pertaining to Zoning Regulations Local Law 1-2021, due to procedural errors in adoption.

RESOLUTION 44-2021

2022 Budget adoption

On a motion by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson, seconded by Bill Holgate, councilperson, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 George Lawson, Alan Giles, Caryl Sutterby, Bill Holgate, Jeremy Hall
 Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Starkey, does hereby adopt the 2022 Budget as prepared in the amount totaling \$991,488.00.

RESOLUTION 45-2021

2022 Fire Contract adoption

On a motion by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson, seconded by Bill Holgate, councilperson, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 George Lawson, Alan Giles, Caryl Sutterby, Bill Holgate, Jeremy Hall
 Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Starkey, does hereby adopt the 2022 Fire Contract in the amount of \$201,581.00.

RESOLUTION 46-2021

Budget Amendment

On a motion by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson, seconded by Bill Holgate, councilperson, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 George Lawson, Alan Giles, Caryl Sutterby, Bill Holgate, Jeremy Hall
 Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Starkey, does hereby authorize the following budget amendments:

General Fund

Increase Account A1081 for PILOT Revenues by \$2,000.00
and Increase Account A1670.4 for Printing & Mailing Expense by \$2,000.00

Highway Funds

Increase Account DA2302 for Snow Removal Revenues by \$1,000.00
and Increase Account DA5130.4 for Machinery Repairs by \$1,000.00

Decrease Account DA5130.1 for Machinery Wages by \$2,000.00
and Increase Account DA5130.4 for Machinery Repairs by \$2,000.00

Audit of Claims

On a motion by Alan Giles, councilperson and seconded by, Caryl Sutterby, councilperson the bills contained in the November 11th, 2021, abstract have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund

Highway Fund

Ayes 5
Nays 0

Vouchers Number: 209-G through 227 -G

\$6,052.98

Vouchers Number: 112-H through 122-H

\$38,200.85

George Lawson, Alan Giles, Caryl Sutterby, Bill Holgate, Jeremy Hall

With no further business, on a motion by George Lawson the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Dated: November 11th, 2021

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Candace Iszard".

Candace J. Iszard, Starkey Town Clerk